### **Science Unit of Work**

Unit Title Earth Shattering Science	Stage Three
Term Three	Strand Earth and Space
Duration Ten Lessons (one per week)	Sub-strand ST3-9ES: Explains rapid change at the Earth's surface cause by natural events, using evidence provided by advances in technology and scientific understanding

### Rationale

This unit 'Earth Shattering Science' will support students as they discover and build on the concept that 'sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect Earth's surface' in accordance with the NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum for Science K-10 (2014). This unit adopts a constructivist teaching and learning approach, which places the students at the center of 'hands-on', 'minds-on' inquiry based and interactive activities. Students will learn in a supportive and social environment whereby they are connecting new learning to existing understanding and experiences in order to construct their own knowledge and understanding of Earthquakes (K-10 Science Syllabus, 2014). The science classroom will be set up in a manner that effectively supports whole class, group, pair and individual work. Studies by Vygotsky (1978) demonstrated that 'every function in the child's cultural development appears twice; first on the social level and later, on the individual level.' (p.57 as cited in Venville, 2004)

Students will have ample exposure and opportunities to interact with several modes of technology such as computers, iPads, the Internet and the interactive whiteboard (IWB). The use of information communication technology (ICT), if used effectively, can enhance science learning. This unit has also been developed with the 5E instructional model in mind, making sure that each lesson is designed to incorporate essential aspects of the engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration or evaluation phases. Research has proven that the 5E model increases student levels of scientific reasoning along with their interest and attitudes towards science learning (Bybee, 2006).

### Science Links

### **Working Technologically**

ST-3-5WT: Plans and implements design process, selecting a range of tools, equipment, materials and techniques to produce solutions that address the design criteria and identified constraints.

#### **Built Environments**

ST3-14BE: Describes systems in built environments and how social and environmental factors influence their design.

### Earth and its surroundings

ST3-9ES: Explains rapid change t the Earth's surface caused by natural events, using evidence provided by advances in technology and scientific understanding.

### **Working Scientifically**

ST3-4WS: Investigates by posing questions including testable questions, making predictions and gathering data to draw evidence-based conclusions and develop explanations.

### **Mathematics**

### **Measurement and Geometry**

MA3-13MG: Uses 24-hpur time and am and pm notation in real-life situations, and constructs timelines.

MA3-9MG: Selects and uses the appropriate unit and device to measure lengths and distances, calculates perimeters and converts between units of length.

### Working mathematically

MA3-3WM: Gives a valid reason for supporting one possible solution over another.

MA3-2WM: Selects and applies appropriate problem-solving strategies, including the use of digital technologies, in undertaking investigations.

## **Statistics and Probability**

MA3-18SP: Uses appropriate methods to collect data and constructs, interprets and evaluates data displays, including dot plots, line graphs and two-way tables.

## **English**

### Speaking and Listening

EN3-1A: communicates effectively for a variety of audiences and purposes using increasingly challenging topics, ideas, issues and language forms and features.

## Writing and representing

### History

HT3-5: Applies a variety of skills of historical inquiry and information.

EN3-2A: composes, edits and presents well-structured and coherent texts

## Reading and viewing

EN3-3A: uses an integrated range of skills, strategies and knowledge to read, view and comprehend a wide range of texts in different media and technologies

## Spelling

EN3-4A: draws on appropriate strategies to accurately spell familiar and unfamiliar words when composing texts

## **Assessment – Formative (during learning engagements)**

Formative assessment will be constantly carried out through the unit. This will be done mostly through observation and anecdotal notes, conversations with students, discussions, probing and questioning, asking students to explain or elaborate on their reasoning, asking students to support their claims using the appropriate meta language surrounding the topic of earthquakes.

Lesson 1: A TWLH chart is used and is will be visually displayed in the classroom as a constant reminder to the children and to assist them with self assessment.

Lesson 2: Through observation and probing students about their presentation the teacher can gain insight into students' knowledge and understanding of earthquakes around the world.

