

# Annual Report 2009

## New Zealand Programme Results

The Paper4trees programme continues to expand throughout New Zealand with the help of funding from the Sustainable Management Fund, local councils, regional councils and corporate sponsors. There are now 1857 schools and preschools involved in the programme nation wide.

Not only does Paper4trees help minimise waste in your community but also through increased tree planting it also helps to reduce air pollution of vehicle emissions through carbon absorption.

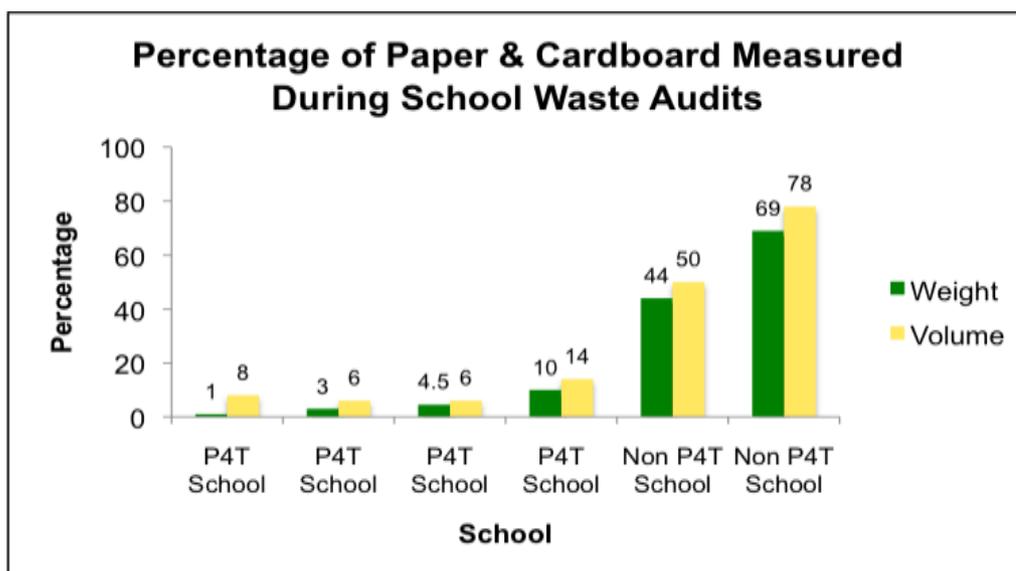
Almost daily we get requests from early childhood centres and Kohanga Reo to join the programme and in your district there are a number that could join. It's a great way to instil positive recycling behaviour at a young age, which is then taken into the home.

## New Zealand wide results for the year 2009.

Statistics collected from December 2010 indicate the 1204 schools throughout New Zealand earned and will plant around 20087 trees throughout 2010. Nationwide this means that those schools have saved the following:

- a. Recycled 60261 wool sacks or 5022 tonnes of paper and cardboard,
- b. Saved 40174 cubic metres of landfill space,
- c. Planted 20087 trees
- d. Reduced the amount of carbon produced in landfills by 12655 tonnes

**This graph shows the difference the programme can make to the amount of paper and cardboard going to landfill annually for schools.**



Four of the schools have been members of the Paper4trees programme for around Eight years, and two of these schools are not members of the Paper4trees programme, however they have joined since seeing how much paper and cardboard they were disposing to landfill. The above graph shows that the Paper4trees schools are recycling almost all of their paper and cardboard, compared to the schools that are not part of the programme.

It must be remembered that the most important aspect of the programme is that these schools ***are recycling their paper and cardboard, which is diverting these materials from landfill.*** Offering the schools trees for recycling is purely an incentive, and it is their choice whether they want to order the trees they are entitled to.

Thank you for considering this proposal. If you would like to discuss other points then please either email – [paper4trees@eerst.co.nz](mailto:paper4trees@eerst.co.nz) - or phone on our 0800 number – 0800 727 4873

I look forward to hearing from you.

