



Special Days

Approach: One to one

Focus: Special holidays and their significance.

Resources: Picture of Anzac Day parade, picture of Waitangi Day gathering.

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Questions/instructions:

In this activity we will be thinking about two special holidays that we have in New Zealand each year: Anzac Day and Waitangi Day.

Show picture 1: Anzac Day.



This picture shows a special ceremony being held on Anzac Day.

1. Try to explain to me why we have Anzac Day.

both "a" and "b" below

a. to remember people who died in **wars**

b. to commemorate people who died in landing at **Galipoli** (25 April 1915)

(required elements in **bold**)

2. Do you know of any other country that would commemorate Anzac Day?

Australia

% responses
y4 y8

0 6

63 71

1 12

41 79

Show picture 2: Treaty of Waitangi.



This picture shows a special ceremony being held on Waitangi Day.

3. Try to explain to me why we have Waitangi Day.

both "a" and "b" below

a. to remember signing of Treaty

b. treaty between Māori and pakeha (*Queen*)

Total score:

4-5

2-3

0-1

3 33

4 25

3 5

2 29

33 55

65 16

Commentary:

Year 8 students showed better knowledge than year 4 students who know quite a lot about Anzac Day but very little about Waitangi Day.