



TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Children growing our future

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Dear TfS Teacher

ENTHUSIASM

TfS activity has started with liveliness and enthusiasm this year. Thanks go to all schools involved in the vital process of restoring our wetlands and native bush!

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Sue Crawshay (ARC/TfS Coordinator) sue.crawshay@ssn.co.nz 021 92 90 29 is your contact to talk to about your Planting Day date and planting site.

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FOCUS

TfS teachers will now be making sure plants are potted on, weeded, well watered and that fertiliser is applied. Contact your Field Officer if you have any concerns over plant health. This is a good time too (if you have not already done so) to begin your classroom teaching programme. Refer to pages 11-41 in the Resource Kit for ideas. Don't have a Resource kit? Email info@tfsnz.org.nz

GOAL SETTING

Each year we hope that schools will plant no less than 800 plants. Have you set your goal yet? Do you want to use some of your plants on another project? Please talk this over with your TfS Field Officer.

DELIVERY

Schools will receive (have received) Thrive fertiliser. Properly diluted, it is most suitable for summertime application.

Please Note: Many schools do not need the usual 4 bags of potting mix sent at this time. However, if required, up to 4 bags can be delivered. Please use the appropriate order form for materials and equipment you require. You can download it from our website www.tfsnz.org.nz/schools.cfm

SEEDLINGS

Be aware that we are planning to deliver your first batch of 4 punnets (400 seedlings) along with a bulk delivery of 4 bags of potting mix on 20th April. The seedlings should be watered thoroughly on arrival and arrangements made to prick them out as soon as possible.

WHAT PLANT IS THAT?

You can find out about many of the plants you will use in the TfS programme on [www.tfsnz.org.nz/resources.cfm#Native Plants](http://www.tfsnz.org.nz/resources.cfm#Native%20Plants)

YOUR SCHOOL'S SUPPORTING ORGANISATION

At this time, if you haven't done so already, you should make contact with the liaison person at your Supporting Organisation. This group has probably paid for your Plant Growing Unit and also funds the Annual Fee which is your annual registration providing you with the materials, equipment and the support that enables your students to plant natives to restore our environment. Keep your Supporting Organisation informed about your programme and they, in turn, should be able to provide you with personnel support, especially on Planting Day.

NEWSLETTER

Got your TfS Newsletter? Remember you can now receive it by email. Request it on info@tfsnz.org.nz

We also welcome reports and photos of your TfS activities. Let us know when you launch material to your school website – we can provide a link from the TfS website so that other schools can read about what you are doing.

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

The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness. – John Muir