



## WHAT'S NEW AT KIDZ HQ

“Attention. Eyes front and centre”.

That means stand up, pay attention, looking this way so I know you are listening.

Another new year has started with lots happening here at the museum, and especially here at KIDZ HQ. A lot of the work has been in preparing new things to go in to the room so at the moment it may look like not much has changed but in the next couple of weeks new interactive TV's and computer games will start working so that will be really exciting for everyone here.

We have developed a touchscreen TV which will have heaps of questions and answers on it. You will be able to choose a cate-

gory e.g. vehicles or heroes or medals and there will be pictures of these things on the screen. Once you touch the picture you want, it will then give you a whole lot of information about that picture.

The military simulation centre down at Linton Camp in Palmerston North have been making a computer game for us which will be set up in the room in the next couple of months hopefully and this simulation will be a battle game based on an actual battle in World War Two called the Battle of Crete where New Zealand soldiers fought against German Paratroopers trying to take the island.

If you are able to look on the museum website

[www.armymuseum.co.nz](http://www.armymuseum.co.nz) you will see in the education section a copy of this newsletter. You will also be able to see the new workbooks we are making for students to download for when they visit the museum. In those workbooks you will see some cartoons that can be coloured in. If you look carefully you will recognise that the “cartoons” are actually photos of scenes in the museum which we have converted into line drawings to make them into colouring in pictures! Very cool. We have even taken some photos of staff members and converted them into cartoons. These ones we leave on the desk in the room because some of us look more like cartoons than real people!!!

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## ANZAC DAY PARADES

ANZAC Day is the 25th April each year. This year it is a Sunday so you won't get a day off school unfortunately.

Have you ever been to an ANZAC Day Parade? Do you know what happens there?

Parades are usually at dawn so about 7am in most towns. This is when the first ANZAC troops landed at Gallipoli in 1915 during

World War One.

Usually there is a march with veteran soldiers and sometimes scouts, guides, firemen, police are also allowed to march. Someone like a Mayor makes a speech, the local priest says a prayer, and an RSA person reads out the Oath. Sometimes a town has a parade of soldiers who can fire off their weapons.

In Waiouru of course we have rifles firing and LAV's driving around so ours is quite spectacular. Our Dawn service is in Waiouru camp and is for the soldiers. At the museum we have a Civic service at 1100 that the public can attend. We might see you there, or you might convince mum and dad to take you to your towns parade.



# Billboard competition

Check out our website for details for the billboard competition.

We need to change our billboards that are on the side of the road next to State Highway One so we have decided to let children under 16 enter our competition to design our new ones. The winning entry will not only get to see their artwork every time they drive past the billboard out on the main highway but they will also get \$200 for themselves and \$300 for their school.

The billboards are 6 metres by 3 metres so the picture has to be bright and eye catching. It must have the National Army Museum logo on it and not too many words because the Land Transport people don't allow more than 8 words on a road sign. Our marketing manager, one of the judges, says he would like the word "MUSEUM" to really stand out so that people driving past will know what they are going to see when they get here. Entries have to be in to us

by 31st March and can be on A4 or A3 size paper. Our graphic artist, another one of the judges says he can enlarge the drawings up to the required size. So there are two big hints to help you with your design, get to it and your design could be the winner.

## Anzac day Oath

The oath that is read out at an ANZAC Day parade is part of a poem written during World War One. It is usually read out by a representative of the veteran soldiers. It goes like this:

*"They shall grow not old  
As we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them  
Nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun*

*And in the morning  
We will remember them  
We will remember them"*

