

Country Show Day & Ag Day

Wednesday 8th October 2025

To celebrate our unique country school culture, we are excited to host our annual **Country Show Day and Ag Day together on the same day!** This special event will give our students the chance to be creative, have fun, and make lasting memories.

FAMILY SCARECROW PROJECT:

This is an opportunity for the whole family to make a scarecrow at home and then bring it in on Country Show Day to be judged.



We would like each child to choose three or four options from the list below.

THESE PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED AT SCHOOL.

Items will be judged in class sections

E.g. - Year 1 Girls Vaseline Saucer, Year 1 Boys Vaseline Saucer.

Junior School Options (Year 0-2)	Middle/ Senior School Options (Year 3-6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaseline Saucer (saucer or small plate) • Pencil Sketch of an animal • Flower Arrangement in a container • Collection Display (not supermarket collectables) • Lego Creation • Decorating Biscuits • Aqua Jar • Tray Park • Cardboard Flower & Foliage Animal (at home - prepare drawn animals with holes - at school decorate with flowers & foliage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miniature Garden • Pencil Sketch of a farm animal • Flower Arrangement in an Unusual Container • Decorating Biscuits • Collection Display (not supermarket collectables) • Lego Creation (farm theme) • No 8 wire, coathanger (or any wire) sculpture. • Farm machinery construction from recycled materials.

What you will need to bring:

Depending on your chosen option...flowers and equipment can be brought to school in buckets, ice-cream containers, boxes etc...

Please remember to name anything (containers, buckets etc) you would like returned.

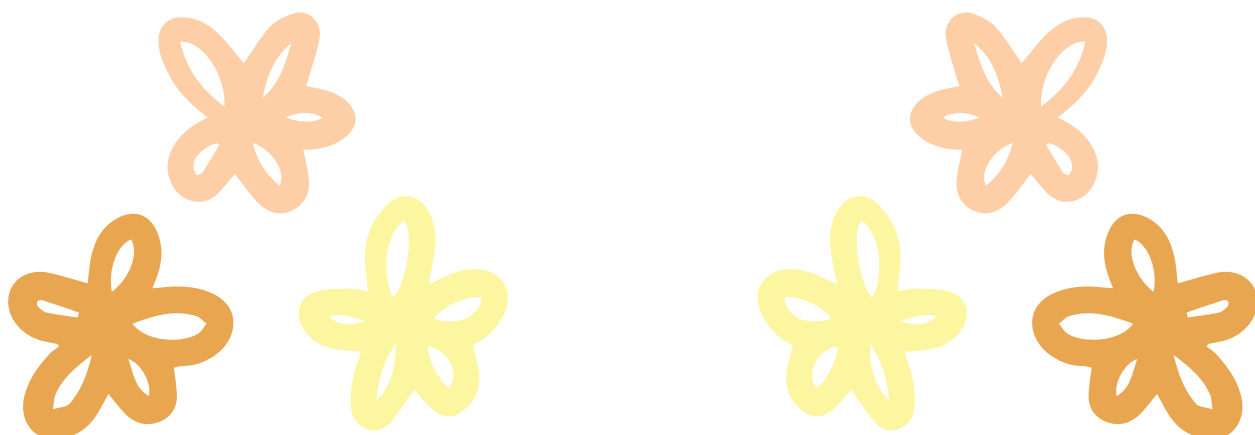
★ All items required should be brought to school on Wednesday morning to your child/children's classroom. ★

Junior School Options (Year 0-2)

Vaseline Saucer	Pencil Sketch Of Any Animal	Flower Arrangement in a Container
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flowers Greenery Small plastic plate or saucer <p><i>(Vaseline supplied by school)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pencil sketch of an animal. Sketch using a pencil. Shading can be used to enhance sketch. Sketched at school on Country Show Day No colouring in pencils or felts is to be used. <p><i>(Paper supplied by school)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any container can be used Flowers (wild or dry can also be used) Greenery
Collection Display	Lego Creation	Decorating Biscuits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring along a collection of items or treasures. Display it creatively for others to see. <p><i>(No Supermarket collections please)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 pieces of lego maximum Original ideas from your own imagination It can be any creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Plain wine biscuits Pre made icing Anything extra to accessorise Plate to display biscuits on
Aqua Jar	Tray Park	Cardboard Flower & Foliage Animal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jar with lid Flowers Bluetak (school to supply) to secure flowers to lid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dinosaur Park, a park with swings, roads, cars, etc. Sand supplied by school if required. The bottom of the tray can be covered with fabric, felt, cardboard, painted on paper or cardboard etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare drawn animal at home, and poke holes in cardboard at home. Decorate with flowers & foliage at school.

Middle/Senior School Options (Year 3-6)

Minature Garden	Pencil Sketch Of A Farm Animal	Flower Arrangement in an Unusual Container	No 8 Wire Coat-hanger or any Wire Sculpture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tray • Flowers • Greenery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items to include in your mini garden e.g. plastic animals, pebbles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your imagination! <p>(Sand supplied by school if required)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencil sketch of a farm animal • Sketch using a pencil. Shading can be used to enhance sketch. • Sketched at school on Country Show Day • No colouring in pencils or felts is to be used. <p>(Paper will be provided by the school.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusual container • Flowers (wild or dry can also be used) • Greenery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire or coat-hanger • Something to cut the wire.
Collection Display	Lego Creation	Decorating Biscuits	Farm Machinery Construct- ion using recycled materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring along a collection of items or treasures. • Display it creatively for others to see. <p>(No Supermarket collections please)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 pieces of lego maximum • Original ideas from your own imagination • It can be any creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Plain wine biscuits • Pre made icing • Anything extra to accessorise • Plate to display biscuits on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled materials to be used. <p>(Scissors and PVA glue are available at school)</p>



Junior School Options (Year 0-2)



Vaseline Saucer

Flowers/petals and greenery arranged artistically on a vaseline covered saucer.



