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Jimmy

Hiya kids... welcome back!

I can't believe it's term 4 already! I hope you all enjoyed your holiday! I spent heaps of time outside on my bike with my friends. I noticed how all the trees have gone bright green with all their spring leaves. It got me thinking about how important trees are! So I'm going to teach you all about how we need to take care of our trees, and how we need to plant more! How about you have a go at planting a tree? Send us a photo and **you could win \$50 for your savings!** **Stay cool super savers!**

Let's talk about... trees!

Amazing Tree Facts!

A family of four can get all the oxygen they need for **a whole year** from just one full grown tree.

Some trees can grow to around **100 metres** in height!

Trees can live for **thousands** of years.

In a year, **ONE** average tree can remove 1 tonne of carbon dioxide from the air.

Trees help **cool** the earth down by cooling the ground and air around them.

TREES ARE NOT JUST COOL TO CLIMB - THEY ARE ESSENTIAL FOR OUR PLANET! TREES PRODUCE OXYGEN AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE ATMOSPHERE...SO POLLUTION FROM CARS AND FACTORIES CAN BE KIND OF CANCELLED OUT BY TREES - COOL HUH!

WHY ARE TREES SO IMPORTANT?

As well as producing oxygen, trees are an important habitat for birds, insects and animals. Trees provide shelter and shade. Forested areas slow the flow of rain water, allowing it to soak into the soil. When trees are removed, water is unable to soak into the soil and, instead, runs off the surface at a faster rate. This can push pollutants into our streams, rivers and lakes.

...and that's bad news for me!

WHERE HAVE ALL THE TREES GONE?

Before humans, almost all of New Zealand was covered in forest. Humans began clearing forests for farmland and to use the wood for building. Only 25% of New Zealand is now covered in native forest. This deforestation has happened all over the world and pretty soon all the forests will be gone unless we make changes.

WHAT'S THIS ONE BILLION TREES GOAL?

The New Zealand Government has set a goal to plant **one billion** trees over the next 10 years. They are encouraging planting of both permanent trees and forests that can be harvested in the future. All of us kiwis should get involved to try and achieve this target.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Planting a tree at home is a great way to start! You can watch it grow every day and breathe in all that wonderful oxygen! There are lots of school and environmental groups that are involved in planting trees in our communities. Ask your parent or guardian if you can volunteer to help!

1 down, 999,999,999 to go!

That's one billion!

do your bit! plant a tree!

1 billion is a HUGE number...

Wouldn't it be great if every New Zealander did their bit to help? Can you plant one tree to help with the 1 billion trees target? Send us a photo of you planting a tree and two lucky kids will win \$50 for their savings!



Here's some great pics of our First Credit Union staff doing their bit - planting trees in our community!



WIN \$50

Email us your photo to marketing@firstcu.co.nz before **Friday 14 DECEMBER** 2018! You can also print your photo and send it in with your school banking passbook, bring it in to a First Credit Union branch, or post it to PO Box 585, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton. **Don't forget to include your name, address, age, school and phone number with your entry!**

congratulations!



Congratulations to the winners of our Hidden Pets Wordfind competition – **Max Balmer** from Maungatapu Primary School, and **Talia Good** from Whakatane Intermediate School.

Congratulations! You've both won \$50 for your savings!

final funny...

Q: What did the little tree say to the big tree?

A: Leaf me alone!



If you're not a First Credit Union member, ask your parents if you can open a Kids' Account today! Just pick up a School Banking pack from your school office, or visit one of our branches.

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Hey mum! Hey Dad!

Make next Christmas stress free and easier on your account!

Our Christmas Club savings account will help you get ready for the silly season! Save as little as \$5 a week and you will have \$240* to spend over the festive season. You'll earn a great interest rate on your savings. Funds become available in November, so you can't dip into it during the year!

*Savings calculated from the first week of January to the last week of November.

Keep your eyes open for the chance for your school to **WIN** with First Credit Union and Office Products Depot

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