



PLANTING DAY REPORT 2021 FOR
Papakura Normal School,
Winstone Aggregates and Matt Hoyes



Together, we planted 975 native plants, well done!

A lot of growing, caring & organising has taken place by the time the plants go in the ground.
Thank you very much for your effort and commitment to improving our natural environment
while also growing our next generation of environmentalists!

10th August 2021

Planting Site
409 Ararimu Rd, Ararimu



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PLANTING DAY COORDINATOR: MARIAN JONES

After a rain postponement the week before, mostly fine weather greeted us. Landowner Matt and his Dad David who had driven from Tauranga to help out hosted us. Young son Olly loved having all the students there at his place. They helped set up the loo tent, cart gear with bike and trailer, and charge auger batteries. Unfortunately Matt's police colleagues couldn't make it as planned, due to the weather rescheduling.

Papakura Normal School achieved great numbers of plants this year. New teacher Hantie Cronje and reading recovery teacher Maree Burns came along and the students and adults all worked hard and got muddy together, with lolly breaks for an energy boost. Things were well set up with landowner supplying a trailer of compost and buckets, we gave each plant a loving dose of compost to get it off to a good start.

Linda, Lucy, Robyn, Nadine and Joseph from new TfS sponsors Aroha Funerals came along and helped planting. Joseph was gun on the auger, much appreciated.

We walked to the planting site past previous years' plantings. Great to see previous plantings and students can imagine what they are creating. A sloped site, the clay was made slippery and greasy by many feet. The auger chewed through batteries on clay. Matt also had a petrol auger and was working hard to keep up with all the planters.

At the end everyone was tired but very happy with the great progress made. We look forward to all working together in future. A BBQ sausage sizzle was set up at barn. Dogs were on crumb patrol. Matt hosed the clay off everyone's boots. Matt Hoyes and Kimberley Sullivan have a long standing relationship with this school, 6 years on site.

General programme update: Teacher Jo has retired and teacher Hantie has stepped up for now. She is keen to see things are done right. But it may change to another teacher yet. Maree who came to the planting day has green fingers and could be good.

Lead Teacher:	Hantie Cronje
Number of Students:	29
Number of Teachers:	3
Number of Parents & other helpers:	3
Number of Sponsors:	5
Site Profile:	steep
Weather:	fine





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202 x Harakeke planted

(Flax / Phormium Tenax)

Flax grows well in a wide range of habitats and is abundantly found throughout NZ. Its flower stalks can grow up to 4m tall and tui and bellbird are especially fond of the nectar.



371 x Karamu planted

(Coprosma robusta)

Common throughout NZ and easily recognised by its bright orange fruit, Karamu grows up to 6m tall and provides food for birds in winter. It easily self-seeds which makes it a great plant for many restoration projects.



177 x Mahoe planted

(Whiteywood/Melicytus ramiflorus)

Mahoe is a fast growing tree and a great species for restoration projects. It grows up to 10m with violet to dark purple berries in summer which birds are fond of.



220 x Ti Kouka planted

(Cabbage Tree / Cordyline Australis)

Being one of our most iconic natives, Ti Kouka trees were an important food source and weaving plant for early settlers in NZ. It can be found throughout NZ from sea level up to 600m elevation. Tui and kererū enjoy its white and pale blue fruit in the summer.



5 x Pittosporum planted

(Pittosporum species)

There are many different types of native pittosporum but the most common ones are Karo, Kohūhū and Tarata (Lemonwood) which are all evergreen small trees.



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