Dear colleague

This special edition of the ESA News highlights a number of teaching and learning resources and events to commemorate 100 years of ANZAC service and sacrifice.

Explore the Anzac Portal

Bringing together a wealth of personal stories, historical information and educational resources about Australia’s wartime history, the ANZAC Portal contains a variety of materials developed by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, which support student learning about Australia’s involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The site provides digital resources and publications that focus on aspects of Australia’s experiences during the ‘Great War’ of 1914-1918 and the Second World War.

SPOTLIGHT
Scootle ANZAC Day Learning Path

Explore this collection of teaching and learning resources about ANZAC Day and the service and sacrifice by men and woman of the Australian Defense Force. You can build, organise, annotate and share your own Scootle Learning Paths with students or colleagues.

myfuture industry profile – defence

On ANZAC Day we reflect on the men and women who have served in Australia’s Defence Forces. This month myfuture, Australia’s career information and exploration service has profiled our Defence industry and the wide range of roles that make up this national service. Read more>>

YOUR COMMUNITY

Karen Jones - Teacher, Tacking Point Public School, Point Macquarie

1. Describe Scootle Community in five words
Sharing, inspiring, knowing, connecting, exploring

2. What is your favourite Scootle Community Network?
The AEF - Asian Literacy Network is my favourite as it keeps me involved in Asian Education and creative direction. I video conference with South Korea on a weekly basis. I love the ideas that others share as they spark my curiosity and renew my enthusiasm.

3. Can you recommend an education focused video that has inspired you lately?
Gallipoli The First Day - Veterans’ accounts features interviews with eight veterans of the Australian, New Zealand and Turkish forces who share their reflections of the chaos and courage of the first ANZAC Day.

4. What are your thoughts on Scootle Community’s new look and features?
Scootle Community was developed in consultation with educators from across the country and its been interesting to watch it grow both organically and strategically. It is a clever alliance of teachers and educators sharing and enjoying new
teaching ideas and avenues of communication. We discuss the Australian Curriculum and share contemporary teaching and learning stories and strategies together. ESA should be very proud of their work developing the trendy new version of Community and I intend to continue to use it to enhance my professional learning.

Click here to access a presentation outlining Scootle Community's new functions and features.

YOUR RESOURCES

PRIMARY
The meaning of ANZAC Day
A selection of teaching and learning materials, applications and videos to help Primary classes discuss and pay their respect to the Australian men and women who served in the nation's defence. The collection showcases the day's great significance and meaning to different people.

MIDDLE YEARS
Gallipoli the First Day - Centenary Edition
This award winning learning tool enables a deep exploration of the Gallipoli Landings. Watch dramatic recreations of key moments in the battle, view 3D models and maps, view diaries and profiles of ANZAC and Turkish soldiers and hear expert commentators discuss how the Gallipoli campaign has influenced Australia's sense of identity.

SECONDARY
ANZAC Day for secondary
A collection of resources including rare archival film, video interviews and learning activities for secondary school students. The package explores the the historical and contemporary significance of the Gallipoli campaign 100 years on, the creation of the ANZAC Legend and the battle's impact on a young nation's identity.

GREAT LINKS AND FREE DOWNLOADS

LEARNING PATH
Scootle - What's New? April 2015

WATCH THIS
Australia at War - WW1 video compilation

APP REVIEW
Remembering Them
This month's collection features a health and safety theme including a suite of resources on sun safety, some practical lesson ideas on healthy eating and a collection of materials looking at rail safety.

A collection of 20 videos which discuss and showcase Australia at war. The Learning Path features a selection of interviews and rare archive footage of Australia's defence forces during World War 1.

An interactive map of memorials, museums, war graves and other sites that commemorate Australia's wartime history, the Remembering Them app and supporting lesson plan aids engagement with local sites.

Community Blogs

The Simpson Prize - Year 9 & 10 ANZAC Day essay competition

The Simpson Prize is a national essay competition for Year 9 and 10 students encouraging participants to focus on the significance of ANZAC Day and to consider what the national day means to them and to Australia. The competition is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and run by the History Teachers' Association of Australia. For more information visit simpsonprize.org.

Community Events

Scootle Community Events Calendar

Monday April 20

Australian STEM Video Challenge Opens

Tuesday, April 21

AAMT Connect with Maths webinar
Strategies for Maths in the digital age

Saturday, April 25

ANZAC Day

Tuesday, April 30

AAMT Connect with Maths webinar
Pedagogies in Maths Game Learning

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