



**AG DAY 2020**

**Sunday 18 October**

Dear children, families & whānau,

So far 2020 has been a year full of challenges. Due to Covid-19 we have had to make many changes along the way. It has certainly tested everyone's flexibility and resilience.

The Ag Day committee has been meeting regularly since term 1, looking for ways to enable our Ag Day to happen. We have decided to go ahead under Alert Level 2 (gatherings of 100), or Alert Level 1. The Ag Day Committee feels it is particularly important that we acknowledge the time and effort children have put into raising animals, growing gardens, etc. We know you agree.

This year, things will be very different. We will not have the fundraising side of Ag Day. The PTA understands the pressure that a number of our families and regular sponsors are under as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown.

### **So, what will Hunua School Ag Day look like in 2020?**

#### **The Key differences for 2020:**

- ★ **Small animals** - will not be judged this year. Please do not bring these pets to school. Bring your small animal diary on Friday instead.  
We expect to be able to have small animals back in 2021.
- ★ **Indoor exhibits** - the classrooms will not be open for indoor exhibits or art work this year.
- ★ **Numbers for Sunday 18 October** - please be aware of the restrictions below.
- ★ **The change to Sunday** - this is the result of the General Election.

#### **Friday 16 October:**

Students bring to school their radishes and diary, scarecrow and diary, rural assignment companion gardens and diary, agriculture citizenship assignments, chicken diaries and small animal diaries to school for judging (depending on which they had chosen to do).

#### **Sunday 18 October: Judging for calves, lambs, kids (goats) & chickens only**

##### **If we are in Alert Level 2 or 2.5 (provide gatherings of 100 people are allowed) we will:**

- ★ Strictly follow all protocols and hygiene routines as set out in the Hunua School Pandemic Plan and NZ Government Guidelines.
- ★ Please bring your own hand sanitiser for the day
- ★ To enter the school you will need to sign the tracing register or use the QR code at one of the two entries
- ★ As we will only be able to have 2 groups of 100 people in each on the field, children will only be able to have one adult with them. Toddlers and siblings are unable to attend the judging.
- ★ Judging will take place over two sessions.
- ★ Once you are in one judging group of 100 people, you are not able to cross to the other group on the field.
- ★ At the end of each judging session everyone must leave and take their animals. The Ag Day committee, judges and school staff will remain to prepare for the next session.
- ★ In between sessions the bathrooms and surfaces will be cleaned.
- ★ The judging will take place in the morning and should be completed by mid-day.
- ★ Cups will be issued to the winners at school, once they have been engraved.

**At Alert Level 1**

- ★ We will still run the Level 2 / 2.5 programme but immediate and extended families will be welcome.

**At Alert Level 3**

- ★ Hunua School Ag Day would be cancelled.

The PTA are looking into the availability of coffee and light snacks for Sunday 18 October.

Please register for Ag Day on the form provided. Entries are to be in the school office by Thursday 17th September.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any queries or need clarification, please contact Merlyn Thompson (Ag Day Committee) [mthompson@hunua.school.nz](mailto:mthompson@hunua.school.nz) or myself [kburden@hunua.school.nz](mailto:kburden@hunua.school.nz)

Kind regards,

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