

WAIMAUKU SCHOOL



AG DAY 2024

CALVES

Dates

Last Day for Calf Registrations
Monday 14 October

Last day to hand in diaries & projects
Monday 14 October

Ag Day
Saturday 19 October

Group Day
Friday 1 November

If you hand raise a calf that is born on 1 July or later you can bring them to Ag Day on Saturday 19 October.

You need to register your calf on Kindo by Monday 14 October.



THE DANGEN AWARD FOR CALF HUSBANDRY

Mr Lyall Dangen has been a strong supporter of Waimauku School Ag Day and kindly 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 Dangen Award Y1-4, which comes with a \$20 prize voucher. To enter you need to keep a diary of how you care for your calf along with some special stories about it. Please include photos or drawings. Your calf will also be judged on Ag Day (see how this works on the next page).

Year 5-8 Students

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

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

The project should be a research assignment on cattle. Ideas you could cover are: cattle breeds, the history of dairy and beef farming, dairy and beef products, cow handling, health and nutrition.

Projects & Diaries are Due in by Monday 19 October



Animal Judging
starts at 9:15am

SHOWING YOUR CALF ON AG DAY

- Your calf must be born on or after 1 July 2024
- Your calf must be hand-reared
- Only one calf per competitor
- Calves are led on the right hand side the handler in a clockwise direction
- Calves walk beside or slightly behind the handler on a loose lead
- The handler sets the speed, no dragging but a gentle push from behind is allowed if the calf is not co-operating
- The handler follows a set course, stopping and starting when asked
- Calves must be secured by a halter and lead rope of approximately 1.5m long. No chain halters or chains to be used
- Calves must be tagged with a NAIT tag, a calf without a tag will be immediately disqualified
- Once judging is complete, the 1st and 2nd place getters should stay at the rings for the judges to decide the overall cup winners
- If you win a ribbon on Ag Day you will be eligible to compete at Group Day in Helensville on Friday 1 November

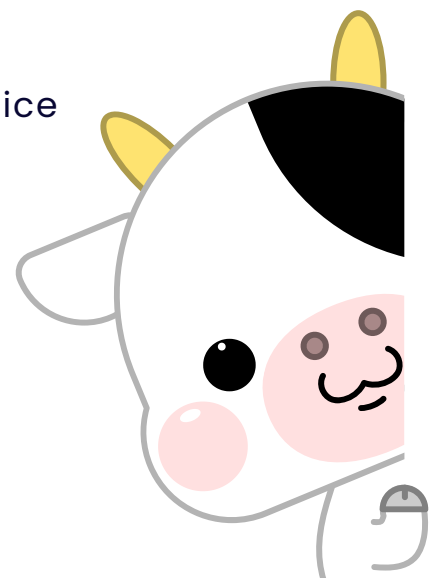
Judging emphasis
will be on the
child's effort, care
and involvement
with their calf

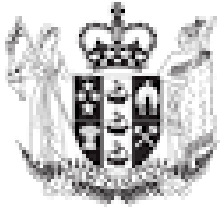
The judge will ask you questions about your calf so you need to know:

- The age of your calf
- What your calf eats, how much it eats and how often it is fed
- Why your calf is being bottle raised
- What you do to keep your calf healthy
- Is your calf clean and healthy and free from scours and lice

Mycoplasma bovis

To keep your calf healthy and help stop diseases from spreading around NZ your calf will need its own food and water containers, a halter and lead and be tied up at least 2m from other calves.





Biosecurity New Zealand

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua

Mycoplasma bovis is still a risk in NZ so we are asking everyone to be extra careful when our calves get close to other calves. The disease spreads mostly through nose to nose contact.

Although the risk to calves at Ag Day is very small we need to be safe by doing these things:

- Keep your calf tied up at least 2m from other calves
- Make sure your calf has its own food and water containers
- Calves should not share milk
- If your calf is sick it needs to stay home
- Calves should wear a halter when they are on parade
- All calves need to have a readable NAIT ear tag
- If you are going to touch another calf's heads use hand sanitiser before and after

