Yandina State School

I joined Gloria Bisset and the senior students from Yandina State School on an excursion to the local 2/14 Battalion Memorial. The memorial is located in Tinarra Close, Maroochy River, on the side of Mount Ninderry, where the troops were camped while they underwent special training prior to going to PNG.

The students, who had recently visited the War Memorial in Canberra, listened to an extract from the Battalion history which explained the wonderful bond that grew between the soldiers and the people of the Nambour/Yandina district. We then told them about the tough training that was undertaken and the social life provided by the district, that was a great distraction for the soldiers.

Finally, they were given a brief outline of the Owen Stanley Campaign and the vital role it played in the ultimate defence of Australia. Teachers indicated that the experience was valuable as part of the school's lead up to Remembrance Day and a follow up to their recent visit to the War Memorial in Canberra.

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, two students from Yandina, (and a mum, Maree), joined Gloria and I for a service at the memorial. Alex and Tiana spoke of the reason for Remembrance Day and the need for young people to continue to be thankful for the sacrifice and service that has led to the life they enjoy today. They did a great job.

Trevor Pryor, Gloria Bisset, Alex and Tiana on Remembrance Day.

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