



TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Children growing our future

Newsbrief

February 2010

GOOD BEGINNINGS

2010 has got off to a very good start. Our Trees for Survival Field Officers are impressed by the enthusiasm at schools and the determination to make a success of the programme again this year. In some cases, seedlings have died due to unforeseen circumstances. Please use the contact information below to ask for assistance. Remember that it is the aim of every TfS school to plant at least 800 healthy native plants each year.

NEW STAFF

TfS is very pleased to welcome three new Field Officers: Lydia, Justine and Sarah, and Bill our volunteer Field Worker in the Taranaki. They are looking forward to helping schools and pupils this year.

ASSISTANCE

People to contact for help are:

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JOBS TO DO

Among the important tasks at this time is to check for weeds, and how effectively all the seedlings are being watered. Weeds should be removed with great care, plants arranged so that watering is evenly done and effective (Check depth of water penetration by snapping open a root-trainer), and water-timer batteries checked.

IN AUCKLAND

ARC officers will be doing plant counts and giving sound advice on potting techniques. Arrangements and planning for planting days begin at this time.

DELIVERIES

Schools will receive Thrive fertiliser, and additional potting mix, if required. Please use the appropriate order form which you can download from our website www.tfsnz.org.nz/schools.cfm

SAFETY

We insist that all TfS schools stick to recommended safety procedures during potting and planting. Suppliers and sponsors of our potting mix (YATES) have printed safety guidelines on their bags. Potting should be done in an open area, the mix should be kept damp at all times and, most importantly, hands should be washed thoroughly with soap and water after each session. Also, do not use potting mix that has been stored for too long (6+ months, or less if kept in a hot area) or from broken bags, or allowed to become too dry or dusty. Dampen the mix from time to time while potting.

CURRICULUM

Don't hesitate to discuss incorporating the TfS programme into your classes on the environment, with your Field Officer or me.

TfS NEWSLETTER

The February issue will be in the mail next week – look out for it. Remember that you can arrange to have it emailed!

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

You can email info@tfsnz.org.nz if you have any questions about the implementation of the TfS programme.

Peter Mundell – TfS Programme Manager

I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree. Joyce Kilmer (1888 – 1918)