Bruce Trask  
Chairman EERST

## Paper4trees photos and comments:

Poster sent to us by Goodwood School



"Our forest is important because it means that man and nature can live together as a team. We look after the plants and they provide us with shade and oxygen" Logan (Year 5)



## *Ruma Kakapo takes on the forest!*

In Ruma Kakapo it is our responsibility to look after our school forest. This means that as a team we:

- Plant the trees donated to us by Paper4Trees Trust
- Prune some of the trees and remove dead branches
- Make sure everyone respects the forest
- Ensure the forest is healthy and thriving

Poster sent to us by Puhue School



THANKYOU WAIPA  
DISTRICT COUNCIL &  
PAPER 4 TREES  
FROM PUAHUE KIDS



Poster sent to us by Parawera School





**Students from Karapiro School, Rukuhia School, Pekerau School and Pirongia School planting the trees they were rewarded through Paper4trees and students from Hautapu School using the green EERST bin and wheelie bin to recycle their paper and cardboard**

**28/05/2010 Totara College - Tararua**

Hi Cayley, Totara College has already gratefully received their trees. As we had decided not to extend our native tree area this year we donated them to a local couple who are establishing a native tree sanctuary right on the edge of the borough boundary. They were so appreciative of the gift of 15 thriving trees and grasses. As we continue to recycle as much as we can, our caretaker Kelly Sergeant is to be applauded in doing a such a great job for our school.

Thanks again for the initiative in bringing so many schools on board and helping in the reuse of so much that previously may have just gone to the dump.

Kind regards  
Cath Cameron  
Office Admin & Paper4trees Co-ordinator

**18/06/2010 St Patricks (Inglewood) – New Plymouth**

Good afternoon

Every day the students collect all the green recycling bins from around the school and empty them into our big blue recycling bin for collection every week. The students are all very keen and interested in the process of recycling our school rubbish. They all look forward to receiving the box of trees and shrubs as a reward for their recycling. The trees and shrubs that the school receives are greatly appreciated because they are enhancing the school grounds and its great watching them grow.

Kind regards,  
Teachers and Students  
St Patrick's School

**23/06/2010 St Francis Aroha Centre – Rotorua**

Attached are some photos of the children at St Francis Whanau Aroha Centre planting the trees they were awarded for their recycling efforts.

Recycling, gardening, worm farming and caring for a chicken is very much part of the daily program.

This year St Francis was winner of the community garden category in the Great NZ Tui Garden Growoff competition.

A great effort by teachers, children and parents to encourage awareness of health and wellbeing in their day to day living.

Thank you for the trees . We look forward to receiving them each year .

Regards  
Sandra Anderson  
St Francis Whanau Aroha Early Childhood Centre

**20/07/2010 Bishop Edward Gains School – Sth Waikato**

Hi Cayley,

I am just forwarding you some photos of the children planting their trees. The tree planting became a great lesson for the children on the importance of caring for their trees and the environment . They really enjoyed their job and understand the importance of recycling and the effects rubbish can have on their environment and why they need to be recycle.

Thank you for this opportunity and experience this has given our children at bishop Edward Gains.

Your Faithfully  
Leiset Howard

### **21/07/2010 Tokoroa North School – Sth Waikato**

Hi Cayley,

We did our planting yesterday – 150 trees with 24 children – wow! We worked hard in the hour we had! We worked with the Parks and Reserves person at the South Waikato District Council to plant on Cullens Reserve – an area in walking distance from school near a river. The children really enjoyed it and talked about wanting to plant more trees with their families – hopefully we are encouraging future gardeners and environmentalists!!

Have a good day,

Judith McLean

### **26/07/2010 Welcome Bay Kindergarten – Tauranga**

Hi Cayley,

We at Welcome Bay Kindergarten very much appreciate the plants from 'Paper 4 Trees'. We got busy planting last week. This was a great opportunity for children to be part of the gardening process and the maintaining off our gardens and as we talked about where we should plant the new plants we discovered some weeds to pull out. The children enjoyed the physical work and got stuck into the whole experience.

"Thank you for the plants," says Luke.

"I liked using the spade," says Daniel.

"Thanks for giving the plants," says Alex.

Thank you for the beautiful native plants from everyone at Welcome Bay Kindergarten.

We have included some photos.

From Alicia Taylor.

### **29/07/2010 Putaruru College – South Waikato**

Paper For Trees

In 2009 students in the year 10 Social Sciences option explored world views on the environment and investigated what Sustainability means to us in Putaruru. A big venture that the students were involved in was the development of sustainability projects within school. One project was the setting up of paper recycling. Students contacted Paper 4 trees who support the recycling by giving the school one native tree for every 3 wool sacks of paper recycled. Students in 2010 have continued with the recycling and now out of habit students recycle their waste paper and card. In late July the first trees arrived and the now year 11 students; Lavinia, Lydia, Abby, Kate, Tyler, Hayden, Chelsea and Zane set about, with the assistance of Mr Birks, planting them. The trees that have been planted are karaka, kahikatea, miro, manuka and carex grasses. They were planted down by the river and the idea is to develop an area of native bush. So not only are the students being more environmentally friendly but they are also creating a nicer environment in school. We hope that we continue to recycle and the students' legacy continues.

Katy Wilson

Putaruru College