Lesson 3: Through observation of students and discussion about the manipulation of tectonic plates (play dough) and also through writing anecdotal notes in their science journals.

Lesson 4: Through the diagram of the earth's core and observing conversations in response to the stimulus (model of the earth) the egg.

Lesson 5: Assessing the presentation skills of students and probing their understanding as well as adding information into the glossary which is written in their science journals.

Lesson 6: Through the interaction and conversation around the web quest on the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami. The teacher will constantly be accessing the working website to gain insight into students understanding of the 2004 Tsunami and its impact.

### Assessment – Summative (at the end)

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Lesson 6: The Web quest is an ongoing working document but will be assessed a few days prior to the lesson to allow the teacher insight into students understanding of Tsunami's and the affect of the Boxing Day Tsunami's around the world. Children will be given their results and will be encouraged to go back and improve their web quest to ensure that students continue to develop their understanding and interact with each other in a professional manner.

Lesson 10: The major summative assessment task will be conducted in week 10 where students are asked to consolidate all their knowledge and apply it to create a newspaper article or transcript asking students to provide information about what an earthquake is, Richter scale readings, what effects it will have on the environment and what cautions people should take.

As well as this the teacher will also collect the science journal which has been used throughout the unit to inform them of the students understanding of Earthquakes.

Lesson 7:Through anecdotal notes and the conversation surrounding the visit by the AEW and observing the children work in groups as they research the 1988 Earthquake in Newcastle and it's relationship to the aboriginal dreamtime 'The Kangaroo That Lives Inside Nobbys'.

Lesson 8: Through observation and conversation, to assist the teacher and allow them concrete evidence they may like to use a voice recorder to allow them to refer back to it in future lessons.

Lesson 9: A video and photos will be taken of students problem solving and working out how to construct their seismometer.

### **Students**

- There are 24 students in this year six clas

### Differentiation needs

Experiences need to cater for student's prior knowledge of science. Understanding that some students may have a passion for science and therefore will have a much broader understanding than others.

Students will be grouped:

- Friendship partners
- Mixed ability partners
- Prediscussed groupings (groups of three)

Billy is a student who has been diagnosed with mild dyslexia and therefore finds it difficult to read and write. The unit incorporates a lot of discussion and group work to cater for him. He will also be given the opportunity to read and write on blue sheets of paper which is known to be beneficial for students with dyslexia. As well as this Billy will also have access to a voice recorder which he can use instead of writing. This will allow him to extend his understanding beyond what he can show through writing.

## Skills, Interests and Prior Knowledge

### **ST3-9ES**

Explains rapid change at the Earth's surface caused by natural events, using evidence provided by advances in technology and scientific understanding

Content: Sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect Earth's surface

### Students:

Describe using examples how natural geological events cause rapid changes to the Earth's surface, eg earthquakes, volcanic eruptions or tsunamis in the Asian region or throughout the world.

Research how some discoveries or inventions have increased scientific knowledge and provided evidence about natural events that cause rapid changes at the Earth's surface

Investigate a recent Australian example of the effect on the Earth's surface of extreme weather conditions, eg cyclones, droughts or floods.

Identify ways that advances in science and technology have assisted people to plan for and manage natural disasters to minimise their effects, eg detection systems for tsunamis, floods and bush fires.

## **Risk Assessment**

Risk	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5	Lesson 6	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9
Allergies to eggs									
Cutting themselves with a knife and scissors									
Egg shell pieces in student's eyes									
Electric shock: iPads, computers and IWB									
Rocks causing injury									
Cutting circulation off with string									

