

This week, 754's School Captains have worked hard on videos to share about ANZAC day. Unfortunately there have been some technical hiccups, so instead this handout has been made which displays their hard work. Please have a read of their speeches, a poem and on the 25th of April be inspired to bake some ANZAC biscuits with the whole family.

Kind regards, Anngela Bell

ANZAC DAY

Hi my name is Bella Bence. I am here with my fellow school captains of 754: Ruby Strecker, Elizabeth Hall and William Denner.

Today I will be explaining what ANZAC day is it is celebrate on the 25th of April it is one of Australia's most important national celebrations. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by the Australian New Zealand Forces during the First World War.

The First World War broke out in 1914. Australia had been a federated country for only 13 years and its government was eager to establish a reputations among the nations of the world. When Great Britain declared war on in August 1914, Australia was automatically placed on the side of the commonwealth.

Then in 1915, Australian New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that sailed to Gallipoli. The ANZACs landed in Gallipoli on the 25th of April meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders were then planted as a bold move, to remove Turkey out of the war quickly, there became a stalemate and the campaign dragged on for eight long months. At the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers lost their lives during this time and Gallipoli had a strong impact on Australians at home. The 25th of April soon became the day were Australians remembered the sacrifices of those who died in the war.

But what does ANZAC stand for? ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in these forces quickly became known as the ANZACS and the pride they took in that name, endures till this day.

So what exactly is ANZAC day? Australians recognise the 25th of April as a day of national remembrance which takes two forms; Commemorative services are

held across the nation at dawn – which is the time of the original landing in Gallipoli. While later in the day, former service men and women meet to take part through marches in the country. Commemorative services are more formal and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, it is ANZAC day which is a time that which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war and remember the sacrifices of bravery the soldiers showed while fighting for our country.

During these tough times, we need to still remember the sacrifices the ANZACs made while fighting for our freedom. So during Covid-19 let's remember to be resilient like the ANZACs, strong like the ANZACs and stick together like the ANZACs. Let's stand as a nation and honour those who have fallen for us!

Written and performed by Bella Bence



They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning,
We will remember them

Chosen and Performed by Ruby Strecker and Elizabeth Hall.

A Symbol: The ANZAC Biscuit

ANZAC biscuits have become synonymous to ANZAC day. As they were often made by wives who missed their loved ones. Anzac biscuits originated from about the year 1910. So all the people who were missing their loved ones in the war, sent over biscuits that were mainly made from oats, golden syrup and flour. These main ingredients lasted long periods of time so that they would last the naval transport to the battle front. It would also be significant for the soldiers as they would get a taste of home and let them remember about their loved ones.

Written and performed by Will Denner

Easy, Chewy Anzac Biscuits!

Ingredients

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
- 125g butter
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 160oC. Line two baking trays with non-stick baking paper.
2. Sift the flour into a large bowl. Stir in the oats, coconut and brown sugar.
3. Put the butter, golden syrup and two tablespoons of water in a small saucepan. Stir over a medium heat until melted and combined. Stir in the bicarbonate of soda.
4. Pour the butter mixture into the flour mixture and stir until combined.
5. Roll level tablespoons of mixture into balls. Place on the trays about 5 cm apart.
6. Press with a fork to flatten slightly. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown.
7. Set aside on the trays for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool.

