

Timboon honours fallen

TIMBOON P-12 School students have helped create a place to remember fallen soldiers.

An Anzac remembrance memorial complete with a lone pine descended from the original lone pine at Gallipoli was erected at the school.

Timboon's Jean Giblett said her grandmother Emma Gray, was given pine cones from the original lone pine in Gallipoli from her nephew Keith McDowell.

"She propagated the seeds, and they have been planted all over," she said.

"During Legacy Week a few years ago, Legacy presented seeds to all the schools in the area.

"It (the tree) is now flourishing well and is a direct descendent from Gallipoli.

"It's wonderful to see it here."

School VCAL students helped build and design the memorial.

VCAL numeracy co-ordinator Nigel Mottram said students had enjoyed the project.

"The students, with their maths have done the measurements for the paving," he said.

"They have measured and planned the brick arrangement. They then have worked out how much of the filler we would need.

"It is practically applying maths skills."

Mr Mottram said with the help of fellow teacher Jamie Mackieson, students spent two weeks designing the memorial before laying out the bricks, complete with the word ANZAC.

The project was completed just in time to mark this year's Anzac Day.

Community members joined with students to pay tribute to the fallen at a ceremony at the school last Wednesday.

Students laid down wreathes to mark the occasion and Timboon and District Healthcare Service chief executive officer Wayne Weare spoke to the audience about the importance of serving the community and what it means to him.



Importance of service: Timboon and District Healthcare Service CEO addresses students and community members at last week's Anzac ceremony. 2013D



Gallipoli link: Timboon P-12 VCAL students constructed an Anzac memorial complete with a lone pine descended from the original lone pine in Gallipoli. 2013E