<b>Essential Understandings</b>	Essential Skills
<ul> <li>Earthquakes and types of earthquakes: convergent boundary, divergent boundary, transform fault.</li> <li>Primary and Secondary Waves</li> <li>Interplate and Intraplate earthquakes</li> <li>Tsunamis and their presence and impact on the environment</li> <li>The difference between earthquake magnitude and intensity</li> <li>Tectonic plate movement</li> <li>The layers and structure of the earth</li> <li>The causes and effects of earthquakes</li> <li>The reasons why Australia has minimal earthquakes compared to other countries around the world</li> <li>The indigenous understanding of earthquakes in reference to the dreamtime story</li> <li>The scales used to measure earthquakes and why that is important in understanding the intensity and magnitude</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Essential Skills</li> <li>Students will learn to:</li> <li>Investigate, predict, observe, classify, explore, discover, experiment, document, plan, design and make and record findings in relation to Earthquakes</li> <li>Work collaboratively together and assess themselves and their own understanding.</li> <li>Broaden their understanding of Earthquakes</li> <li>Classify types of earthquakes</li> <li>Read and understand information</li> <li>Converse using appropriate scientific meta-language</li> <li>Use a variety of different resources to research and inquire, present information, and create a seismometer</li> <li>Reflect on their work and collaboratively assess how successful their project, inquiry, and learning has been.</li> </ul>
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Learning Engagements	Resources & Preparation	Outcome	Sign off
<ul> <li>Lesson 1 Engage <ul> <li>The focus of this lesson will be to spark student's interest, stimulate their curiosity, raise questions for inquiry and elicit their existing beliefs about the topic.</li> <li>The aim of the lesson will be to find out what students know about how sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect the Earth's surface, this will be done through a class discussion creating a mind map, students will then be questioned about the cause and effects of earthquakes.</li> <li>Students will then watch two short videos from the National Geographic demonstrating the destruction of earthquakes.</li> <li>After this there will be time to discuss ideas and questions for a TWLH chart. As a lesson closure students will start a glossary in their science journals, this will be modeled by the teacher on how to develop a glossary using the word 'earthquake'. After this a word wall will be started.</li> <li>NB. TWLH chart will be written on light blue/green cardboard to cater for Billy's dyslexia. Having a pale colour is easier to read than white cardboard.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>TWHL chart: cardboard, pens, sticky notes.</li> <li>Glossary</li> <li>Science Journals</li> <li>Videos:         <ul> <li>http://video.nationalgeographic.</li> <li>com/video/earthquake-montage</li> <li>http://video.nationalgeographic.</li> <li>com/video/101-videos/earthquake-101</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ST3-9ES EN3-1A EN3-2A	

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<ul> <li>Lesson 2 Explore – Overview of Earthquakes</li> <li>The focus of this lesson will be on how the effects, magnitude and intensity of earthquakes are measured. The students will be broken up into eight groups. Each group will have a Director, Manager and a Speaker. Students will complete their work in their own science journals; each group will be given a news report either on China, Haiti, New Zealand and Australia, a Richter scale resource sheet and a Modified Mercalli scale resource sheet. Each group will use information from the news reports to present to the class. Presentations are to include information such as: <ul> <li>When and where did the earthquake happen?</li> <li>What kind of damage was described and who did it affect?</li> <li>Are there indications or measurements of how strong the earthquake was?</li> </ul> </li> <li>For the presentations, groups may wish to source images from the Internet to visually support the information that they will share with the class.</li> <li>After the presentations each group will be asked questions by their fellow peers e.g. Do you think the earthquake was strong? How would people know the earthquake was strong? What could they use to measure the strength of the earthquake?</li> </ul> <li>To conclude the class will consider the magnitude of each earthquake in relation.</li>	<ul> <li>iPads</li> <li>Science Journals</li> <li>Richter scale resource sheet</li> <li>Modified Mercalli scale resource sheet</li> <li>maximum Maximum Maximu</li></ul>	-2A -3A -4A 3-18SP
• To conclude, the class will consider the magnitude of each earthquake in relation to the other. The class will make a line graph to indicate the biggest and smallest of the earthquakes researched. This will not be recorded in their books but a photograph will taken to stick into their books.		
NB: Groups will be organized prior to the activity and will consider students learning needs to ensure they are catered for throughout the lesson.		

