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## Kiwi Corner



In this month's Kiwi Corner, I'd like to introduce a national holiday from New Zealand called **ANZAC Day**.

**ANZAC Day** is held on April 25<sup>th</sup> in both **New Zealand** and **Australia**, and is a national day of remembrance for the soldiers who fought and died for both countries. The acronym "ANZAC" stands for the "Australian and New Zealand Army Corps," which served from 1914 to 1918 during World War I.



ANZAC Cove in Gallipoli, Turkey

The reason for ANZAC Day being on April 25<sup>th</sup> is because early in the morning of **April 25<sup>th</sup> 1915**, many **Australian** and **New Zealand** soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula of the Ottoman Empire (now in **Turkey**), which was their enemy at the time. The invasion was a complete failure and resulted in the deaths of many young men. To memorialize the brave soldiers who died there, ANZAC Day was established on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1916.

During World War I, much of the fighting took place in **Western Europe**. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow. There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the **bright red Flanders poppies**. These strong flowers bloomed and thousands of them grew in the middle of so much chaos and destruction. The poppy then became a symbol of remembrance of the horrors of war and the hope for peace.



The red poppies in Flanders fields, Belgium

After the war, people wanted to help support the soldiers who had been injured or badly affected by the fighting. People started selling red poppies to raise money for these soldiers. Even today, for a month before April 25<sup>th</sup>, people still sell poppies (although they are handmade out of plastic and paper now) to raise money for soldiers who have served in more recent wars. Over one million were sold in 2022!



A red poppy sold in New Zealand

Even though it was over 100 years ago, people from Australia and New Zealand still travel to Turkey every year to celebrate ANZAC Day, a day which has brought together the people of the three countries with the bonds of peace.

**(Liam Campbell)**



# Lauren's Newsletter



## A Trip to the Zoo!

This month, I would like to talk about one of the most famous tourist sites in San Diego, the San Diego Zoo! I would visit the zoo often during spring, so this time of year brings back memories of seeing the wonderful animals the zoo takes care of. This zoo has animals from all over the world, from Australia and Asia, to Africa, South America, and more. It has over 14,000 animals and 700,000 individual plants and takes action to help save animals around the world. The zoo's goals are to educate people about animals and the environment, and to protect animals that live in the wild.



The lion statue in front of the San Diego Zoo



A guided bus tour at the San Diego Zoo

The San Diego Zoo is home to many attractions that people of all ages can enjoy. When I would visit, I would always go on the guided bus tour to see and learn more about the animals throughout the park. They also have an aerial tram that people can ride to see the zoo from above!

Along with these attractions, the zoo also has a great website where people can watch live videos of some of the animals in their exhibits. You can watch the animals here: <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cameras>



The San Diego Zoo Skyfari aerial tram

They also have some fun games on the website. Here are some links to some games you can try!

Polar Bear word search: <https://sdzwildlifeexplorers.org/activities/word-safari-international-polar-bear-day>

Animal card mix and match game: <https://sdzwildlifeexplorers.org/activities/meet-your-match>



A polar bear at the zoo

To end this article, I would like to share some cool animal facts with you all!

**Cool fact 1:** Giraffes have tongues that are 18 inches (about half a meter) long!

**Cool fact 2:** Polar bear fur is not white. It is actually transparent (clear)! Polar bears are also my favorite animal!

amazing animals they have!

Your Friendly Neighborhood ALT,

**(Lauren Taylor)**

If you ever visit San Diego, I hope you can go to San Diego Zoo and see all the

This month, I'd like to introduce a song that is sung by a lion, a meerkat, and a warthog! Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0enTq1fCE9A>