

# ANZAC DAY School Resource

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## ANZAC DAY

What is it really all about?

Every year on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, New Zealanders (and Australians) have a special holiday. The holiday is named ANZAC Day, and it is held to remember all New Zealand and Australian soldiers who have died in wars overseas.

The soldiers who died are remembered on the 25<sup>th</sup> April because that was the day in 1915, when soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula and under British command attacked the army of Turkey.

ANZAC Day is closely linked to the war that the New Zealanders were involved in at Gallipoli, but these days ANZAC Day is held to remember all New Zealand soldiers that were killed in all wars. This day is so important that it has been made a public holiday in New Zealand.

On this day all around New Zealand there are "Dawn Parades" which many New Zealanders attend, especially the "Returned Service Men" (RSMs) who fought in these wars and returned home afterwards. The number of these important people becomes less and less each year. These parades are often held at a local "War Memorial" where people are able to pay their respects, lay wreaths onto the monument, place their poppies, listen to speeches and generally thinking about the soldiers that have died fighting for our country.

It is extremely important for New Zealanders to understand and appreciate the sacrifices that were made by all those who were killed fighting for New Zealand. These men and women fought for the freedoms that we all enjoy today.

## GALLIPOLI

World War I (1914-1918)

The war was between Germany and its main allies (Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, Italy, Bulgaria) against Britain, France, Russia and the United States (including Australia and New Zealand).

The war started in 1914 when Germany invaded Belgium, and at the same time attacked Russia. Britain joined France and Russia in the war against Germany.

Most of the war was in Europe, though there was some fighting in the Middle East, New Guinea, at Africa and in Asia.

On 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, soldiers of Australia and New Zealand landed on a tiny beach on the Gallipoli Peninsula of Turkey.

There were the 30,000 soldiers who sailed for war in October 1914 when 417 New Zealanders on their 10 transport ships joined with the 20,000 Australians at Suvla Bay in Western Australia and sailed for Egypt.

These soldiers became known as the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) and were led by British officers, General Sir Ian Hamilton and Lieutenant-General Birdwood.



New Zealand Troops - October 1914

## WAR SERVICE MEDALS

People who have fought in the great wars received two sorts of medals.

1. **Service Medals:** These were given to every soldier who served in a particular area.

2. **Bravery Medals:** These were given to a few soldiers because of their brave actions.

Using this site on the internet... [www.anzacaustralia.com](http://www.anzacaustralia.com) find out what reasons the following Medals would have been given for, and draw the medals in the boxes provided.

WW1 Medals: WW2 Medals

Victoria Medal	1914-15 Star Medal	Service Medal	Warrior Star



## SCHOOL RESOURCE PACK

50+ Multi level, Interesting, Informative, Reproducible activities to promote & remember ANZAC Day On April 25<sup>th</sup>, In Australia and New Zealand.



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## ANZAC WORDFIND



- WORDLIST**
- gallipoli recruit loyalty propaganda
  - volunteer national memorial legacy
  - patriotism society ANZAC community
  - dissent military trenches peace
  - pacifist ential warfare conscription

When you have completed the WORDFIND, write down all the words you find and try to find out the meaning of each word.

## WAR RATION PACKS

During World War 1 & World War 2 soldiers were supplied with ration packs daily.

In their packs were small portions of food and drink and maybe a treat like a piece of chocolate, if it was available.

What they got in their packs depended on food available at the time.

Prepare a ration pack, for a day at school. Include small portions of 5 different types of food, and 1 drink.

Wrap up your portions and place them together in a container.

Label your container with a label "Ration Pack" Plan your Ration Pack List Below:

My Ration Pack Will Include The Following:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Drink: \_\_\_\_\_

## "Meeting the Man in the Photo"

This photo is of a New Zealander who was in the Army in World War II. His name is Lawrence Ryder.

Imagine that this man was coming to visit you at school. Think of 5 questions you might like to ask him about what it was like being a soldier in the war.

Give your questions to a friend to answer. Your friend must pretend he/she is the man in the picture.

Write your questions below:

My questions are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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