They shall not grow 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. 

Hello everyone today we’re talking about a very special day. We’re going to be remembering some very special people. We’re going to be talking all about ANZAC Day. What does ANZAC stand for? I bet that some of you right then have just said it out loud: Australia New Zealand Army Corps.

In Australia and New Zealand we have ANZAC Day on the 25th of April every year. Originally ANZAC Day was to remember those Australians and New Zealanders that fought in Gallipoli in World War One. But now we use it to remember all of those Australians and New Zealanders that have fought in any war. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers set out to help capture the Gallipoli Peninsula to open the way to the Black Sea for the Allied navies. The point was to take control over a place called Constantinople which in modern day is Istanbul in Turkey. The people who lived there were part of the Ottoman Empire which was an ally of Germany during the war.

The ANZACs landed at Gallipoli on 25th of April. It was not thought it would be and it did not go the way that had been planned. There was fighting and lost for eight months! At the end of 1915 the ANZACs and the Allied forces left. Both sides were hit hard and suffered huge casualties. The allied casualties included 21255 from the United Kingdom. An estimated 10000 soldiers that had passed away from France. 8709 from Australia 2721 from New Zealand and 1358 from British India.

Not many countries get to share a national day together. But there has been a bond between New Zealand and Australia ever since. Even though there is a little bit of rivalry anytime there is a sports match on we will always remember what the soldiers went through and how the two countries together made a big difference.