<ul> <li>TWLH Chart</li> <li>Play dough</li> <li>Blocks to simulate buildings</li> <li>Hard-boiled eggs prepared earlier – enough for one in each groups plus spares.</li> <li>ST3-9ES ST3-4WS ST-3-5WT ST3-14BE EN3-1A</li> <li>EN3-1A</li> <li>MA3-2WM</li> </ul>
Spoons (or other hard, blunt device suitable for cracking eggs).  MA3-9MG  MA3-9MG

• Brief class discussion, students add information to the class TWLH chart.

Lesson 5 Explain – Different Types and Causes of Earthquakes  Research and teach a particular earthquake concept to the class.			
<ul> <li>Working collaboratively in groups, students will conduct an investigation into the types and causes of earthquakes. Much of the information they will already know and have recorded in their journals.</li> <li>Through inquiry, using iPads and Computers, children will work in small groups to understand one of the following concepts:         <ul> <li>Convergent boundary</li> <li>Interplate earthquakes</li> <li>Transform fault</li> <li>P-waves (Primary)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>L5 iPads and computers</li> <li>Science journals</li> <li>Play dough</li> <li>String</li> <li>Cardboard</li> <li>Scissors</li> </ul>	ST3-9ES ST3-4WS ST3-5WT EN3-1A EN3-2A EN3-4A MA3-2WM	
<ul> <li>S-waves (Secondary</li> <li>They will become an 'expert' in their concept. Writing up a thorough explanation: what it is, its causes, and effects. They will draw a diagram that demonstrates their concept.</li> <li>Students must then briefly present their concept to the class using materials available: play dough, strings, cardboard. Taking no more than 2-3min.</li> <li>As each group presents students will take notes and add the concepts to their glossaries.</li> <li>Each group will also respond to questions from the class.</li> </ul>			

## Lesson 6 Elaborate – Earthquakes and Tsunamis

- The purpose of this lesson is for students to investigate earthquakes in an underwater context. Students will work through a webquest focusing on the 2004 tsunami.
- There will be 8 groups of 3, and students will be given a country that was affected by the tsunami and asked to research that country.



NB: Groups will be organized prior to the activity and will consider students learning needs to ensure they are catered for throughout the lesson.

- iPads/computers
- Pre-prepared webquest: http://yr6tsunami.weebly.com/

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	Lesson 7					
	Elaborate – Aboriginal Earthquake Perspective and historical investigation					
	• The teacher will invite an Aboriginal Education Worker to visit the school and					
	talk to the students about Aboriginal beliefs behind earthquakes.	•	iPads and computers		ST3-9ES	
	• This will begin by retelling 'The Story of the Kangaroo and the Nobby's'.	•	IWB		ST3-4WS	
	Students will be asked what the Dreamtime story is referring to; what natural	•	Science Journals		EN3-1A	
	disaster is written about in this piece?				EN3-2A EN3-3A	
	The students will then be invited to research the 1989 Newcastle Earthquake				EN3-3A EN3-4A	
	through various sources such as IPads, computers the classrooms IWB this				MA3-2WM	
	information will be written into their science journals.				MA3-13M	
	• Students will discuss their findings and along with the Aboriginal Education				HT3-5	
	Worker they will compare the Dreamtime story to the 1989 Earthquake.					
	• Discuss what the Aboriginal people may have observed and their interpretation					
	of the event. Consider the time difference to when the 1989 Earthquake					
	happened and the Dreamtime Story was written. Were the Aboriginals referring					
	to the 1989 Earthquake in their writing? Using the AEW for insight children will					
	be encouraged to ask the AEW questions relating to both earthquakes and this					
	particular dreamtime story.					
	• The AEW will engage the students who are still developing their research and					
	writing skills as they will be encouraged to listen and discuss what they have					
	learnt and the AEW, with the teacher, will be there to engage in conversations					
	about both Earthquakes and the indigenous perspective of earthquakes.					
	• Information is written into science journals, and referred to in future lessons.					
	• NB: This incorporates the story sharing component of the 8 Aboriginal ways of					
	learning enabling the children to really engage with AEW through the sharing of					
	the dream time story.					
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L	esson 8 – Earthquakes around the World					
•	Children will discuss with a partner what they already know about earthquakes. Children may refer to the TWLH chart to assist them in talking about what they already know. Talking with a partner allows children to actively engage with the content and have meaningful discussions – then they may use science journals. Teacher facilitates discussion about the presence of earthquakes in our world, referring back to the last lesson; class researched the Newcastle earthquakes. The class will be presented with a Map of the world and using IWB markers they will indicate where they believe Earthquakes are likely to occur. Each student will need to justify the reasoning behind each suggestion. Using the 'Live Earthquake Map'. Children will consider "Is that the same or different to what I believed?"  Using the IWB the teacher will show the 'Live Earthquake Map'. Allowing children some think-time students will consider the patterns of earthquakes as shown through this website.	•	Science Journals TWHL chart. IWB Map of the world Interactive map: "Live Earthquake Map".	ST3-9ES ST3-4WS EN3-1A EN3-3A HT3-5		
•	<ul> <li>Students will partner off and discuss two questions:</li> <li>Why is there little/ no earthquake activity in Australia, since 1988?</li> <li>Why is there a higher rate of occurrence of earthquake activity in some of the neighbouring countries?</li> <li>In pairs students will discuss and write a response to both questions individually.</li> </ul>					
	Then the class will come together and sit in a circle to discuss their opinions and consider students thoughts.					
•	NB: Partners will be organised prior to the activity and will consider students learning needs. Students who struggle with writing will be encouraged to record their conversation using a voice recorder to ensure that students participate in quality conversations. Billy will be partnered with Jasmine who will assist him with the recording device and allow him to extend his thinking and					

