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To Anzac Grandchildren:

Hello,

I'm writing this letter to you from Turkey. My name is Sezer.

I'm a student at 7th grade and I'm 13 years old. I know that your great grandfather lost his life in the battle of Gallipoli, and that you make "Dawn Service" in Anzac Bay on the 25th of April every year.

My aim is not to give you sorrow by reminding you of the sad memories of the past. It is to make friendship connections with you. That was a war and there were lots of losses. Yet, neither Turkish nor Anzac soldiers spared mercy from each other despite the war. They threw gifts to each other from the trenches. They did all of these despite their oaths to kill each other.

If our ancestors had shown this mercy even in war time, why shouldn't we in peace time? Today, the same sun rises on the tombs of both our ancestors and sets by shining brightly. They are resting in peace on the lands of our country.

Dear Anzac Grandchildren,

I would like to tell you a decision we took in the family. I would like to host you in my hometown in this year's commemoration ceremonies. I would be very happy if you accept my invitation. We can commemorate our ancestors together.

Best wishes,

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