**ANZAC Day**

ANZAC Day (the 25th April) is a public holiday in both Australia and New Zealand.

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It starts off as a solemn day, with commemorative services and parades, but

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becomes a day of beer drinking and gambling with the playing of the game “Two Up”.

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It originally commemorated the first major campaign fought by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) during WWI in Gallipoli, Turkey. Nowadays, veterans of all subsequent military campaigns participate.

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During battle, dawn was one of the most favoured times for an attack; soldiers were awoken in the dark so that they would be ready for the enemy.

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Therefore, the first event of ANZAC Day is a dawn service where wreaths are laid, speeches are delivered, prayers are recited, hymns are sung and the Last Post and Reveille are played by a bugler. The 'Ode for the Fallen' is also read:

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Nowadays, young people continue the tradition of ANZAC Day by wearing the war medals of deceased relatives. It is also a day when the enemy is also remembered for the respect it has shown towards the graves and cemeteries of dead ANZAC soldiers.

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This respect is best epitomised by Turkish President Atatürk, who said: "Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well."

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Other ANZAC Day traditions include the consumption of a gunfire breakfast (coffee mixed with rum) and ANZAC biscuits.