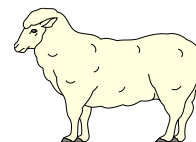




Buckland School Agricultural Day
Saturday 20 September 2025
9 a.m. start
Initial Information Sheet



Agricultural Day is a very special day when our students are able to display their talents and efforts with both indoor (classroom) and outdoor (animal) exhibits. Gardens are also classified as part of the Agricultural Day activities. Students can choose to enter either an animal or a garden in the competition sections. A record of the students' entries is kept and badges are awarded for the successful completion of 3, 5 and 7 years of entries. These badges are awarded at one of the end of year prizegivings.

Animals, gardens and most indoor exhibits (art, cooking, floral, technology etc) are judged by independent judges.

The indoor exhibits are judged on the Friday afternoon before Agricultural Day.

The results of this judging will be opened for viewing at 11 a.m. on Saturday 20 September.

The classrooms are kept locked until this time so that the students who have reared and cared for animals have a chance to display their efforts.

Gardens are judged in late November (again by independent judges). Gardens are usually started in October each year. Entry forms for gardens are available from the office foyer and the school website at the start of Term 4.

Classroom (indoor) exhibits are organised by the classroom teachers. A notice about these will come home at the beginning of Term 3 and will be available on the school website. All art and craft work is completed in class. Parents are asked to assist children in gathering flowers, foliage and containers for floral displays. All floral exhibits are completed at school. Year 3-8 children will have at least one baking item to do at home. Year 1 & 2 children complete their baking in class.

Projects

Year 3-8 children not having animals have a project to complete. Details of this will be included in class notes and be available on the school website at the beginning of Term 3. **This is compulsory and is part of homework for the term.**

Animals

All children are able to enter a calf, lamb, goat or chicken in the animal section. Calves, lambs and goats must be hand reared by the child and are not eligible to enter if suckled on the mother longer than 4 days from birth. Children cannot enter an animal shown at another school's agricultural day. Entry forms are available at the school office and on the school website. Entries need to be placed in the drawer in the school office by **Friday 15 August**. This ensures animals are at least six weeks old at the time of the competition.

Calves- Calves must be born after 1 June 2025. Bull calves are required to be steered.

Lambs & Goats - should be born after King's Birthday weekend.

Chickens **must be** ordered through the school office. An order form will be published in the school newsletter. Chickens must be ordered and paid for by the due date on the order form. No late orders can be accepted. **Once chickens are ordered families are committed to take them.** An information sheet setting out care for day old chicks is available on the school website.

Chickens entered which have not been purchased through the school will not be eligible for judging.

Animals are judged on:

Calves - care with rearing, leading and type (what their body looks like compared to the standard for that breed). There are separate sections for dairy animals and beef animals in type.

Lambs - leading, calling and rearing

Goats - leading, calling and rearing

Chickens - rearing, handling and calling



Entries are divided into sections based on the students' ages. The section that your child will be in may also depend on the number of entries in that section.

Copies of the leading courses for calves, lambs and goats are available on the school website.

Assistance to set up the rings etc on the Friday afternoon before Agricultural Day will also be sought from parents.

Any calf, goat or lamb that competes in our school agricultural day is entitled to join the Central Group Day at Pukekohe. It is another judging day where all the students from the Central Group schools go to compete. It always occurs on a week day. Once confirmed the date will be advertised in the school newsletter. There is a small entry fee for Group Day to cover their costs.

Gardens

Any student not having an animal entry is entitled to enter the garden competition.

There are no stipulations as to the size or type of garden but **the work done in the garden needs to be that of the student.**

Entries for gardens close on Friday 7 November. Guidelines for gardens are available from the school website.



PTA Fundraising

Agricultural Day provides a wonderful opportunity for the school to fundraise. This is the one major fundraiser the PTA organises for the year and all families are expected to be involved in supporting this event. Our local business community also makes considerable contributions that we appreciate and value.

A wide range of activities are planned and contributions of goods, baking, raffle sales and assistance to man the numerous stalls is required by all school families. The PTA will liaise with the school community through newsletters, PTA facebook page and personal approaches. All help is greatly appreciated. A roster will come out in the school newsletter around week 5 of term 3 for families to complete and return to the school office. Confirmation of times will be sent home during the last week of term 3. All families are required to fill at least one slot on the roster.

Queries

If you have any queries or require further information regarding animals, gardens, classroom exhibits or projects please do not hesitate to contact school personnel.

For more information regarding the fundraising activities please contact the PTA.

Our Agricultural Days are very special and we encourage all students to invite as many family & friends to come and join our fun.