



## **110th Anzac-Day-Speech-for-Primary-Schools-Remembering-Sacrifice-and-Peace**

Hello everyone,

This morning, we are gathered on [Gadigal] Country, and we acknowledge and pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

I also want to pay my respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have helped defend Australia in times of peace and war. Today, we also say thank you to all the current and former members of the Australian Defence Force and the families who support them.

Today, we gather together to remember a very special day – Anzac Day. But this year is even more special because it marks the 110th anniversary of the first Anzac Day.

Do you know what "Anzac" stands for? It stands for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. These were the brave soldiers from Australia and New Zealand who left their homes to protect our country and the things we believe in.

The first Anzac soldiers fought a long time ago, in 1915, during a big battle at a place called Gallipoli. Even though they faced many challenges, they never gave up. They looked after each other, worked as a team, and showed great courage – which means being brave, even when things are really hard.

On Anzac Day, we take time to remember and thank all the men and women who have served in the Army, Navy, and Air Force over the past 110 years. We also think about those who still work today to keep our country safe.

You might see people wearing red poppies on Anzac Day. These special flowers grew on the battlefields where soldiers once fought, and they remind us of the sacrifices made by those who served.

We also bake Anzac biscuits, just like the ones made during the war. These biscuits were sent to the soldiers because they could last a long time and were a small way of showing love from home.

Anzac Day is not just about remembering the past – it is also about thinking about peace. The Anzacs fought so that we could live in a safe and happy country. Today, we promise to be kind and helpful to others, just like they were to their mates.

Even though Anzac Day can be a little sad because we remember those who are no longer with us, it is also a day to feel proud. Proud of the brave soldiers, sailors, and airmen who served Australia, and proud that we can keep their memory alive by being good friends, helping others, and making our world a better place.

As we mark 110 years of Anzac Day, let's all promise to never forget their bravery, kindness, and teamwork. We can honour them by showing respect, looking after one another, and always doing our best.

When we hear The Last Post and have a minute of silence, let's take a moment to say thank you in our hearts.

Lest we forget.