



Wainui School

AG DAY 2019

Friday 25th October

Information Booklet

This year, Wainui School will celebrate its annual tradition of Ag Day on Friday 25th October. This day has always attracted our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and past pupils to this important community event. It is the biggest day for our families!

Since the early 1950s, Ag Day, or more commonly known then as Calf Club Day, has been held annually at Wainui School. This day has various activities, both indoor and outdoor. Children raise a pet lamb or kid goat to present in various categories, but due to *Mycoplasma bovis*, the children will not be showing calves again this year. Ribbons are distributed at the conclusion of judging, for each category.

Few schools still have the opportunity to enjoy this rural tradition so we would love you to get behind it and join in the fun. **It is part of the school curriculum and an official school day** – probably the most fun day of the whole year for the kids!
Roll call assembly will be at 9.00am on the turf.

After all, a school day where you get to hang out with friends, get up close and personal with some of our animals, eat, play and talk mum and dad into buying all kinds of cool stuff... what can be better than that!

NO DOGS PLEASE.

ANIMALS: REARING & SHOWING

Registration: 8.00 - 8.45am

All animals need to be registered upon arrival. Students will be issued with their entry number. At 9.00am these students will be part of the roll call.

The Judges:

Experienced farmers, stock agents and A&P show judges are used to judge animals. The judge will look at the animal and give points for its condition and general appearance. Decisions that they make are non-negotiable. Please respect their final decision.

Children and animals who receive 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th ribbons are eligible to represent Wainui School at the South Kaipara Schools Group Day which is held at Helensville Showgrounds, usually on the first Friday of November.

Group Day this year: Friday 1st November 2019.

Parking

Little Bush Road will be assigned to vehicles with their animals. There will be parking wardens directing all other vehicles on the day.

Judging Rings

Children will report to the appropriate ring and follow instructions from the steward / judge. All parents are respectfully asked to watch from behind the roped off area.

(The number of rings depends on number of entries in each category)

Ring 1: Junior Goats (Y1-4)

Ring 2: Senior Goats (Y5-8)

Ring 3: Junior Lambs (Y1, 2)

Ring 4: Intermediate Lambs (Y3-5)

Ring 5: Senior Lambs (Y6-8)

The Grand Parade will take place immediately after the conclusion of judging .

LAMB



The emphasis on Ag Day is on the child's effort and care of their animal. Lambs are to be hand reared, one animal per child. All lambs must be born between 1st July and 15th September.

Judging criteria based on:

1. **Leading and handling:** Animals are to be secured by a collar and lead which is easily detachable. The judge will require the child and lamb to stop and restart during leading. The lamb will walk alongside the child on the right hand side of the child.
2. **Calling (Most obvious pet):** The lamb is held by the steward, while the student stands approximately 6 - 10 metres away. The lamb will be let loose with the student calling it to them, the student will then re-attach the lead. Points are given for the promptness with which the lamb comes and how quietly it stands while being reattached.
3. **High Jump:** The animal will be required to walk up an incline (plank) and jump off at the end with the student walking alongside the plank.
4. **Rearing and Grooming:** The judge will look at the animal and give it points for its condition and general appearance. The judges will ask the student a little about their pet. Lambs may be brushed but NOT washed.
5. **Wool or Meat Class - Categories for lambs:**
The lambs can be judged as a 'wool' class or 'meat' class and we have awards accordingly for each category.

GOAT



The emphasis on Ag Day is on the child's effort and care of their animal. Goats are to be hand reared, one animal per child. All goats must be born between 1st July and 15th September.

Judging criteria based on:

- 1. Leading and Handling:** Animals are to be secured by a collar and lead which is easily detachable. The judge will require the child and goat to stop and restart during leading. The goat will walk alongside the child on the right hand side of the child. The goat must walk freely and not be dragged.
- 2. Calling (Most obvious pet):** The goat is held by the steward, while the student stands approximately 6 - 10 metres away. The goat will be let loose with the student calling it to them, the student will then re-attach the lead. Points are given for the promptness with which the goat comes and how quietly it stands while being reattached.
- 3. High Jump:** The animal will be required to walk up an incline (plank) and jump off at the end with the student walking alongside the plank.
- 4. Rearing and Grooming:** The judge will look at the animal and give it points for its condition and general appearance. The Judges will ask the student a little about their pet. Goats may be groomed in any manner.

Chickens



The emphasis on Ag Day is on the child's effort and care of their animal. Chickens are to be hand reared, one chicken per child.

