

Approach: One to one  
 Focus: How community activities reflect heritage  
 Resources: Red poppy

Year: 4 & 8

**Questions / instructions:**

**Hand student red poppy.**

1. When do lots of people wear these red poppies?

ANZAC Day/Anniversary of Gallipoli  
 Armistice Day

% response 2009 ('05)	
year 4	year 8
49 (39)	89 (91)
1 (0)	0 (0)

**If student does not know, answer with "ANZAC Day (April 25)".**

2. What important event does the red poppy remind us of?

New Zealand soldiers who died fighting in wars war mentioned

23 (18)	39 (37)
40 (42)	51 (51)

3. Why was the red poppy chosen as the symbol for this important event?

Poppies grew on the Western Front: [on the Western Front, the war churned up the soil causing dormant poppy seeds to bloom. This was particularly true near Ypres, in Flanders, Belgium. German use of chlorine gas killed allied soldiers but caused the poppies to bloom in abundance]

good description of above  
 some description of above (Flanders fields)

0 (0)	1 (1)
3 (1)	15 (11)

Poppies grew where the soldiers fought

18 (7)	44 (38)
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Poppies represent the blood of the soldiers

7 (13)	7 (14)
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ANZAC Day started way back in 1916, yet lots of people are still showing interest in the special ceremonies held on ANZAC Day.

4. Why are people still so interested in going to ANZAC Day ceremonies?

to commemorate people who died fighting for New Zealand  
 people have relatives/ancestors who died in wars  
 to honour returned soldiers

% response 2009 ('05)	
year 4	year 8
22 (22)	56 (58)
25 (29)	41 (37)
4 (4)	6 (7)

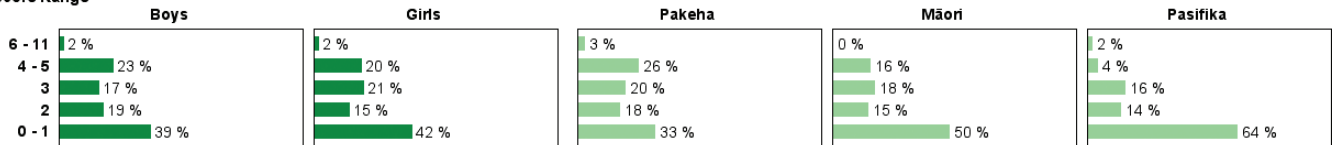


Total Score:	6-11	2 (0)	10 (7)
4-5	21 (18)	54 (53)	
3	19 (19)	22 (24)	
2	17 (18)	9 (10)	
0-1	41 (45)	5 (6)	

**Subgroup Analyses:**

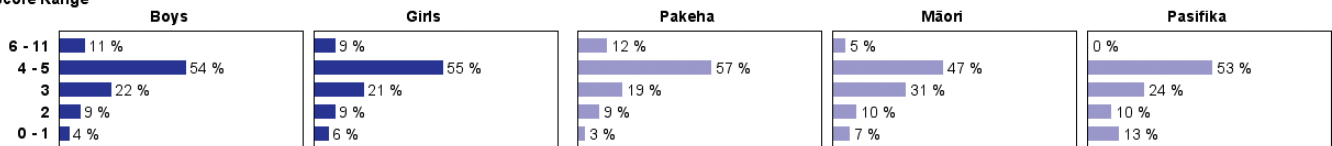
**Year 4**

**Score Range**



**Year 8**

**Score Range**



**Commentary:**

Year 8 students generally had a stronger understanding than year 4 students about the significance of red poppies and what they represent. Almost all year 8 students and about half of year 4 students understood the significance of ANZAC Day ceremonies. Slightly more year 4 students in 2009 than in 2005 understood the significance of red poppies and there was no meaningful change for year 8 students.