



Teacher Dalia Garfinkel with students Milla, Sammy and Kayla. Picture: Stuart Milligan

Inner East

Bialik College in Hawthorn nears end of Holocaust memorial project started in 2007

BIALIK College in Hawthorn is closing in on its goal of collecting 1.5 million buttons for a Holocaust memorial.

The school needs another 400,000 buttons and is calling for the public to help.

The Button Project was started by Grade 4 students in 2007, as a memorial for children murdered during the Holocaust.

The students decided a button-based sculpture would be the perfect symbolism. Over the years successive year levels have continued the collections.

Principal Jeremy Stowe-Lindner said the sculpture, when completed, would contain 22 perspex cylinders of different sizes, representing the countries where children died.

"The students calculated the size of the cylinders by working out a formula to measure volume capacity based on a ratio of buttons to centimetres cubed," Mr Stowe-Lindner said.

"Most people will have old buttons lying around at home and the students hope that people in the community can spend a few moments collecting these and sending them to us."

To help, you can post buttons to The Bialik Button Project, PO Box 422, Hawthorn, VIC, 3122.

Find out more at bialik.vic.edu.au/community/buttonproject