



## Maungatapere School Ag Day

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022

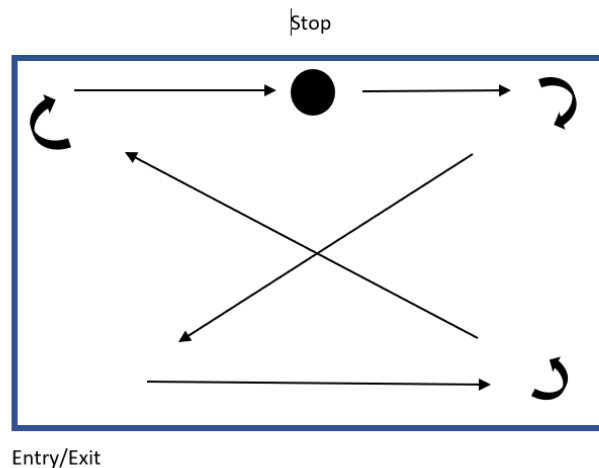
The focus for Maungatapere School Agriculture Day, is child effort, child participation and each child being able to share their achievements with their teacher, their family and friends and the judges of their chosen category.

We hope all your animals, art and garden projects are well on the way to looking good! Any questions please contact the school office.

Here are a few pointers for each category for you:

**Calves, Lambs and Goats:** Calves, lambs and goats are judged on leading (how well the animal walks alongside you – see the diagram below) and rearing (including knowledge of the animal – for example it's breed, age and what you feed it). Goats and lambs are also judged on calling – someone will hold your lamb or goat and you will stand in the opposite corner of the ring. You will call and get your lamb or goat to run to you as fast as possible. You might want to mark out the ring and practice leading your animal at home. The judge will remind you on the day where to go. You must make a photo board showing how you take care of your calf, lamb, or goat.

**Whangarei Central Day** – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Barge Park.



Entry/Exit

**Chickens:** Must be raised this season and are judged on Best Pet Bird (how easy it is to handle and how tame and friendly it is), Best Farm Bird (how well it has been cared for and how healthy it is) Most Knowledgeable student (how well you know your chicken and general chicken knowledge). This year families are sourcing chickens from multiple places, so we may have a variety of breeds. You must make a photo board showing how you take care of your chicken.

**Pets** are not judged, but you must make a photo board showing how you take care of your pet.

### **Gardens:**

To be eligible for Agriculture Day your plants must be planted from/after July 1st. It is important that the majority of input is the child's, from concept, through to the nurturing of their plant. Judges want to see imagination, originality, caring of your garden and time, thought and effort.

Is your garden a Themed one? Living Fruit & Vege? A Just Flower garden or perhaps a Herb Garden? Remember all containers must have drainage holes. Check your plants regularly and watch out for slugs and snails!

### **Most Creative Pot**

- This category is for children in years 0-2.
- Take a large, plain ceramic pot and make it interesting. This can be an old pot, the focus is on design and effort. Remember to use waterproof glue and paint.
- Judging will be on the design, durability and end product.
- You must make a photo board to show the process.



### **Up Cycle That!**

- The category is open to children in years 3 and 4.
- Take an old container/item and up cycle it to make a new planter box. (This should be a renovation project, not just using an unlikely container as a planter box).
- The end product should be big enough to sit on a patio or deck.
- Judging will be on the design, durability and end product.
- You must make a photo board to show the process.



### **Recycled Garden Art**

- Open to Years 5 – 8 only.
- Must be a suitable size to transport to school easily on Ag Day.
- Must be your design but you may have adult help with construction.
- Re-using appropriate 2<sup>nd</sup> hand items and up-cycling them into gorgeous garden master pieces.
- You must make a photo board to go with your recycled garden art.



### **Scarecrows**

- Open to Years 5 – 8 only
- Must be a suitable size to transport to school easily on Ag Day.
- Must be your design but you may have adult help with construction.
- You must make a photo board to go with your scarecrow.



***Remember it's all about learning new things in a fun way and creating memories along the way!***