

Individual

Learning Experience

Exploring ANZAC Day

Educational Purpose - Why is this important for children's learning?

The 25th of April marks ANZAC day and a national public holiday to commemorate veterans' and pay respect to our serving Defence Force. For children, this day is an opportunity to explore culture, diversity, history significance to your individual family and the identity of the country in which we reside.

With the current COVID-19 circumstances, it changes the way Australians commemorate this day. We propose this as an opportunity to see and experience the values of our ANZAC'S mateship, courage, endurance and perseverance, with what we are currently doing as a national collective.

Resources needed

The Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs – Anzac Portal provides valuable resources and information about ANZAC Day, including ways to involve children.

<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/personal-commemorations>

Aussie Childcare Network also contains some ideas and resources for how to learn about and explore the purpose of ANZAC Day <https://aussiechildcarenetwork.com.au/articles/teaching-children/teaching-children-about-anzac-day>

Description of what to do including prompts for questions to ask children

- Explore this topic based at a level you are comfortable with, see websites listed above for ideas. ANZAC stands for Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.
- Join the "RSL Australia Campaign for Australians to stand in their own driveways or on their balconies at dawn.." to share in a minute silence. The ABC Local Radio will broadcast the Ode and The Last Post
- Explore Mateship – what does it mean to care for others, who do we love (family and friends), qualities of friendship, check in on your neighbours.

Possible extension

- Bake ANZAC Biscuits
- Use art to explore these ideas further, create a Wreath, ANZAC poppies, a painting for the ANZAC's
- Share your story on Storypark, how did you spend ANZAC day? Does your child have questions, we can collaborate and learn more together!