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Thank you so much for offering to help us on Arbor Day. Your help is very much appreciated.

We will all gather at school on **Friday 31 May**, **just before 9am in the hall.** At school we will talk about the morning's plans. I will also introduce you to the small group of children you will be supervising. We will arrive back to school by 12.30pm.

Attached is a volunteer disclosure form. Could you please fill this in and send it back to school as soon as possible.

At this stage all parents can travel on the bus with us to the event. However you are welcome to travel by car if you would prefer.

If you would like to bring your car, could you indicate that on the Volunteer disclosure form.

On the day can I suggest that you please bring;

- Spade (this is important for your group as you will use it to dig holes for the plants. We will have a couple of spades available at school if you do not have one)
- Sturdy footwear for digging (e.g. gumboots or closed in old shoes)
- Raincoat or warm jersey
- Large bottle of water (there is no running water on site) and something to eat.
- If you have a tarp for your group to sit on during breaks that would be awesome. (We have some tarps at school too we can take)

Programme for the Day =

9am Meet in the hall.

9.15am Children catch a bus to Waiwhakareke. Parents travel by car/bus.

10am Arrive at the zoo entrance where we will be directed to a parking area.

10.05am Walk to site.

10.15am The mayor of Hamilton, Paula Southgate, will give a short talk and plant the first tree.

10.20am-12pm Planting begins!

12.15pm = Pack up then return to school.

Cancellation =

If the day is rainy and we need to cancel, that decision will be made on Friday morning by 8am.

You can check...

- A notice board that will be placed outside the office.
- 'SchoolappsNZ' where an alert will be placed (you can download this free app on Google Play or App Store and search for Knighton School).
- Ring 856 5393 where we will leave a message (which is our school absence and cancellation line).

Warm regards

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