



What is Ag Day?

For our families who are new to the concept of Agricultural (or Ag) Day, it is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate what makes us different from town schools, and that is **rural life**.

On the day itself we will have our traditional Ag Day competitions with experienced judges carefully assessing the lamb, calf and kid goat entries, but we will also have;

- Refreshments and treats available to purchase
- A sausage sizzle
- Lots of pets to see and pat
- Cow Pat Bingo
- Baking and Gardening Competitions



What can my child do for Ag Day?

We encourage all our Roto tamariki to participate by choosing from the following events;

- Traditional Ag Day

Enter the lamb, calf or kid goat that they have been rearing at home, to be professionally judged in the categories for that animal e.g. Leading, Call-Follow-Run, Rearing.

Your child will compete against others in their age group (Pre-school, Junior, Senior) for the opportunity to win ribbons for their categories, and to go on to compete against other schools in the Group Ag Day. Trophies are up for grabs for the Seniors.

- Pet Day

An opportunity to bring their pets to school, with an informal judging process thrown in for fun!

Judging categories; Quietest, Most Adorable, Wildest, Friendliest, Owner and pet who look most alike, and Most knowledgeable pet owner.

- Baking competition

Get their apron on and follow one or both of the recipes provided, to produce their finest effort, and be judged by our wonderful local judges who come in to support us each year. Entries will be split into Junior and Senior categories for each of the two recipes, with 1st 2nd and 3rd prize rosettes awarded in each category.

- Garden in a bucket competition

This one takes a bit of planning, time and patience, so you'll need to start very soon!

Encourage your green-fingered child to grow a colourful garden in a bucket. They will need to use seeds or seedlings, not fully grown plants, and keep a detailed journal of their process.

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What happens next?

Traditional Ag Day Entries

By now your child should have their lamb, calf or kid goat, but you may still be able to get one if you've read this and decided they should enter.

- Complete one of our Ag Day Entry Forms, available from the office, and return it to us **by Friday 18th September** at the latest, as we need to book enough judges for the day.
- Check our Ag Day booklet to make sure you're aware of the rules and regs for rearing your animal.
- Make sure your child is caring for their animal daily, bonding with it, and beginning to train it.

Please turn over....

AG DAY 2020

Friday 16th October



Pet Day Entries

- Complete the Pet Day Entry Form and return it to us before the last day of term, **Friday 25th September**.
- Unfortunately we are **unable to have dogs** here at school, on pet day or otherwise. All other pets are welcome but they must be kept in an appropriate cage and therefore will not be able to stay at school all day. Please only allow your child to bring their pet if someone is able to collect it and take it home by 12.30 at the latest.
- We will allocate particular areas for each type of pet to be kept on the day.
- Prepare your child to talk to their peers and other people about their pet.

Baking Competition

Time for the kids to put on their pinny and get mixing! They may choose to make one or both recipes. The recipe **must** be followed exactly and with minimal support from adults. For presenting the baking there must be only **3** items per plate, and they will need to be taken to the library on Ag Day for registration from 8:45am.

Chocolate Chip Biscuits

125 g Butter

50 g Sugar

1 tbsp Condensed Milk

Few Drops Vanilla Essence

175 g Flour

1 tsp Baking Powder

50 g Chocolate Chips



Cream butter, sugar and condensed milk, add essence. Add dry ingredients and chocolate chips. Roll into small balls. Place on greased trays. Flatten with a fork. Bake 20 minutes at 180°C

Coconut Ice

1 tbsp Butter

150 mls Milk

Pinch of Salt

2 cups Sugar

1 cup Coconut

1 tsp Red Food Colouring

Melt the butter in a pot, add the sugar, milk and pinch of salt.

Bring the mixture to a boil, stir and boil gently for ten minutes.

Take the pot off the heat and add the coconut. Beat until thick. Pour half the mixture into a greased dish. Add red food colouring to remaining mixture and then pour over mixture already in the dish.

Leave to cool and set. When set cut into squares.

Garden in a Bucket Competition

If your child would like to enter the garden in a bucket competition now is the time to start thinking about planting.

- This year's theme is a colourful garden in a bucket.
- Planting must be done with seedlings or seeds but not fully grown plants.
- The bucket must be of standard 10L size.
- All entrants need to keep a detailed journal which must include how the soil was prepared, date of planting, what is planted, and details of watering. The journal **must** be presented along with their bucket for judging on Ag Day. This year the journal can be in digital format if your child wishes, or it can be in a booklet or on paper. It can include dated photographs, tables, diagrams – anything that explains the process. A parent or helper may assist the younger children to record in their journal.

Design the cover of the Ag Day Programme!

Finally, encourage your child to grab a piece of paper and design the front cover of our Ag Day Programme! The programmes will be printed in black and white but they can use as much colour as they like, and we'll make sure we share the winning picture on our FB page and in the newsletter. Entries need to be in to the office by Wednesday 23rd September so we can decide on the winner before the holidays! ☺