



# Leo's Day of Remembrance

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Leo looks at the big school calendar and sees a bright red circle around Friday. The words Anzac Day Service are written in bold letters, and he wonders what this special day will be like.



In the classroom, Mrs. Miller shows the students a picture of a soldier and a red poppy. She explains that Anzac Day is a time to remember brave people who helped our country long ago.



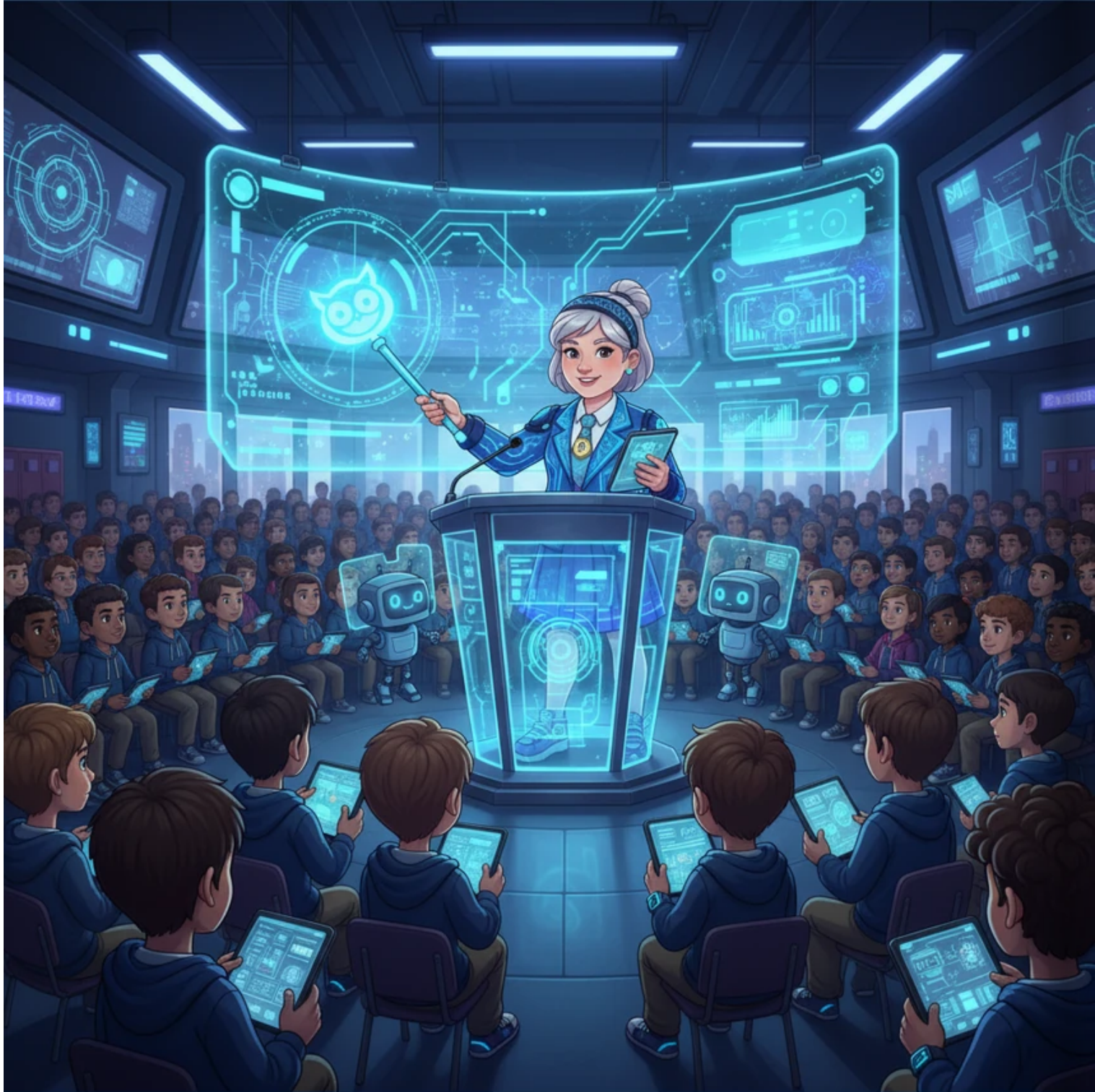
Leo and his friends sit at their desks, carefully cutting out red paper petals to make their own poppies. They use green pipe cleaners for the stems and talk quietly about why being brave is important.



Friday morning arrives, and the school feels very calm and quiet. Leo walks in a neat line with his classmates toward the big school hall, holding his paper poppy tightly.



The hall is transformed with beautiful wreaths of flowers and the national flag standing tall at the front. Everyone finds their seat on the floor, waiting respectfully for the service to begin.



The school principal stands at the podium and speaks about the importance of peace and gratitude. Leo listens closely, feeling a sense of pride for the community coming together.



Everyone bows their heads as a student leader reads a special prayer for those who served and for peace in the world. The room is filled with a soft, thoughtful energy as they share these kind words.



A bugle player stands at the front and begins to play a slow, haunting tune called The Last Post. The music echoes through the hall, making Leo feel very still and focused.



The music fades, and the whole school stands up for a full minute of silence. Leo keeps his eyes closed and thinks about the brave soldiers, noticing how even the smallest rustle seems loud in the quiet room.



As the service ends, Leo walks back to class with a warm feeling in his heart. He pins his poppy to his shirt, knowing that remembering the past helps us build a kinder future together.