

Collecting for environment works

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When it comes to recycling, New Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Christian School is a leader.

The school is part of the Paper4trees programme that gives native trees, shrubs or grasses per 240-litre recycle bin full of paper or cardboard.

Each school is given enough recycling bins for each classroom and office area.

"It's fantastic," says principal Teresa Pollock.

"It's good to see the kids taking the initiative and figuring out what goes where; what's recyclable, what's not.

"Then we get a reward at the end."

In 2010 the school earned 40 shrubs. These will be planted to form a hedge along one of the school's borderlines.

The school, with 27 pupils, earned one of the largest portion

of trees from the programme in Taranaki.

"Some of that would be because we've done a lot of cleaning out of stuff. We've gone through our resources," she says.

The programme in Taranaki is sponsored by Shell Todd Oil Services. It pays for classroom recycling bins, posters, maintenance of the programme and the trees.

There are 94 schools involved in the programme around Taranaki that received 1171 trees for collections in 2010.

Since Paper4trees schools began in Taranaki in 2008, 2833 trees have been given.

Since 2008, 708 tonnes of paper has not gone to the landfill. That adds up to 5666 cubic metres of space saved and 1784 tonnes of carbon dioxide not produced.

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A fair trade: New Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Christian School pupils, from left, Isaac DeFelice, 7, and Jada Cottam, 10, with one of the trees they earned from recycling paper. Photo: YVETTE B.