

REDAN STATE SCHOOL

HONOR BOARD UNVEILED.

The unveiling of the Redan School honor roll took place on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a number of parents and old scholars. The school flag, while draped over the nicely-framed honor roll, was saluted by the boys, after a verse of the National Anthem was sung. The Australian flag was also honored, being waved while the pupils sang "Australia for ever."

Mr. Williamson, head teacher, welcomed the visitors and reported that by the efforts of the pupils and teachers £155 had been sent to the War Relief Fund. The girls, under Misses Alroe, O'Sullivan, and Straight, had made 455 pairs of socks, 4 large quilts, and a number of other articles, and a very fine collection of preserves, vegetables, and eggs had been forwarded to the Caulfield Hospital during March. Children were reminded of the great appreciation of their efforts which soldiers show, and exhorted to keep working. He said that the men in the trenches were out to win or die, and that should stimulate everyone, big and little, at home, to help to the uttermost.

Mr. Jones, Mayor of Sebastopol, addressed the children on the subject of home-coming and love of home and district, which, he said, led to a love of Australia. He thought that the fine work done on Australian soil was due to the training by teachers and parents, and it was wrong to think of our soldiers as lacking in discipline. The children sang "Australia will be there," after which the mayoress unveiled the roll of honor, when Miss Alroe called for three cheers for "Our soldier boys," and "Keep the home fires burning" was feelingly sung, after which Mr. Chatham, M.L.A., addressed the children and visitors. He dealt with the necessity of realising the great work ahead of us in opposing a power so unscrupulous and untiring as Prussian militarism, instancing the new and swift German aeroplanes and the submarine menace. He also pointed out to the children that they could not too early learn to make a choice between two courses, a right and a wrong. He himself was called upon lately to make a choice, and he chose what he believed to be the right way. In that course he was determined to proceed, no matter whether it meant political extinction or high political fame.

Mr J. Ingamells, a former teacher of the school, was warmly welcomed by the children, who listened attentively to his words of encouragement and advice.

After the singing of "God save our splendid men," the head teacher explained that the honor roll, which contained 132 names, had been provided by the present pupils and teachers, the names being printed in by Ernest

Wills, a former scholar, who was now a student at the School of Mines.

A vote of thanks to the mayor and mayoress, Mr. Chatham, and Mr. Ingamells, terminated the proceedings.