conversational skills.

Lesson 10			
Evaluate – Assessment to display knowledge			
<ul> <li>This is the final task that summarises the topics.</li> <li>Students will be presented with the topic and will be working individually on this task. Students will be writing (newspaper article) or reporting (script) on a serious earthquake which has hit the Australian shores.</li> <li>Children need to provide the viewers/readers with information about an earthquake: what an earthquake is, the Richter scale reading, what people can expect to happen, and what cautions people should take. Children will be encouraged to create a draft copy and a final copy and should present it as if they were providing the general population with this information.</li> <li>The task will be written up on the IWB or whiteboard for children to refer to throughout the lesson and the teacher will be there to answer questions and to clarify details.</li> <li>This is a summative assessment and will be used to ascertain how children have gone throughout the unit. The task encourages children to prove how much they know about the concept and children are reminded to be as creative as they like.</li> <li>NB. Billy, who has trouble with writing as he has mild dyslexia will be provided with blue paper to write on as well as a voice recording device. He will be given he option to decide between writing or recording his response. He may also like dramatise his voice to sound like a news reporter.</li> </ul>	IWB     Science Journal	ST3-9ES EN3-1A EN3-2A EN3-4A MA3-3WM	

## **Resource List**

Text	Online/IWB/Audio/Visual
Shaky Ground – Earthquakes by Mary Colson  I didn't know that quakes split the ground open by Clare Oliver  Shattering Earthquakes by Louise and Richard Spilsbury  Earthquake (The Violent Earth Series) by John Dudman  Earth Science Pentland by Peter and Pennie Stoyles	Websites: http://abed.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/index.cfm http://edst512earthquakes.wordpress.com/twlh-chart/ http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/earthquake-montage http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/101-videos/earthquake-101 http://yr6tsunami.weebly.com/ http://edst512earthquakes.wordpress.com/measuring-earthquakes/ scootle.edu.au/ec/viewing/L5826/index.html http://www.weatherzone.com.au/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/21c/earth_universe/seismic_wavesrev1.shtml http://earthquake.usgs.gov/monitoring/helicorders/nca/ http://earthquake.globalincidentmap.com/ http://primaryconnections.com.au/ http://primaryconnections.com.au/ http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/viewing/L5826/index.html
Earthquakes by Ellen J Prager  Earthquake by Ian Rohr  Earth's changing crust: Plate tectonics and extreme events by Rebecca Harman	
Place	Human
An outdoor area A Classroom	Aboriginal Education Worker Parent helpers Students

