



Fruit Trees in Schools

a Sustainable Whanganui Trust project



Since 2008 Sustainable Whanganui volunteers have helped over **62** schools, kura and early childhood centres within the Whanganui district to plant and care for fruit and nut trees within their grounds.

Our volunteers help to select, purchase, plant and care for the fruit and nut trees; involving the children, their teachers, caretakers and parents in the process. Follow-up visits are made to ensure the trees are doing well and to provide advice on pruning and establishing an herbal ley (groundcover) so the trees can be grown organically.



"Children get excited about growing a 'food forest' and are more likely to care for the trees if they have helped plant and grow them."

If your school is interested – email sustainablewhanganui@gmail.com
or phone us at the WhEB on 06 345 6000

here's how SW can help

- provide a simple lesson plan to involve the children in the process
- provide trees and vines
- provide compost and mulch
- give advice (or find someone who can!)



"Trees are chosen for the sweetness and popularity of their fruits, fruiting times across the school year, as well as ease of care."





- help do the planting
- provide seed for planting an herbal ley (companion planting)

- help with pruning
- make visits to see how the trees are going



more practical information can be found on the Resources page



Sustainable Whanganui Trust says “Thank you!”
to its Fruit Trees in Schools sponsors and volunteers



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