

# ANZAC DAY

## Learning Activity



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### What is Anzac Day?

Anzac Day, which is observed on April 25 each year, honours all members of the Australian and New Zealand military forces who have served in conflicts and peacekeeping missions around the world.

The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) served in the Gallipoli campaign during the First World War in 1915, and the Day of Remembrance was first established to honour them.

The specific date, April 25, was chosen because that was the day that Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed in Gallipoli.

Tragically, 8,709 Australian and 2,721 New Zealander soldiers lost their lives during the eight-month struggle, and the Allied forces eventually evacuated the Gallipoli peninsula without taking it.

The day has evolved into a moment of reflection.

### What is the relationship between Anzac Day and the AFL?

The first-ever AFL Anzac Day game was played between Collingwood and Essendon at the MCG on April 25, 1995, in front of 94,825 spectators, which is now the second-largest home-and-away match attendance of all time. It was Kevin Sheedy former player, coach and legend of the game who proposed the idea.

Amazingly, the game ended in a draw with 111 points each, and the outcome and large turnout quickly secured the occasion as an annual fixture on the AFL football calendar.

For each game, players run through a banner to commemorate.





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Design a banner for the upcoming Anzac Day match. Make sure to include pictures and words that symbolise Anzac Day.

