



Veterans Affairs

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020

School engagement and resources



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Remembrance Day 2020

COVID-19 update

- An exemption has been granted to allow 100 people to gather outdoors for Remembrance Day ceremonies on Wednesday 11 November.
- Gathering is conditional on adherence to 4sqm rule and a COVID-Safe Plan being in place.

Hosting a Remembrance Day Service

- Remembrance Day falls on Wednesday 11 November, and we are encouraging schools to organise a service to pause at 11am to remember and acknowledge our servicemen and servicewomen.
- It is suggested that invitations could be extended to the local Member of Parliament, Mayor and local council, and members of the local RSL sub-Branch
- The below link provides some details for delivering a commemorative service:
 - Link to OVA page: <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/commemoration/plan-and-deliver-a-commemorative-activity/>
- The Ode, Last Post and Rouse can be downloaded as an audio link below:
 - <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/assets/veterans-affairs/4-AMCP-service-simple.mp3>

Communications / key messages

- The following have been adopted by Commonwealth State & Territory working group and can be used for services and social media content
- At 11am on 11 November 1918, fighting in the First World War came to an end
- Over 100 years later we pause for a minute at 11am on Wednesday 11 November 2020 to remember the service and sacrifice of our veterans
- The tradition of stopping at 11am started on the very first anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919 and has continued for over 100 years
- This year marks the 102nd anniversary of the First World War Armistice, where a peace settlement was signed to end 4 years of brutal conflict.
- Almost 62,000 Australians died fighting for our freedom and in service of our nation.
- 2020 is the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and we also take this opportunity to acknowledge the service of our living veterans from WW2 and those who have passed defending our nation
- We encourage schools to post about their service on Remembrance Day with:
#remembranceday
#wewillrememberthem

Origin of Remembrance Day

- Remembrance Day is an important day in Australia, and across the world.
- We observe one minute's silence at 11am and hold commemorations to remember those who died or suffered in all wars and conflicts.
- Red poppies are worn, inspired by the thousands that grew across the battlefields of the Western Front.
- The below links provide details about the origins of Remembrance Day, which can be utilised in lesson plans for students.
 - The history of Remembrance Day
 - Poem – In Flanders Fields
 - Observance of silence at 11am
 - Significance of poppies
 - Link to DVA: <https://www.dva.gov.au/recognition/commemorating-all-who-served/commemorative-services/origin-remembrance-day>
 - Link to RSL: <https://www.rslnsw.org.au/commemoration/remembrance-day/>

Curriculum**Secondary – Syllabus links:**

History K-10, Stage 5 Core Study- Depth Study 3: Australians at War: World Wars I and II (1914-1918, 1939-1945)

Outcomes:

HT5-7 explains different contexts, perspectives and interpretations of the modern world and Australia

HT5-6 identifies and evaluates the usefulness of sources in the historical inquiry process

Content:

Commemorations and the nature of the ANZAC legend

Students:

Explain how and why Australians have commemorated the wars

Poppies - Here they come; A day to remember

- A video prepared to assist students understand commemoration
- Developed for lower primary students
 - Link to video: <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/resources/poppies-here-they-come-day-remember>

Curriculum:**Primary – Syllabus links:**

History K-10, Stage 2 – Community and Remembrance

Outcomes:

HT2-1 – identifies celebrations and commemorations of significance in Australia and the world

Content:

Days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia (including Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Harmony Week, National Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC Week, National Sorry Day) and the importance of symbols and emblems

Students:

Identify and describe local, state and national symbols and discuss the origins, symbolism and significance, eg the school logo, Australian and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, coats of arms from states and Australia

Identify important Australian celebrations and commemorations and discuss their origins and significance in society

Remembrance Day - Flanders Poppies Poster

- **Poster to be downloaded**
 - Link to download the poster:
<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/sites/default/files/docs/remembrance-day-poster-flanders.pdf>

A guide to making a poppy

Step by step process for making a poppy

- This project is targeted at primary students
 - Link to information from DVA: <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/event-planning/poppies>

You'll need:

- thin cardboard
- red crepe paper
- green pipe cleaner
- black paper
- scissors
- pencil
- glue

What to do:

1. Use scissors to cut out a poppy shape (see image) on cardboard to make a template.
2. Place the poppy template on the red crepe paper and trace around it with a pencil.
3. Cut out the poppy shape with scissors.
4. To make the stalk, take a pipe cleaner and bend the end over twice at 1cm lengths.
5. Push the straight end of the pipe cleaner through the middle of the red poppy shape and continue to thread it through until the bent end sits against the middle of the poppy.
6. Cut a small circle out of the black paper and glue it onto the centre of the poppy. The centre will secure the green pipe cleaner to the red crepe paper poppy.
7. Bend and shape the pipe cleaner and poppy petals.

Additional creative: Combine many poppies in a circle to make a wreath (video link).

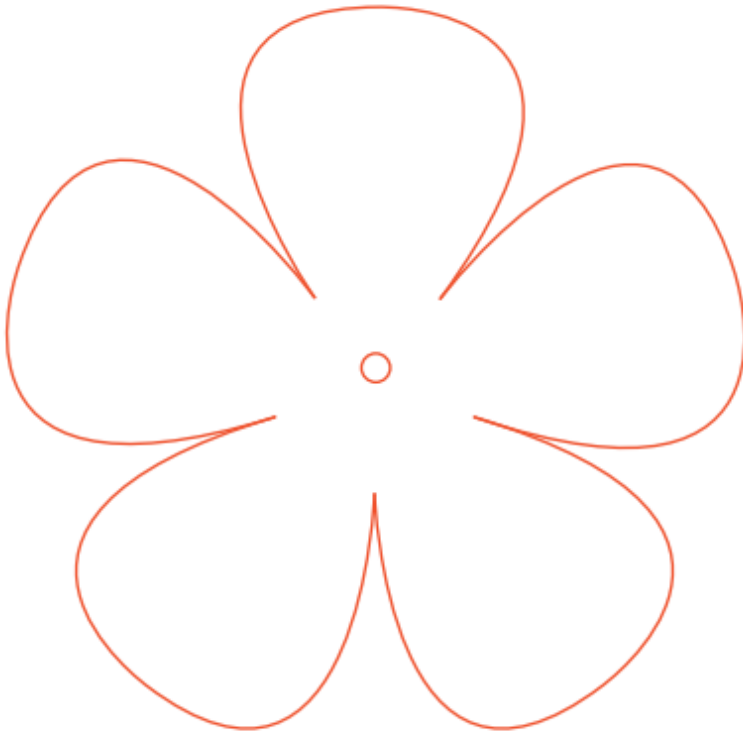


Figure 1. Petal template



Figure 2. Stem template

Not to scale