Materials

Play dough Blocks (to represent

buildings)
Butchers Paper

Cardboard Students workbooks

String Ipads Rocks IWB

Cardboard boxes Newspaper articles
Paper cups Richter scale resource

Felt tip marker Modified Mercalli scale resource sheet

Scissors

Blue-tak

String

Stones Blue Paper

Paper Voice recording device

## Rubrics

Tsunami Webquest Report	Teacher Name:	Student Name:	
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CATEGORY	Working beyond	Achieving	Working towards
Delegation of	Each student in the group can	Each student in the group can	Each student in the group
Responsibility	clearly explain what information is	clearly explain what information	can, with minimal
	needed by the group, what	they were responsible for locating.	prompting from peers,
	information they were responsible		clearly explain what
	for locating, and when the		information they were
	information is needed.		responsible for locating.
Plan for	Students have developed a clear	Students have developed a clear	Students have developed a
Organizing	plan for organizing the information	plan for organizing the information	clear plan for organizing the
Information	as it is gathered and in the final	in the final research product. All	information as it is
	research product. All students can	students can independently explain	gathered. All students can
	independently explain the planned	this plan.	independently explain most
	organization of the research		of this plan.
	findings.		
Spelling and	There are no spelling or punctuation	There is one spelling or punctuation	There are 2-3 spelling and
Punctuation	errors in the final draft. Place names	error.	punctuation errors.
	that the author invented are spelled		
	consistently throughout.		
Quality of	Researchers independently locate at	Researchers independently locate at	Researchers, with some
Sources	least 2 reliable, interesting	least 2 reliable information sources	adult help, locate at least 2
	information sources for EACH of	for EACH of their ideas or	reliable information sources
	their ideas or questions.	questions.	for EACH of their ideas or
			questions.
Utilising the	Researchers independently are able	Researchers are able to complete all	Researcher are unable to
webquest	to complete all task required on the	task required on the webquest with	complete all task required
_	webquest.	minimal assistance.	on the webquest.
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# **Earthquake News Report**

Teacher Name:

Student Name:

CATEGORY	Working beyond	Achieving	Working towards
Accuracy of	All facts presented in the report	Almost all facts presented in the	Most facts presented in
Facts	are accurate.	report are accurate.	the report are accurate (at
			least 70%).
Focus on	The entire report is related to the	Most of the report is related to	Some of the report is
Assigned	assigned topic and allows the	the assigned topic. The story	related to the assigned
Topic	reader to understand much more	wanders off at one point, but the	topic, but a reader does
	about the topic.	reader can still learn something	not learn much about the
		about the topic.	topic.
Spelling and	There are no spelling or	There is one spelling or	There are 2-3 spelling and
Punctuation	punctuation errors in the final	punctuation error.	punctuation errors.
	draft. Place names are spelled		
	consistently throughout.		
Neatness	The report is readable, clean, neat	The report is readable, neat and	The report is readable and
	and attractive. It is free of	attractive. It may have one or	some of the pages are
	erasures and crossed-out words.	two erasures, but they are not	attractive. It looks like
	It looks like the author took great	distracting. It looks like the	parts of it might have
	pride in it.	author took some pride in it.	been done in a hurry.
Creativity	The report contains many	The report contains a few	The report contains a few
	creative details and/or	creative details and/or	creative details and/or
	descriptions that contribute to the	descriptions that contribute to	descriptions, but they
	reader\'s enjoyment. The author	the reader\'s enjoyment. The	distract from the story.
	has really used their imagination.	author has used their	The author has tried to
		imagination.	use their imagination.
Introduction	First paragraph has a "grabber" or	First paragraph has a weak	A catchy beginning was
	catchy beginning.	"grabber".	attempted but was
			confusing rather than
			catchy.

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