



## HUNUA SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL DAY

### AIMS, ORGANISATION AND RULES

#### 1. AIMS

- 1.1 To foster a love of animals.
- 1.2 To develop sound rearing practices.
- 1.3 To encourage the proper care of animals.
- 1.4 To encourage an understanding of the rural activities in the area.

#### 2. ORGANISATION

- 2.1 Agricultural Day is run by a committee, which is elected at the AGM (Annual General Meeting).
- 2.2 Agricultural Day is held every year, usually on a Saturday, the date being set at the AGM, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, the Principal and staff.
- 2.3 A saving day, if necessary, will be the following Monday, or as decided by the committee in consultation with the Board of Trustees, the Principal and staff.
- 2.4 The AGM will usually be held in Term 2.

### 3. COMMITTEE

3.1 The Agricultural Day Committee shall be made up of parents/cargivers of the pupils of Hunua School, a staff representative, a Board of Trustees representative, and a PTA representative.

3.2 Office holders elected at the AGM are Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

3.3 The Executive Committee will be the School Principal, the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Agricultural Day committee.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Enrolled pupils of Hunua School are eligible to take part in Agricultural Day.

4.2 Children living in the school's area, who because of circumstances, do not attend the school, may take part at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

4.3 Pre-school children living in the school's area and first year pupils of the school may take part in the Pet Parade.

### 5. ANIMALS

5.1 Animals shown at Agricultural Day can be: Calves (dairy or beef type), Lambs, Kid Goats, Chickens and Small Animals (viz. Rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, cage birds and other poultry.) These are the only animals eligible.

## 5.2 Birth Dates:

Calves, Lambs, Kids and Chickens must be born between 1 June and 31 August of the current year.

Small animals and other poultry need to be in the child's care by the 31 August of the current year.

5.3 An entered animal may not be substituted without the consent of the Executive Committee.

5.4 For Calves, Lambs, Kids and day old Chicks, the child must be caring for the animal within 14 days of its birth.

5.5 The primary caregiver and handler for all animals must be the child who will show it.

5.5.1 In the case of child illness or disability where the child is unable to be the primary caregiver and handler (5.5) entry will be at the discretion of the Ag Day Committee in consultation with teachers and the child's parents/caregivers. Wherever possible children with illness or disability should be given the opportunity and support needed, to enter an animal, if they wish to.

5.6 All animals must be correctly fed and cared for according to recognised practices. (Guidelines will be available from the school office.)

5.7 Calves, Lambs and Kids may not be suckled (except in the first few days after birth when colostrum is available).

5.8 Calves may not be clipped, plucked or oiled. They may be washed, shampooed and groomed.

5.9 Bull calves may not be shown.

5.10 Lambs may not be shampooed or groomed. Cold water can be used to wash feed and soiled areas.

5.11 Kids may be shampooed and groomed.

5.12 Pet Parade. Animals that may be shown in the Pet Parade are the same as stated in rule 5.1. Pre-school and first year infants may parade an older siblings animal or bring a suitable pet from home.

## 6 RURAL ASSIGNMENTS

6.1 An alternative to showing an animal at Agricultural Day will be to complete a Rural Assignment.

6.2 The Rural Assignment topic will be chosen each year by the staff.

## 7. CLASSES

7.1 Every pupil will engtre one of the following categories. Either: Calf, Lamb, Chicken, Kid, Small Animal, or Rural Assignment. Children may enter only one category.

7.2 Entries will be made on the appropriate form, through school, before the date set by the committee. This date will normally be after the 31 August and before the end of Term 3.

7.3 Age groups as at 1 October will be:

Senior	11, 12, &13 yrs
Intermediate	8, 9 & 10 yrs
Junior	5, 6, & 7 yrs

7.4 Calf Classes are: Senior, Intermediate and Junior

Leading

Rearing and Bloom

Type (Dairy or Beef)

7.5 Lamb & Kid Classes are: Senior, Intermediate and Junior

Leading

Rearing

Most Obvious Pet (Calling)

7.6 Chicken Classes are: Senior, Intermediate and Junior

Pullet or Pair of Pullets.

Presentation: cage set up, food, water, bedding.

Knowledge: including feeding & care

Animal: health, grooming, obvious pet

7.7 Small Animal Classes are: Senior, Intermediate and Junior

Presentation: cage set up, food, water, bedding

Knowledge: including feeding & care

Animal: health, grooming, obvious pet

7.8 Rural Assignment Classes are: Senior, Intermediate and Junior

7.9 Pet Parade: One class: open to pre-schoolers and Year One students only.

7.10 Where there are insufficient entries for a class, the committee may decide to combine classes. Wherever possible, for calves, classes will be combined across age groups, rather than types (e.g. Junior beef and dairy will be combined for leading and rearing and bloom rather than Junior dairy and Intermediate or Senior dairy.)

7.11 The committee may decide to hold a “Group of Three” classes, for claves, lambs and kids.

## 8 JUDGING AND POINTS

### 8.1 Points for calf trophies

Leading	30
Rearing	70
TOTAL	100

Diary and Beef type points will not be used for champion trophies.

### 8.2 Points for lamb and kid trophies

Leading	30
Rearing	30
Obvious Pet	40
TOTAL	100

### 8.3 Points for Chicken and Small Animal trophies

Cage and Presentation	30
Child Knowledge	30
Animal Health & Handling	30
TOTAL	90

### 8.4 Points for Rural Assignments

Determined annually by the staff.

8.5 Pet Parade. The Pet Parade is not formally judged.

## 9 AWARDS

9.1 Pet Parade. All entrants will received a rosette.

9.2 Ribbons or rosettes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in each class. (Ribbons are normally used for calves, lambs and kids and rosettes for chickens, small animals and rural assignments).

9.3 At the end of judging, any entrant who has not received a ribbon or a rosette (1st, 2nd, or 3rd place) will be give “Great Effort” ribbon or rosette for participating.

9.4 Cups, trophies and championship ribbons will be awarded based on points at the prizegiving.

9.5 The prizegiving is normally held at the conclusion of the days events.

9.6 A list of all cups and trophies will be kept by the school.

9.7 All cups and trophies must be returned to the school when the winner leaves the school or by the 1st of September.

9.8 Agricultural Day “Participation Badges” are awarded at the school prizegiving at the end of the year. Badges are given at 3, 5, and 8 yr intervals to children who have shown animals. Credit will be given for participation at previous school(s). Rural assignments do not count towards Participation Badges. (eg: When a child has shen an animal at three Agricultural Days they will receive a 3 yr Participation Badge. Years do not have to be consecutive.)

9.9 Records of participation will be collated by the Ag Day Committee/Secretary and kept by the school.

## 10. OTHER ACTIVITIES

10.1 It is expected that any other activities for fundraising or entertainment on the day will be decided on with full consultation between the Agricultural Day Committee, the PTA (Parent Teachers Association) and the school staff. The PTA will normally be responsible for fundraising activities.