

WAIMAUKU SCHOOL

AG DAY

2022

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Animal Talk  
Tuesday 26 July

Last Day for Lamb Registrations  
Friday 21 October

Last day to hand in diaries & projects  
Friday 21 October

Ag Day  
Saturday 29 October

Group Day  
Friday 4 November

## LAMBS

If you hand raise a lamb that is born on 1 July or later you can bring them to Ag Day on Saturday 29 October

You need to register your lamb on Kindo by 21 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 3 will be available for heating bottles.
- Lamb owners must be of an age where they can be responsible and 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 cannot catch the school bus sorry!
- If your lamb is sick or has diarrhoea they need to stay home
- Lambs can only stay in the pen until they no longer need their day feed (approximately 4 weeks old)
- 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 Friday 21 October**



## Showing your lamb on Ag Day

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

- Your lamb must be born on or after 1 July 2022
  - Your lamb must be hand reared by bucket or bottle
  - Only one lamb per competitor
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- If you win a ribbon on Ag Day you will be eligible to compete at Group Day in Helensville on Friday 4 November
  - Once judging is complete, the 1st and 2nd place getters should remain at the rings for the judges to decide the overall cup winners
  - Lambs must NOT be washed but can be brushed
  - Ram lambs are allowed
  - Lambs that have not been docked yet are allowed (but must be docked to compete at Group Day)

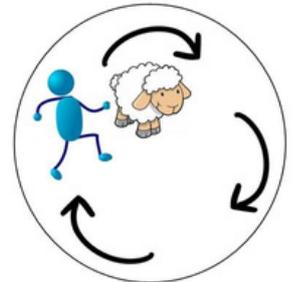
The judge will ask you questions about your lamb so you need to know:

- The age of your lamb
- The breed of your lamb
- 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
- Is your lamb clean and healthy and free from lice and scours
- Are your lambs feet clipped if old enough and is it free from footrot



# Lamb Leading and Ramp Instructions

- The lamb needs to walk next to or slightly behind the competitor
- No dragging, the lead rope should be loose. A gentle push from behind is allowed if the lamb isn't co-operating
- The handler should set the speed
- The lamb needs to be led on the right-hand side of the entrant in a clockwise direction
- The lamb should start and stop when asked, and follow a set course
- The ramp height will be 36cm
- The child will lead the lamb to an elevated plank, the lamb will walk up the plank, pause for 1-2 seconds, then jump off the other end with the child walking alongside
- Lambs are to be secured by a collar and an easily detachable lead, halters are not permitted



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

**Junior Animal Judging  
Starts at 10:15am**





# 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 to start with.

## **Calling**

Always call the lamb by the same name when you are going to feed it. When the lamb is 2 weeks old start hiding from it at feeding time. Easy hiding places for a start, like around a corner or behind a tree. Use different hiding places so the lamb has to look for you.

## **Grooming**

Brushing helps to get your lamb used to being handled by you. In the natural state, the lamb's mother talks (baas and makes muttering noises) to her lamb. A lamb soon recognises the sound, smell and feel of its mother.

*You have to take its mother's place*

A ewe will never bunt or drive away her own lamb once she has accepted it, but will quickly recognise and chase away a strange lamb. The lamb has this understanding built into its nature and will jump away from anything that frightens or hurts it. Never frighten, hit or chase your lamb because it will never forget that you did.

Encourage your child to care for his or her animal after Ag Day. 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. This programme encourages children to be responsible and avoids young animals suffering unnecessary stress.

