

Turitea School

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Turitea School Lamb, Calf and Pet Evening

Friday 17 October 2025

Run in association with
Manawatu Oroua Division Boys and Girls Agricultural Club Inc.
Information in this booklet is from their rule book.



PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

The Division & Turitea School run these days to promote the education of primary school children in caring for animals.

The Manawatu Oroua Division Boys and Girls Agricultural Club

CHAMPIONSHIP DAY AT RONGOTEA

Championship day is on Saturday 8th November 2025.

Just a reminder that Championship Day is for everyone, not just the winners at the school Pet Day.

Any child who **enters a lamb or calf at school**, is eligible to enter their animal on this day and represent Turitea School.

Please feel free to ask for any further information or support.

CALF REARING COMPETITION

Calving Dates: Born between 1st July & 15th Sept
Dairy or beef calves of any breed.

Classes:

SENIOR –Year 4 to Year 6

JUNIOR - NE up to Year 3

General:

1. **All feeding** and handling of animals to be done by the students themselves within reason. No undue attention from adults please.
2. **All calves** must be presented for judging in natural condition. (**Clipped or trimmed animals will be disqualified**). They should be clean and free from any illness. All calves must have a NAIT tag and be transferred to the event (Event NAIT # 12653454). Calves must be separated and have their own water and feed.
3. **Students** are encouraged to present themselves in a neatly dressed manner.

At Turitea the calf competitions are divided into 2 sections

Leading: Calves should be led around a ring in a clockwise direction with the student leading from the left-hand side of the calf. Judges will look for cooperation between the child and calf, control, tension and speed. A good leader is one that walks at normal pace with the calf level with the child's hip, with little tension on the lead.

Care and Attention: Calves should be presented in a clean and well-groomed condition including tidy halters and leads. The judge will talk with the child.



LAMB REARING COMPETITION

Lambing Dates: Born between 1st July & 15th Sept

Classes:

SENIOR –Year 4 to Year 6

JUNIOR - NE up to Year 3

General:

1. **All feeding** and handling of animals to be done by the students themselves within reason. No undue attention from adults please.
2. **Lambs** should be well presented in good condition. (**NB washed or clipped lambs will be disqualified.**) Lambs should be free from disease and clean about the mouth, crutch and feet & have no lice.
3. **Collar** and lead should be of a satisfactory standard and students should be encouraged to present themselves in a neatly dressed manner.

Lamb competitions are divided into 3 sections

Leading:

Lambs should be paraded around a ring in a clockwise direction with the student leading from the left -hand side of the lamb. Judges will look for cooperation between the child and the lamb, control, tension and speed.

A good leader is one that walks at normal pace with the lamb's head level with the child's hip, with little tension on the lead.

Calling:

Children should be able to call their lamb from approximately 4 metres. Call loud and clear.

Care and Attention:

A well brushed lamb can be as clean as a washed lamb. Brushing all over is important. A docked lamb is preferred to a long-tailed one. Size and condition has a bearing in this section.



If you already have, or are planning to have, a lamb for Lamb, Calf and Pet Day next term, the Massey Farm Services Vet Clinic is offering a docking and castration service. This includes the first vaccination, local anaesthetic, and anti-inflammatory (price still to be confirmed – last year it was \$25). This ensures you meet the requirements of the 2021 Animal Welfare Regulation change. To book, you can phone the clinic on 350 5328, or arrange for Massey technicians to visit your property for an additional callout fee.

PETS

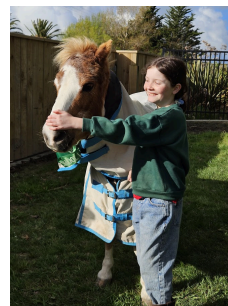
If rearing a calf or lamb is not a possibility, we encourage students to bring a pet that they are responsible for the care of. Please note one pet per child as unfortunately classes can be running simultaneously and therefore pets can not be shared by siblings.

Classes:

SENIOR –Year 5/6

INTERMEDIATE- Year 3/4

JUNIOR - NE, Year 1/2



JUDGING:

This section is based on handling, care and attention, and on a child's rapport with their animal. Children will have a chat with the judge where they will be questioned about their pet.

INDOOR EXHIBITS

All children will be involved in the making of indoor exhibits which will be displayed in their year groups inside classes on the day of Lamb, Calf and Pet Day. These are judged by a team of community volunteers. Information about these activities will come home from classroom teachers by the end of Term 3.



DIARIES for Lambs and Calves

We encourage students to keep a diary on your lamb or calf as these can be entered on Championship Day.

Diary Guidelines

Your diary should:

- Have an attractive front cover
- Have an inside cover page
- Be informative
- Have regular entries
- Have a balance of pictorial information and written work

Presentation:

- Written information to be done neatly, may be done on a computer
- Bold and clear headings
- Neat attractive borders (pages/photos)
- Captions
- Balanced layouts
- Colourful and eye-catching



- Consistency and flow throughout the diary
- Written Content:
 - Contents page
 - How you got your pet
 - It's needs – food, shelter, care and attention
 - Personality of pet
 - Unusual/funny habits
 - Regular routines
 - Your feeling toward your pet
 - