



PLANTING DAY REPORT 2026
St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College
with Richard & Judy Smith



Together, we grew and planted 805 native plants!

Thank you for your commitment to environmental education in action!
Together, by growing and planting native trees we are actively involved in protecting
and restoring a more resilient environment.





PLANTING DAY SUMMARY:

22 Jun 2026 at 129 Seagrove Road, Waiau Pa

We had a beautiful winters day for St Ignatius first planting with new Landowners to the programme, Richard and Judy Smith. Richard had done a fantastic job of preparing the site for planting in a really short time. This special site faces the Manukau harbour and drains down toward the wetlands where migratory birds congregate.

The planting will help to stabilize the bank, filter runoff and provide food and habitat for birds. The students and helpers arrived keen to get stuck into planting, we were grateful to have help from teachers, parents and the 4 seminaries who kindly joined us.

A special mention goes to Corey, Richard and Judys son who did a fantastic job of quality control, entertainment and providing fertilizer tabs to the planters. The bank quickly transformed and after a lovely lunch we headed back down to put sleeves on the young plants.

We are really grateful to the Smiths for their generosity retiring the land for the purpose of revegetation and to the team from St Ignatius School, it was a joy working together and I look forward to working with you all in the future.

TfS Facilitator: Kirsten Orec

Teacher: Rimita Singh

20 Students

2 School Staff

7 Parents, Landowners, Others







397 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.



20 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.



180 x Tī Kōuka

(Cabbage Tree / Cordyline australis)

One of our most iconic native plants. Ti 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.



150 x Hebe

(Koromiko/ Veronica species)

There are many different native hebe varieties, they often have abundant flowers which attract many native insect species who are fond of its nectar and pollen.



58 x Harakeke

(Flax / Phormium tenax)

Found throughout NZ, flax grows well in a wide range of habitats but favours wetlands and open riversides. Its flower stalks can grow up to 4m tall and tui and bellbird are especially fond of the nectar.

206 x plants supplied by the Landowner:

The following plants were supplied by the landowner in addition to those grown, nurtured and planted by the Trees for Survival school group.

200 x *Carex secta*, 6 x Puriri



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 protecting and restoring their local environment.

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