

Old boys honoured with new look board

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Although their devotion to their country and the memory of them as "old boys" would never fade, the inscriptions on the honours board at Hereworth School in Havelock North unfortunately had.

"They had faded quite badly," school archivist Raileen Mabin said.

"And the room they were in was a dark and somewhat dingy place," she added.

But from the darkness there has emerged light, and the glow to the names of the old boys lost in the service of their country has returned.

Back in 2004 Mrs Mabin, assisted by enthusiastic members of the staff and pupils, began a



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refurbishment of the school's Founders Room, which contained the rolls of honour.

The years had not been kind to the rolls, so the names were carefully noted and the individual regiments and companies they were part of sourced.

So too were the appropriate regimental badges — and of the 15 badges sought 13 had so far been found.

Using the pillars in the room, smart new timbered honours



HONOURED: Hereworth pupils Josh Morete (left) and Michael Parsons, both 12, with the refurbished WWI roll of honour. PICTURE / GLENN TAYLOR / HBT091688-01

boards were created and put up. The rest of the historic room was also given a major spruce-up.

The room was opened for Grandfathers' Day on April 7.

"It created a lot of interest among the older fellows," Mrs Mabin said.

With the WWI honour boards sparkling again, fittingly in time

for Anzac Day, the focus is now on completing the WWII honours roll display.

Hereworth School has a long association with the military,

with its main gates being gifted by the family of a veteran.

Boys from the school also annually lay a wreath at Anzac Day services.