

Planting our Apple Tree Āporo Rākau in the Community Orchard Sheppards Bush Reserve



Kia ora tamariki mā, goodness we were very lucky to have a fine day on our latest forest Friday adventures. This enabled us to finally manage to plant our very own āporo rākau within the community orchard. This was also quite timely as it coincided with Conservation week. We are already looking forward to the time when we can pick our own apples to eat when we are out on one of our summer forest adventures.

Working together we cut the grass turf then dug a hole ready for planting. This required taking turns as this was hard work. And as the saying goes many hands make light work. We discovered many noke earthworms in the soil which is a great sign of fertile soil. What a feeling of accomplishment it was to place our rākau into the ground.

As well as planting we picked up litter on our pathway through the Bush, it is sad to see just how much litter there was. Together we are learning to be kaitiake of the community orchard Sheppards Bush Reserve. Well done tamariki mā.





At last our āporo rākau standing tall supported by our tamariki mā.
Ko te whenua te waiu mo nga uri whakatipu.
(The land will provide sustenance for future generations)



Liz carrying our bag of rubbish that we collected from the Bush Reserve.

Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua

As people disappear from sight, the land remains.

This whakatauki speaks to the importance and permanence of land. While people come and go, the land remains. As humans we rely on the land. We must think long-term and see the big picture to ensure the sustainability of the land.

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