



PLANTING DAY REPORT 2025  
Point Chevalier School  
with Jo Sorenson and Rob & Christine Calis



Together, we grew and planted 1390 native plants!

Thank you for your commitment to environmental education and the growing and planting of native trees. Together our actions are having a positive impact on environmental restoration.







## PLANTING DAY SUMMARY:

14 Jul 2025 at 253 Muriwai Valley Road, Waimauku

It was a glorious sunny Monday in July, when 25 learners, from two schools (Pasadena Intermediate and Pt Chevalier Primary) came together with their awesome adult helpers and 2 teachers (Dylan and Keren) to plant their amazing native trees, that they had nurtured and grown at school. Working tirelessly on the auger, Rob managed to predrill plenty of holes which the learners quickly filled with plants, there were still plenty of holes to dig and the team put a huge effort into planting 1100 trees on this beautiful site.

This planting will in time create a forever forest that will provide an amazing habitat for our native wildlife. Thank you to Rob and Christine for the great site prep, delicious food and mahi you put into making this a perfect day. Thank you also to the adult helpers, without you days like this wouldn't happen and Keren and Dylan for your help in growing these amazing trees. After lunch the learners got feed the sheep with Christine before heading back to their respective schools.

TfS Facilitator: Deb Ross

Teacher: Keren Rego

11 Students

1 School Staff

4 Parents, Landowners & Others







## 668 x Tī Kōuka

*(Cabbage Tree / Cordyline australis)*

One of our most iconic native plants. Tī Kouka trees prefer open wet areas and swamps, and their large taproot helps stop soil erosion. Flowers are enjoyed by insects and birds. It has the fastest growing root system over 5 years than any other species. It belongs to the lily family.



## 350 x Karamū

*(Coprosma robusta)*

Common throughout NZ and easily recognized by its bright orange ripe fruit. This bushy shrub grows to 6m tall and provides food for birds in winter. It easily self-seeds which makes it a great plant for many restoration projects.



## 372 x Mānuka

*(Leptospermum scoparium)*

Manuka is great for restoration projects as it is common through NZ, hardy and tolerant of a range of habitats from wetlands to dry slopes. It is a good nursery crop, food source for birds and insects and honey produced from its flowers has strong antibacterial qualities.





## What is Trees for Survival Charitable Trust?

Trees for Survival Charitable Trust is a Rotary initiated project now supporting over 250 schools and local communities across Aotearoa New Zealand to grow and plant native trees along waterways and on environmentally at-risk sites.

Through action based learning, our environmental education programme provides the opportunity for school communities to have a positive impact on their local environment.

## Trees for Survival Donation & Membership

From \$7.00 you can support the growing and planting of a native plant in NZ by a school running our programme. For donation and partnership options visit us at

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