



Maungatapere School Ag Day

30th October 2021

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 & friends and the judges of their chosen category.

This year we have been disrupted again by COVID 19. I want to reassure you that if we are in COVID Level 1 or Level 2 restrictions, Maungatapere School Ag Day will still go ahead, it may just look a little different to usual. These details will be shared with you early next term so we can all be well informed of what these changes may look like.

So in the meantime... I hope all your animals, art and garden projects have been thought about and are well on the way to looking good! Here are a few pointers for each category for you:

Calves, Lambs and Goats: Spend lots of time with your animals, every day. Teach your animal to walk with you so you can lead it, talk to it so that it comes to you when called (lambs & goats only) and learn all about rearing skills & knowledge.

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 Knowledge student (how well you know your chicken and general chicken knowledge).

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.

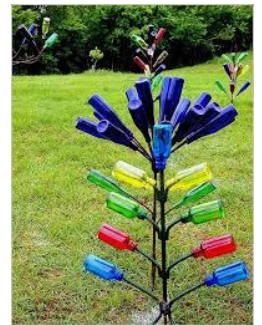


Up Cycle That!

- The category is open to children in years 3 & 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 class years 5 – 8 only.
- Limited to 25 entries. 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 2nd hand items and up-cycling them into gorgeous garden master pieces.
- You must make a photo board to go with our recycled garden art.



Scarecrows

- Open to class years 5 – 8 only.
- Limited to 25 entries.
- 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!

Any questions please either contact the school office or email
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