Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is Sara Stuart-Currier and I am an Environmental Studies Masters student from Victoria University of Wellington. As part of my Master’s degree I am undertaking a research project examining children’s connection to nature. I will be trying to identify ways in which environmental education programmes can foster stronger connections to nature in children.

Results from the Sustainable Coastlines’ class survey as well as one or two interviews (conducted by me) during the tree planting event will be the foundation of this study. Any information that the student’s provide will be kept confidential. **Student’s names will never be obtained and therefore no results of the study can be attributed to the student in any way that will identify them.**

In accordance with Victoria University Human Ethics Committee I request confirmation from you, the Principal or acting Director, that the school is willing to participate in this study.

More information about this study is included in Sustainable Coastlines’ packet of class surveys as well as on Sustainable Coastlines’ website at the URL below:

www.sustainablecoastlines.org/education/research/

With kind regards, Sara Stuart-Currier

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**PLEASE SIGN HERE**

As Principal of this school I consent for Miss Sara Stuart-Currier to conduct her research with the willing participants of the students of this school.

School Name_________________________________________ Date _______________________

Principle Name_________________________________________

Principle Signature_________________________________________