Flower Arrangement in a Container

Creative and artistic display of flowers/foliage in any container.



Pencil Sketch

Use pencil Sketched at school on Country Show Day.



Collection Display

Show off your interesting collection.



Lego Creation

Create a lego masterpiece/sculpture using your lego



Biscuit Decorating

Using icing and any confectionery, decorate 4 biscuits.



Aqua Jar

Display of flowers/foliage in a upside down jar filled with water



Tray Park

Dinosaur Park, Roads and Cars, Park



Cardboard Flower & Foliage Animal

Display of flowers & foliage poked through holes

All creations must be taken home at the end of the day

Middle/Senior Options (Year 3-6)



Miniature Garden

Create a miniature scene in your choice of tray.



Flower Arrangement in an Unusual Container

Creative and artistic display of flowers/foliage in a unique container/vessel.



Pencil Sketch

Use pencil Sketched on Country Show Day.



No 8 wire or coat-hanger (or any wire) sculpture



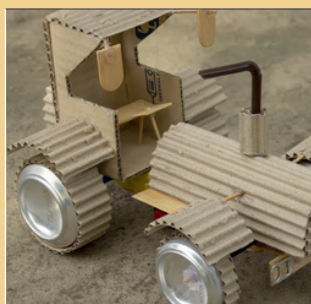
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Farm machinery construction

Using recycled materials



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Cupcake Competition!

This year our cupcake decorating competition will be held on Wednesday 8th October (the same day as Country Show Day). Cupcakes are to have a farming theme. This year the cupcakes will be sold on Country Show Day after they have been judged at lunchtime for \$2 each.

As an extra and for a bit of fun for our more 'mature' enthusiasts, we will have an adult category for our Cupcake Competition as well as our students. So put on your creative hats and start planning your mouth watering masterpieces.



Rules:

- Cupcakes to be made and decorated at home
- Cupcakes are to be brought to school and delivered to Kahikatea 3 (Miss Steen's class) by 9 am on Wednesday morning on a named plastic/paper plate or tray names to be placed underneath the plate out of sight
- 5-6 cupcakes per plate



Categories:

- Junior (Year 0-2)
- Senior (Year 3-6)
- Adults



We are looking forward to another fun Country Show Day!

If your child is showing their animal, there is an opportunity to participate in the scarecrow and cupcake sections.

Kind regards,

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Reminder: If your child is showing their animal, there is an opportunity to also participate in the scarecrow and cupcake sections only.

WHAT IS AGRICULTURAL (AG) DAY?

On this day our school is open to our community, family and friends to celebrate our children's achievements, our rural identity and our agricultural heritage. Agricultural Day is a very special day in our calendar and a learning opportunity for our whole school. All students will have the opportunity to bring a farm animal to school, which they will have raised and cared for, to participate in the various judged events. Or, for our students who may not be able to bring an animal, they will take part in the many creative and exciting 'Country Show Day' activities on offer.

WHY IS AG DAY SUCH A SPECIAL EVENT AT MATANGI SCHOOL?

Rearing your own animal is a very special opportunity, and a very close bond can develop between animal and child. Our children learn valuable life skills through raising an animal and the Ag Day process, such as; caring, nurturing, animal health and welfare, responsibility, leadership, confidence, project presentation (through diaries and performance to the judges), patience and resilience (especially if it's a wet day!).

The 'Country Show Day' activities provide possibilities of creating, problem solving and presentation and a valuable sense of achievement.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS YOU CAN ENTER?

- Calves
- Lambs
- Kid Goats

ANIMAL INFORMATION SHEETS:

Please click here for rearing LAMBS

Please click here for rearing CALVES

Please click here for rearing KIDS

Ag Day is an Annual Event in our school calendar, usually scheduled during the first week of Term 4.

What is Group Day?

Group Day is where we combine with other schools in our area (Newstead, Tauwhare & Tamahere), to compete against each other in the animal judging categories. Group Day is usually scheduled for the week following the participating school's Ag Days, and prior to the Waikato A&P Show. Anyone can go on from our Ag Day to compete at Group Day representing our school. Often held a week later many animals, and their handlers perform better, as they have more experience.

This year, Newstead School is hosting Group Day. The date is still to be confirmed.

WHAT IS THE WAIKATO A & P SHOW?

Children who have done well at the school and Group Ag Days can choose to continue on to enter into the Waikato A&P Show. Please click [here](#) to link to their official website.

HOW TO RAISE AN ANIMAL & PREPARE FOR AG DAY:

If you are new to Ag Day, welcome! There are a number of resources and information leaflets available on how to raise your animals, that can be found under the links below, or you can pick them up from our school office, or your local vets.

How to Enter an animal:

Every child that wishes to enter an animal into Ag Day will need to complete an entry form, please collect one from the School Office, these need to be completed by Friday 12th September.



Kind regards,

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