



# The Milford Gazette!

*By children, for children!*

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## Debate Team Update



Daragh, Robert, Saoirse, Molly, Beth and Lauren  
Congratulations to the debate team, pictured above, who won their debate against Killaloe Boys N.S. The topic for the debate was, "Ireland is spending too much money on the 1916 Centenary Celebrations" and they were proposing this motion. They also won their latest debate against Ballybrown NS. We wish them the best of luck in the Quarterfinals in May against Castleconnell!

## Country Corner-Australia!



by Adam

Highest mountain: Mount Kosciuszko  
Longest river: The river Murray at 2,805km  
Biggest desert: Great sandy desert at 284,993km<sup>2</sup>  
Capital city: Canberra  
Currency: Australian dollar  
Tallest building : q1 (322.5 m)

## Confirmation Day



Congratulations! It looks like everyone had a great day! Well done to all the children, their teachers and parents.

## Recipe Anzac Cookies!

by Saoirse's Mom!



Ingredients: 1 cup of coconut  
1 cup rolled oats  
1 cup sugar (I use soft brown sugar)

1 cup plain flour  
100g butter/margarine  
1 tbsp golden syrup  
2 tbsp boiling water

### Method:

1. Melt butter, syrup and water in a bowl (or a saucepan).
2. Mix in dry ingredients.
3. Grease a flat tray. Teaspoon dollops of mixture onto tray.
4. Place in moderate/cool oven (160° C) for approx. 20 minutes or until golden brown.
5. Remove from oven and allow to cool on the tray before removing.



## Anzac Day in Australia!

by Saoirse

ANZAC Day is a day in Australia (25th April) when they remember all those people who died during World War One. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

ANZAC biscuits are small biscuits that women sent over to their husbands or family in World War One. The Golden Syrup made the biscuits last longer. Having porridge in them meant they were nutritious as well as a treat.

Imagine if you were in a trench at war and you knew your loved one was at home making you biscuits. Imagine how happy you would be when you saw them! The trenches were usually cold and always mucky. There were rats and lice everywhere and there was no grass or trees because of the damage that the bombs did to the land. Everyone was always scared of bomb attacks.

Main attractions: Sydney opera house, Sydney harbour bridge and Bondi beach, Perth zoo.

Main religion: Catholic 42.4%

Population: 23.13 million only 669,900 aboriginal

National sport: Cricket

Prime minister: Malcolm Turnbull

Native animals: Kangaroo, wallaby, koala, echidna, dingo, Australian snapping turtle, wombat, numbat, emu, red backed spider, brolga

Biggest city: Sydney

Travel time from Dublin: 30 hours approx

## Shakin' with Shakespeare

By Adam



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2016 we celebrated 400 years since William Shakespeare's death in 1616 and what would have been his 452<sup>nd</sup> birthday, as he was born and died on the same date! Here in Milford NS the *Shakin' with Shakespeare* group had a special chocolate cake with "Shakespeare 400" written on it to mark 400 years since Shakespeare died. In our group, we have studied many of his plays, and Ms. Murray says the world will continue to do so for many hundreds of years to come! To mark this occasion in the Globe theatre in London they are staging short films on an aspect of each of his plays. In Oxford they are holding tours of the painted room where he was said to have stayed, as well as holding a parade as part of Shakespeare's jubilee. At Windsor Castle they are putting on his play a "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the moat garden in August.

6. Place in air-tight container only when thoroughly cold. ANZAC biscuits were made by mothers, wives, sisters and "sweethearts" of the soldiers in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) and sent to them, first in Gallipoli, Turkey, in 1915, and then throughout all of World War One. They are still very popular in Australia.

## Movie Review

By Seth



### **Batman vs. Superman**

This movie should have been called BADman vs. Supernothing! It was terrible! When there is a title for a movie that has the word V.S in it... at first you'd be pretty excited, until you see this movie. It's meant to be about how batman and superman have an epic brawl over who rules the DC universe, but it's not! First of all, they don't even fight, they just talk about each other to other people. It's all wrong: Since when does batman use guns? He's not meant to! *Isn't that one of the reasons he's famous!?* And since when does superman kill? And if Domesday was originally powered by radiation how is he now powered by kryptonite? Why did Wonder Woman just fall out of the sky like that? And how can Batman now suddenly fly?? I'd say this movie was worse than Age of Ultron! And we all know how much I hated that! Star rating: \*

Once a year on the 25th of April the Aussies commemorate all the people who died or were injured in any wars the Australians have fought in. My Mum who is an Aussie loves to have tea with them. Women played an important part in the war. Usually they were nurses and helped the soldiers. Without them, thousands more people would have died.



These are the poppies next to the names of all the soldiers who have died over the years. As you can see it's beautiful, but also very sad. In World War One, 60,000 Australian men were killed out of 416,809 enlisted men! 156,000 men were wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner!



This is the top of my Mum's limited edition ANZAC biscuit tin. As you can see there is a policewoman, a woman from the Aussie army, a nurse, a pilot and another female soldier. There's also a woman who represents all the women at home.

