

# WAIMAUKU SCHOOL



# AG DAY 2025

## LAMBS

### DATES

Last Day for Lamb  
Registrations  
Monday 6 October

Last day to hand in  
diaries & projects  
Monday 6 October

Ag Day Saturday  
11 October

Group Day  
Friday 7 November

If you hand raise a lamb that is born on 1 July or later you can bring them to Ag Day on Saturday 11 October.

You need to register your lamb on Kindo by Monday 6 October.

### Lamb Pen

This year we are running a lamb pen in Term 3 on the grass by the pool. The lamb pen is for newborn lambs who need a morning tea/lunchtime feed.

- Students with lambs in the pen need to bring their own milk powder, bottles and teats. Room 16 will be available for heating bottles.
- Lamb owners must be responsible enough to look after their lamb without help.
- Lambs must be on a **lead with a collar**.
- Lamb owners need to check their lamb in on the whiteboard in the morning and check out after school.
- Lambs can only stay in the pen until they no longer need their day feed (approximately 4 weeks old).
- Lambs cannot catch the school bus sorry!
- If your lamb is sick or has diarrhoea they need to stay home.
- No rams older than 6 weeks.
- Only lamb owners are allowed in the pen.
- Waimauku School holds no liability for lost, injured or sick lambs.



# THE MCGLASHAN AWARD FOR SHEEP HUSBANDRY

The late Mr Ian McGlashan, was a lamb judge and supporter of Waimauku School's Agriculture Day for many years and he donated a cup that can be won by a senior pupil at Waimauku School (Years 5 - 8).



## Year 1-4 Students

Juniors can compete for the McGlashan Award Y1-2 and Y3-4, each comes with a \$20 prize voucher. To enter you need to keep a diary of how you care for your lamb along with some special stories about it. Please include photos or drawings. Your lamb will also be judged on Ag Day (see how this works on the next page).

## Year 5-8 Students

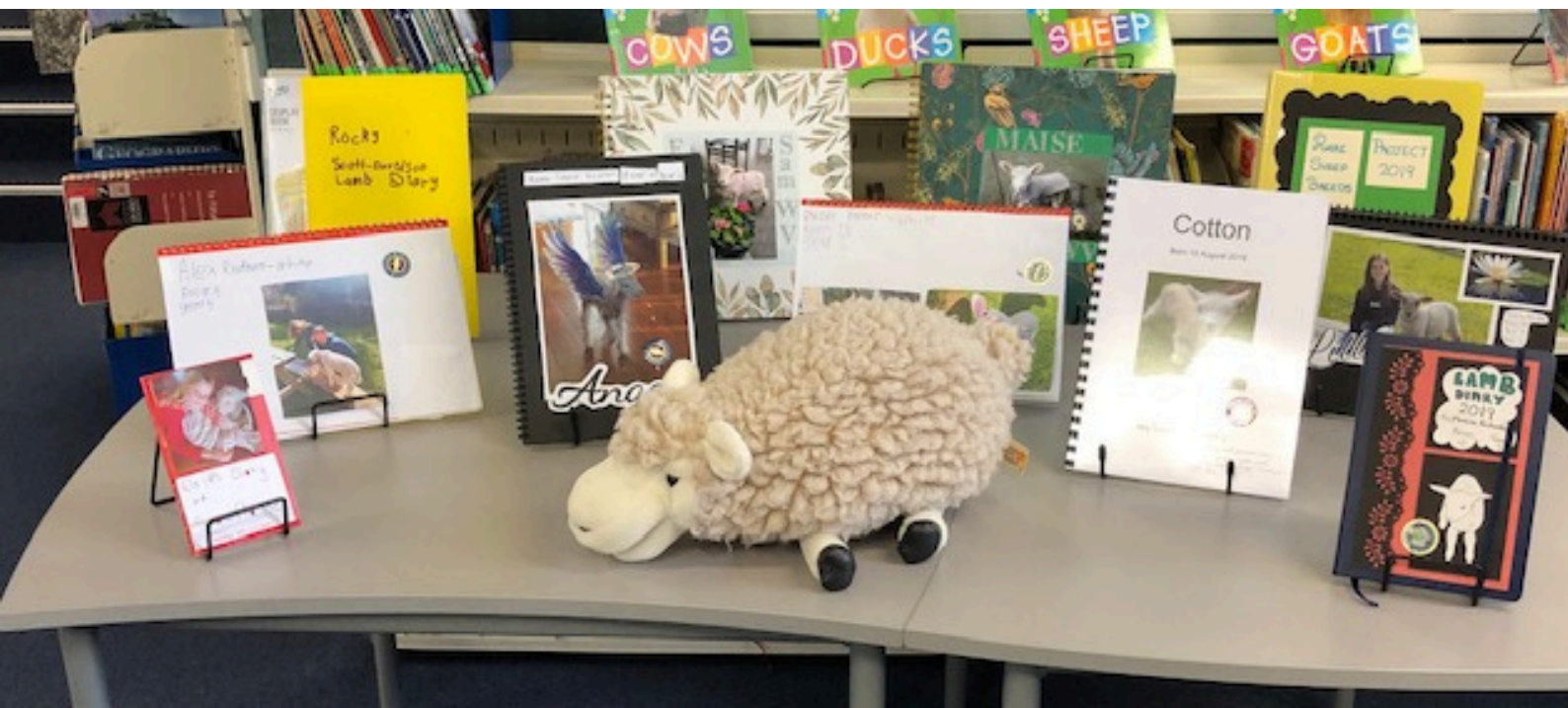
To compete for the McGlashan Cup and the \$30 prize voucher you need to keep a diary, complete a project and show your lamb on Ag Day.

