

Permanent reminder

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Students selected an area that already houses the school vegetable garden and has stunning views over the valley and Wellington Harbour.

"The land is the rockiest, hardest part of the school, though, it was very hard work to dig the holes," Mr Pamplone said.

Last Friday the students finished off the planting in readiness for a Dedication Service planned for December 16.

Students were pleased and proud with

the way the memorial had come together, Alaina said.

"We all wanted to do something.

"We just felt really affected by it."

Living memorial: Sian Collins, left, and Julianna del Puerto prepare to plant one of 29 trees, one for each man killed in the Pike River Mine. The Maungaraki School year 7 and 8 pupils were deeply affected by the tragedy and wanted to create a permanent reminder of those who died.

