



Playgroup SA

*Playgroup Weekly  
Session Planner*

*ANZAC Day*

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# CRAFT ACTIVITY

ANZAC stands for “Australian & New Zealand Army Corps”. It is a National Day of Remembrance held on the 25th April for all who have served in all conflicts, wars, and peace keeping missions. Every capitol city holds a Dawn Service and a parade for the veterans. *Please note:* Some of the activities can be pre prepared, and/or require prior notice to families.

**Craft activity:** Poppy Wreaths

**Children will need:** Paper plates, red patty pans, black, white paper, glue scissors, green paint, print off “Lest We Forget” banner (template below), thick ribbon.

**Instructions:** Cut the centre out of the paper plate, paint the wreath green, leave to dry. Whilst paint is drying, take the red patty pans and flatten them. Cut out small circles out of the black paper and glue into the centre of the patty pans. Once the paint has dried, glue the poppies on to the wreath and glue on the middle of the “Lest We Forget” banner. If you would like you can make a loop out of the ribbon and attach at the top of the wreath. *Note:* painting the wreaths before Playgroup will speed up the craft time.

## Extension ideas:

Make some military medals – cut some circles or square shapes out of gold or silver card/paper. Decorate the medals and then attach a strip of ribbon.



**Fact:** The 25th of April is the anniversary of the ANZAC’s first landing at Gallipoli during World War One.

**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



# OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Hold your own ANZAC Day parade – ask families to bring along medals from their own family history for the child to wear at the parade. Or wear the ones they may have made during craft time. Have a spot where the children can at the end of the parade lay their wreaths.

# SENSORY ACTIVITY

## Sand Trays

**You will need:** Trays, child safe sand, plastic scoops, pourers, spoons, containers.

**Instructions:** Let the children play with the sand using the utensils. Encourage them to feel the sand with their hands, how does it feel? Soft, hard? Let them explore the play possibilities – add water if they would like to change the texture, and how they can play with it.

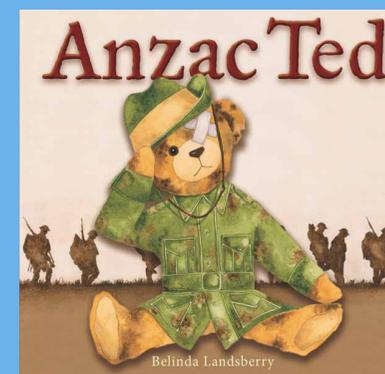
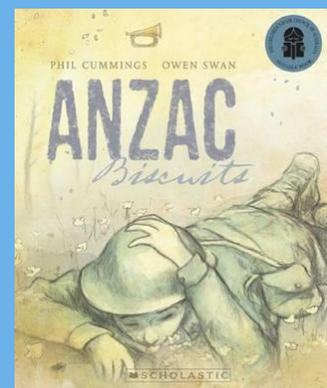
# GROUP TIME IDEAS

Talk about ANZAC day and what it means. Ask the children if they have parents or Grandparent who have represented their country and have medals. Have an ANZAC biscuit (dietary requirements allowing) and talk about the history of ANZAC biscuits.



# BOOK SUGGESTIONS

ANZAC Biscuits by Phil Cummings & Owen Swan and ANZAC Ted by Belinda Landsberry.





BANNER TO BE PRINTED OFF FOR THE WREATH CRAFT

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