Step back in time to WW1 when NSW school pupils took an active role in the war effort.

Using 1915-1918 sources students will undertake a range of genuine hands-on activities in an authentic 1900s school setting:

- write a postcard to a soldier
- spin fleece into yarn
- roll and fold bandages
- weigh vegetables for fundraising.

Students will be immersed into the home front during the First World War from a school child’s perspective.

Stories of local boys who enlisted and young teachers at the front will be woven throughout the activities.

Marking the significance of Anzac Day

Using 1915-1918 information, resources and pedagogy students will learn about ‘The Great War’:

- create a military camp model
- trace a map of the Gallipoli Peninsula
- recreate an Empire Day tableau
- practise cadet drill
- learn basic semaphore flags.

Through analysis and use of sources, students will develop historical skills and concepts: perspectives and interpretations; empathetic understanding, cause and effect, significance.

Maximum 105 students
Cost $18.00 per student
Stage 2 History
Community and Remembrance
HT2-1, HT2-2, HT2-5

Key inquiry questions
- What is the nature and contribution made by different groups and individuals in the community?
- How and why do people choose to remember significant events of the past?

Source-based activities
Students will use and analyse primary sources to recreate aspects of 1915-1918 school life that supported the war effort.

The significance of and reason for each activity will be explained in the context of a 1900s classroom by educators in role as 1900s teachers.

Through historical reenactment and immersion in the past students will develop an understanding of:
- the origins and significance of ANZAC Day and
- the contribution of school children within the community.

Sources include The School Magazine, The Public Instruction Gazette, The Education Gazette, photographs and other images.

(The NSW Schoolhouse Museum does not hold war artefacts or war memorabilia.)

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“Urged on by hearts aglow with pride
In our splendid boys on the other side.”

Mr H D McLelland
Deputy-Chief Inspector
The School Magazine, July 1917

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