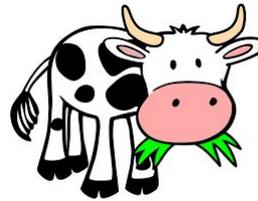




Hunua School
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INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURAL DAY

Like many rural schools in New Zealand, Hunua School holds an annual Agricultural Day. The day is rather like a mini A&P Show and indeed is often the starting place for children who show animals at A&P Shows. The day is usually the first Saturday in Term Four and children are expected to attend as it is a compulsory school day with a day taken in lieu at a later date.

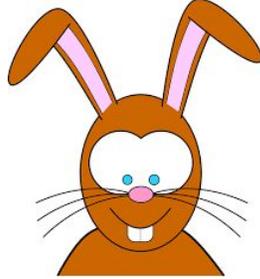
All children take part in some form or another, either by rearing a calf, lamb, kid, or chicken which they will show, or by showing a small animal (guinea pig, rabbit, rat/mouse, cage bird) which they keep as a pet, or by completing a rural assignment.

Stated aims of the day include: “Fostering a love of animals, to develop sound rearing practices, encourage the proper care of animals and encourage an understanding of the rural activities in the area.”



There will be talks at school by invited speakers on the rearing of animals and rearing notes are available from the school for all animals. A number of rules cover the types of animals which may be shown and dates of birth/ownership. They are outlined here and are available in more detail with rearing or small animal notes.

- Calves are either beef or dairy (no bulls) and must be born between 1 June - 31 August
- Lambs, kids and chickens must be born between 1 June - 31 August
- Small animals must be in the child's care by 31 August
- All animals must be reared and cared for by the child who will show them
- Calves, lambs and kids must be in the child's care within 14 days of the animal's birth and must be hand reared, not suckled
- Children may participate in one section only i.e. calf or lamb or kid or chicken or small animal or rural assignment

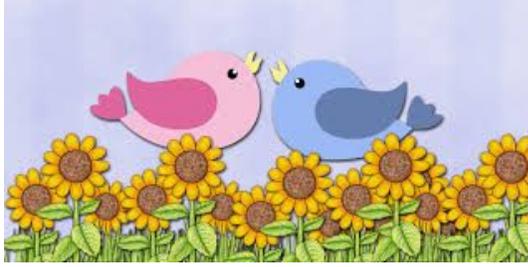


Day old chicks can be ordered through the school and order forms and rearing notes can be obtained from the office.

The details of the Rural Assignment are sent home with those children entering this section.

Winners in various categories receive ribbons and cups and all other participants a rosette. "Participation Pins" are badges awarded to children who have shown animals for 3, 5, and 8 years and are presented at the School's Annual Prizegiving

Pre-school children may show an animal in the "Pet Parade" held at the beginning of the day. All pre-schoolers receive a rosette, no other awards are made but the 'judges' will talk to the children about their pet.



The children's art and crafts are also displayed. These 'indoor exhibits' are completed at school during the weeks leading up to Ag Day. The indoor exhibits are also judged and awards are given.

In addition to the children's activities outlined above, Ag Day is a major fundraising opportunity for the school and there are stalls, raffles, and food for sale.

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