

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thinking about the history of Remembrance Day and using the visuals displayed, choose one of the options below to create a piece of writing that expresses the significance of remembering those who have fought and died in conflict.

Students can:

1. Write a poem about the meaning of Remembrance Day; **or**
2. Create a letter, imagining that they are a soldier on the front writing to family back home; **or**
3. Write a description of one of the images displayed.



## Why do we have Remembrance Day?

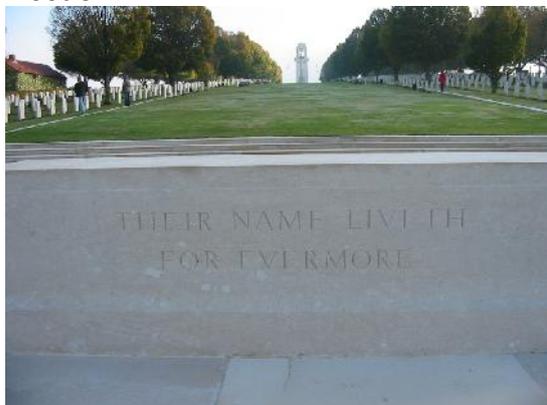
On the 11 November 1918, the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the armistice was signed which signalled the end of the hostilities for World War 1, then known as the Great War. From that day on the day, then known as Armistice Day was observed by the Allied Countries as a way of remembering those who died, and in particular, those soldiers with 'no known grave'.

On the first anniversary of the armistice, in 1919, two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony.

The Flanders poppy became accepted throughout the allied nations as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day. The red poppies were among the first plants that sprouted from the devastation of the battlefields of northern France and Belgium. Soldiers' folklore had it that the poppies were vivid red from having been nurtured in ground drenched with the blood of their comrades.

After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all those who died at war.

Each year, we gather at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, and pause to reflect, to give honour to the memories of those who have died securing our freedom.



## Remembrance Day Competition Schedule

Competition Opens – Term 3 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Entries close September 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

Entries to Club Mudgee by September 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

School holiday break

Entries to be judged during school holiday break

Entries to be on display in Anzac Cove at Club Mudgee from;  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 until 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Schools to be notified of winners on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Students to be presented at the school assemblies;

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October St Matthews 9am, Mudgee Public School 12.40pm

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Cudgegong Valley Public School (time to be advised)

The winners from each school to read out their entry on Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph.

Notes: Each school to receive \$200 and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> for each school (the students to receive a gift from the club.