

AGRICULTURAL DAY – THURSDAY THE 18TH OF OCTOBER 2018

Please encourage your child to rear a lamb or goat for Agricultural Day. This year we will not be having calves at school. The decision not to have calf entries is to support farmers who are managing the challenges presented by mycoplasma bovis. This is also in line with current advice from industry bodies including DairyNZ and Beef&Lamb. For those children still wishing to rear a calf, there is a fun online solution that doesn't require them to bring their calf to school.

They can register their calf at www.calfclubnz.co.nz and receive information and instructions about submitting photos and reports-there are even ribbons to be won. In addition to this we plan to have a calf poster board on the day where students can write a story and share a photo of their calf with the school.

All students have been learning about animal welfare at school and they learn a lot from this great Ag Day experience. The more animals, the better the competition. Cats, dogs and other pets are very welcome at Ag Day too – it really is the day the animals come to school!

The day begins with registration of the animals followed by individual photos of the children and their pets, then judging commences.

Various other competitions take place throughout the day and all the children are encouraged to take part i.e. aqua jar, garden in a novelty container (done at home and entered on the day), make a vegetable animal or sand saucer (done at school), black and white photography competition with a Kiwiana theme, a pencil sketch competition, and make a scarecrow. These last three can also be holiday projects. At lunchtime on the day the children get the opportunity to dress-up their pet for a competition. The major fundraiser on the day is the CAKE AUCTION. We ask each family to enter a homemade cake/slice/muffins to be auctioned. Some families go all out and create masterpieces, however, we still need every day cakes too as the auction bids range from \$5 to over \$100.

There is plenty of food to purchase throughout the day. To help with organisation we need to know the type of animal your child is bringing along and whether you are able to help on the day. Please complete the slip below and return it to school by Friday the 10th August. Thank you

For those of you new to the school please don't hesitate to ask Sarah-Jane in the office about anything to do with Ag Day.



FAMILY NAME:

Child's Name and Type of Animal:

Yes I can make a batch of muffins/slice to sell in the tea/coffee area. (Please tick)

Yes I will be baking a cake/slice/muffins for the auction.

Please write your name below if you are able to help on the day. Thanks.

Name: