

History of The ANZACs

ANZAC Day is an important day for all Australian's where we remember our soldiers landing in Gallipoli. This day is also used to commemorate the fallen soldiers in all military operations. On ANZAC Day 106 years ago, the first soldiers landed at ANZAC Cove where their task was to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula. Their plan was to eliminate Turkey out of the war, however this quickly became a stalemate and the campaign dragged on for eight more months.

FASCINATING FACTS

- Did you know that the real meaning for the word ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corp?**
- In Gallipoli, Turkey at the site where the ANZACs landed, the Turkish Government renamed it ANZAC Cove in 1985.**
- Amazingly ANZAC Day was not a public holiday in New Zealand until 1921!**
- The first ever official ANZAC Day dawn service was held in 1928 in Sydney, Australia and is now an ongoing tradition in many towns.**
- Alexander William Campbell was the last surviving Australian participant of the Gallipoli campaign during the First World War. He died of pneumonia in May, 2002 at the astonishing age of 103 at an elderly home.**

Sacred Heart Participating In ANZAC Day!

How proud we were to represent our school in the 2021 ANZAC Day March. We followed the Narrabri Shire Band and the veterans from the post office to the Cenotaph. The ceremony commenced and all of the schools had a chance to read a prayer from the program and our School Captains read the 'Prayer For The Queen'. Mrs Caroline Stone and Mrs Liz Grosser led the town by singing a beautiful hymn. Once they had finished we paid our respects to the fallen by laying wreaths around the Cenotaph and had a minutes silence acknowledging the soldiers who served our country during all conflicts. To conclude the ceremony Sarah Smith from the Narrabri Shire Band played the last post on her bugle. This was a very special experience for all of us and a great way to commemorate ANZAC Day in own community.