

Anzac essay

The ANZAC spirit lives on. Each year we remember the brave countrymen who sacrificed their lives for their family, friends and country. We remember them for their dedication to their mates and the army in which they fought. But little do we know that their spirit, the Anzac spirit, lives in each of us.

Anzac day has come far. In 1916 after Gallipoli, the Australian states quarrelled about the celebration of Anzac day. New South Wales Premier WA Holman recognized the hardships that the Anzacs had been through. He also recognized their families were still wounded by the loss of their husbands. Thus he requested... "every man, woman and child to stand still" for one solemn minute and remember the brave men who fought to save Australia. This approach was seen as a welcome remembrance. But states including Tasmania did not take the same approach. They argued that it was a waste of time celebrating the Anzacs because after all the mission "must for all time be regarded as a failure". This heartbreaking decision was not overlooked. Instead it was overridden by Acting Prime Minister Alexander Pearce. He declared in 1916 that April 25 was officially named 'Anzac Day'. This meant that Anzac Day would be celebrated by every Australian, and every Australian state. The Anzacs were no longer recognized as failures to their country, but as noble countrymen who fought until the end.

The ANZAC spirit, their legacy, consists of five key values. They uphold: endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour and mateship. All of which our ANZAC's kept to during Gallipoli. ...

We as a nation help uphold these values. During times of crisis; floods or bushfires whatever it is we Australians show the ability to; endure difficult situations without giving up, just like in 2016. The 2016 floods and bushfires were a devastation to everyone. But we didn't let it destroy us. This quality of enduring times of crises enables us to keep going. I remember the community spirit that everyone had. Like all the clothes, food and necessities donated to those with out. The spirit we showed to do what frightens us, like tracking through flood water to reach those helpless or the firefighters searching the burning houses in case anyone was inside. We maintained the quality of honesty and had strong principles. Most importantly we didn't let the bad ruin the good because we had to much to loss already. These were the values of the Anzacs, our values today and Australia's values the future. These values make us who we are as a nation.

Even though there is more than 100 years and at least five generations separating us from the Anzacs. There are some things which never change. Don't you think? As spoken by Mr Arthur Bourke of the Operations Administration and Maintenance commonly referred to the O.A.M "the ANZAC spirit is a feeling which burns in the hearts of every Australian and New Zealand countryman". This feeling is true up to this day. This is because it is an inheritance which we have been given. Have you ever been in a situation, a sport games for example, and you endure the difficulty of it all by, taking the risk of shooting for the goal or even a goal that is not literally a sports goal but an achievement you wish to pursue. That goal is the same initial spirit that lives on with us today because we Australians live on as one.

It is important that we never cease believing. The five key values of the ANZAC spirit, has lived on for more than 100 years now, it's crucial that we remember their values and make them our values for the future. The spirit of the Anzacs will live on. Lest we Forget.

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