

## Ag Day Update - 1st November 2021

Kia ora koutou,

Following on from this afternoon's Government announcement, sadly we will not be moving to Level 2 in time for our planned Ag Day this coming Wednesday. As previously indicated, we will be holding a Virtual Ag Day. We really want to give our children and whānau who've worked so hard rearing and training an animal, a way of showcasing and celebrating their achievements.

The purpose of Ag Day is to promote and encourage students to care and be responsible for rearing an animal. Our children learn valuable life skills, build confidence and responsibility.

We hope you have all had fun with your animals during this lockdown, and that next year we can enjoy meeting them all together.

We would like to thank the committee for their dedication and hard work over many weeks complicated by the COVID situation. Let's hope all your planning can be used next year.

### Virtual Ag Day for Lambs, Calves and Kid Goats

We understand that everyone will have varying levels of enthusiasm/energy at this point in the season!.. so we have decided to let you choose what level of entry you prefer to go with for our Virtual Ag Day event, and submit whatever level of entry you can manage/you wish to submit.

#### **1. Participation Option**

- Submit your Ag Day diary if you have one, and a photo or video of you and your animal if you wish, to a google drive folder (photo/video content is up to you, any videos 2 mins max please).
- Student teachers/teachers will assess.
- Participation silver ribbons will be awarded, and diaries marked and awarded.

#### **2. Competitive Option**

- Submit a 2 minute video (following the criteria in the Instructions & Guideline attached) [Link to Ag Day Online Instructions and Guidelines for Lamb, Calf and Kid Goat](#) (Competitive Option)), and your Ag Day diary if you have one, to a google drive folder.
- Video will be judged by official Waikato A&P Association judges.
- Ribbons and Trophies will be awarded, and diaries marked and awarded.

To make the competitive option (2) work, we've had to modify what we're asking each child to show us through video. Instructions are attached for each animal category.

For both options, we ask that you please submit your chosen video entry to the google drive folder. [Please click here to access the Google Drive Folder to upload your video.](#) Videos to be 2 minutes max.

The videos must be submitted no later than 6.00pm on Saturday, 6th November.

Please do not let this process cause any stress! The Ag Day Committee is happy to review whatever you are able to manage to upload and if they can help in any way, they are more than happy to, and can be contacted on [agday@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:agday@tamahere.school.nz).

### **Virtual Ag Day for Caged Pets and Chickens/Ducks**

Ag Day 2021 caged pet and chicken/duck judging will all be online this year. As this is online, we will be judging 'rearing' only.

You will need to submit your entry online as follows:

1. Submit a 1-2 minute video about your Ag Day Pet to a google drive folder. [Please click here to access the Google Drive Folder to upload your video.](#)

Things you may want to cover in your video: Introduce yourself and your pet, breed, age, how you look after them (e.g. food, housing etc), knowledge of any common health problems (e.g. mites, worms etc) and any fun, special or interesting facts about your pet.

2. (Optional) Submit an Ag Day Pet Diary (this could be a poster with photos or diary (e.g. 1-2 pages) (note: Pet Diaries - only if you wish to).

3. Caged pets and chicken judges will assess all online entries.

4. Participation and category placings will be awarded. For those entering a Pet Diary these will be marked and awarded by the teachers.

We look forward to seeing all your wonderful online entries and sharing some of these in our Newsletter. When we're back at school under Level 2, we will be able to award ribbons, trophies and certificates for everyone who participates.

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