All chickens entered must be purchased through the school by **Monday 29th July**. This year, the delivery of our day-old chicks is **August 13th**.

Bring your chicken along on the day in a suitable cage (one chicken per entrant) so it can be judged on how beautiful it is looking!! You can decorate your cage too!!

Judging Criteria: On Ag day the chicks and students will be judged on the following categories:

- **Most obvious pet chicken** - The friendliest and most easily handled. This can be accomplished by handling the bird as much as possible. A chicken will happily sit on your lap for long periods.
- **Rearing and Grooming** - how well the chicken is presented (plumage, free of lice, healthy comb) and the student's general knowledge about rearing their chicken.

Children without an animal to show: My Pet Egg

This year we are continuing the “My Pet Egg” activity for those children who do not have a lamb, goat, or chicken to show.

The expectation is that every child at Wainui School has an opportunity to ‘rear’ something.

All children will need to have their own egg to care for.

Ag Day is the second Friday back in Term 4 (**Friday 25th October**). The children will be given the form below prior to the holidays which means they can create their egg character / home / habitat during the holidays.

Below, is the form which the children will be given for their Pet Egg - this will be given out on Thursday 26th September.

This form must accompany the child to Ag Day, along with their egg and it’s home / habitat.

MY PET EGG

Judging criteria

- A suitable habitat.
- Information sheet completed.

Name	
Birthday	
Best Friend’s Name	
Favourite Colour	
Favourite Food	
Favourite Song	
Hobbies/ Interests	



MARKET STALLS from 9.00am - 3.00pm

Come along and see a variety of market stalls which will be open from 9.00am - 3.00pm. This year you will need to bring cash or Eftpos (**no** cash out available) to purchase tickets to use for paying for food, games, and drinks on the day.

If you would like to book a space for your market stall, contact Leslie-Anne Gray through the Friends of Wainui School email address: fows@wainui.school.nz

FOOD FOR THE DAY

We are starting the day with bacon and egg butties and coffee from 7.30am (bring your own cup from home and use only 3 tickets instead of four, for your coffee), and continuing throughout the day other food (sausage sizzle, vegetarian nachos, cake stall, juicies, coffee, tea and drinks) will also be available.

Other Activities

Young Farmer of the Year Finals from 12.30pm. Four finalists from each year group - (Yr 5,6,7,& 8), will compete for their respective trophies.

Games - We will be having a variety of carnival games - Coconut Shy, Splat the Rat, Ball in the Bucket, Nerf Gun shooting gallery and more!

Classroom Displays

On the morning of Thursday 24th October, the school is a hive of industry with children completing their indoor exhibits such as sand saucers, vegetable creations, wool monsters, sock puppets, ... and artwork, for judging in the afternoon. You will find what each classroom's exhibits are, at the end of this booklet.

Classrooms with their indoor exhibits will be opened for you on Friday 25th October to browse through to see what the children have made and who the prize-winners are. The **viewing times are: 7.30am - 9.00am** and also from the conclusion of the animal judging and presentations (approximately **11.30am - 2.30pm**)

All Classroom Exhibits need to be removed from the classroom after 2.30pm.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE EARLIER THAN 2.30pm.

Ag Day Class Exhibits

There will be scrap buckets available if you are unable to take perishables home.

CLASS	TEACHER	EXHIBIT
Puriri (Yr 0) Puriri Rua (Yr 0/1)	Mrs Collins Ms Rowlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Sand Saucer</i> ● <i>Vegetable Creation</i> ● <i>Art Work</i> ● <i>Growing Man</i> ● <i>Flowers in an unusual container</i>
Karaka (Yr 1) Rata (Yr 1/2)	Ms Jackson Mrs Howard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Sand saucer</i> ● <i>Vegetable creation</i> ● <i>Flowers in an unusual container</i> ● <i>Art Work</i>
Kiwi Team Yr 3-4 Pukatea Kohekohe Kowhai Nikau	Mrs Richards Ms Ross Mrs Millar Ms Mahler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finger knitting snakes ● Miniature Landscape garden ● Pompom family ● Class art
Tui Team (Yr 5-6) Totara Matai Rimu	Mr Mahler Ms Goodyer Mrs Blackburn / Mrs Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Rock Painting</i> ● <i>Nature Photography</i> ● <i>Stress Balls</i> ● <i>Origami</i>
Kahikatea (Yr 7) Kauri (Yr 8)	Ms Stevenson Mr Irvine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beeswax lunch wraps ● Chopping boards ● Art MDF panels ● Tukutuku panels

Exhibits are completed at school. Judging will take place on Thursday 24th October after school.