The diary should outline how you have cared for your lamb and how it has developed.

The project should be a research assignment on sheep. Ideas you could cover are: sheep breeds, the history of sheep farming, wool types and it's uses, sheep handling and nutrition.

## Projects & Diaries are due in by Monday 6 October

Need help with your project or diary? Don't know where to start?  
Whaea Ange in the office can help 😊



# HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR LAMB



## **Tying Up**

After about a week start tying the lamb up for a short time each day when you can. Watch that it doesn't get itself tangled. Never leave the lamb tied up for a long period.

## **Leading**

Tie up before a feed then start teaching to lead with the bottle. Try short distances at first.

## **Calling**

To teach your lamb to call stand some distance away from it with its bottle of milk held behind your back.

Call it by name, when it comes praise it and give it a feed. If this is done every feed then by the time Ag Day comes you won't need the bottle as your lamb will know its name.

It's a good idea to practice calling it with other people around and noises so it gets used to distractions like there are on Ag Day.

On Ag Day the judge will mark you on how directly the lamb comes to you, how quickly, if they call out to you and how easy it is for you to catch it when it arrives.

## **Grooming**

Do not wash your lamb, the soap removes the lanolin (natural grease, water repellent properties) from the wool, instead wipe it down with a damp cloth.

Do not brush your lamb's fleece - if it is a "wool breed" the judge will need to inspect the crimp (natural weave) of its wool.

## **Feeding**

Young animals that are bottle-fed should be weaned gradually. It is suggested that lambs that are being bottle fed three times daily spend a week with 2 feeds of milk, with water being offered as an alternative, followed by a week of 1 feed of milk, again with water being offered as an alternative. During the third week only 1 feed of milk need be offered, with water as an alternative.

For more info on lamb health please view <http://www.vetsnorth.co.nz/service/ag-day/>





# SHOWING YOUR LAMB ON AG DAY

- Your lamb must be born on or after 1 July 2025
- Your lamb must be hand reared by bucket or bottle
- Only one lamb per competitor
- If you win a ribbon on Ag Day you will be eligible to compete at Group Day in Helensville on Friday 7 November
- Once judging is complete, the 1st and 2nd place getters need to stay in the rings so the judges can decide the overall cup winners
- Ram lambs are allowed
- Lambs that have not been docked yet are allowed (but must be docked to compete at Group Day)



Judging emphasis will be on the child's effort, care and involvement with their lamb

## Judging Criteria

The judge will look for a lamb that is in clean condition with fleece that is **not washed or brushed** but has no weeds or thistles in it. The lamb should have a clean butt (no dags), clean ears and legs and be healthy. Meat Class lambs will be judged on body condition, muscle mass and fat content. Wool Class lambs will be judged on the weight, strength, color and cleanliness of the wool.

The judge will ask you questions about your lamb so you need to know:

- How old it is
- The breed it is
- What your lamb eats, how much it eats and how often it is fed
- Why your lamb is being bottle raised
- What you do to keep your lamb healthy





# LAMB LEADING & RAMP INSTRUCTIONS

- Walk your lamb using a collar and an easily detachable lead, halters are not allowed on Ag Day
- Hold the lead below the clip and bundle the extra in your left hand. Don't wrap the extra around your hand, you could get hurt if the lamb takes off
- Stand behind your lambs ears and walk with a loose lead. Don't drag your lamb, use kind words and encouragement
- On Ag Day the judge will tell you where to walk and when to stop and go, they will ask you to do a little pause part way through
- If your lamb stops to go to the toilet just wait for it to finish
- The judge will tell you to lead the lamb to the elevated plank. The lamb should walk along the plank, pause for 1-2 seconds then jump off with you walking beside it. This will take a bit of practice.
- The ramp will be 36cm high
- Sometimes on Ag Day our lambs don't do what we want but it's ok, Ag Day is about learning how to love and care for our animals and have fun!

**Animal Judging Starts at 9:15am**









