

Hunua School Ag Day 2020



“Fostering a love of animals, developing sound rearing practices, encouraging the proper care of animals ...”

Hunua School proudly celebrates New Zealand’s long history in rural education and
Ag Day is the best!!!

What is Ag Day?

Agricultural Day is like a mini A&P Show. In fact, some of our students go on to show their animals at a local AMP Show, or the ECCS and Franklin Group Days.

The fun begins at **8:30 am** for registrations, **9:00 am** for the pet parade & **9:30 am** for judging on **Saturday 17 October**. The first Saturday in Term 4.

Students participate in one of the following:

- **Farm Animals:** rearing and showing a calf, lamb, kid, chicken.

or

- **Small Animals:** showing a small **pet** animal e.g. guinea pig, rabbit, mouse, caged bird. Sorry no cats, pigs or dogs - farm animals and dogs don't mix.

or

- **Plants:** Completing either a rural assignment, radish, or scarecrow project. The school sets these projects for the student to complete one over a period of time.

or

- **Agricultural Citizenship:** This is an opportunity for students to volunteer working on either a farm, in the Hunua Ranges, or at a member of the community's property and write a report on this. The school sets the criteria for the student to complete this over a period of time.

Preparation

- Students attend **talks** at school about rearing animals or about the other projects.
- **Rearing notes** for all animals are available from the school and on the school website.
- The details of the other projects are sent home with those children entering one of these sections.



Rules

Students participate in **one section only** - calf **or** lamb **or** kid **or** chicken **or** small animal **or** rural assignment **or** radishes **or** scarecrow **or** agricultural citizenship.

Important **Farm animal** rules:

- **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.
- **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.
- Day old **chicks** are ordered through the school - order forms and rearing notes are available at the office.
- All animals must be reared and cared for by the child who will show them.

Important **Small animal** rules:

- Small animals must be in the child's care by 31 August.
- All animals must be fed and cared for by the child who will show them.

Participation badges

At our end of year Prize Giving, badges are presented to students who have shown animals for **3, 5, 8, 9 years**.

Preschool children

We invite pre-school children to 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.



Indoor exhibits

All students compete in the 'indoor exhibits'. These are completed by the children at school. They are a real tribute to the past.

Judges give awards to students in all classes for:

- Art e.g. paintings, sketches, etc.
- Crafts e.g. clay work, sculptures, etc.
- Floral art e.g. sand saucers, vaseline saucers, aqua jars, etc.

We can promise that you will have a whole lot of fun!!!

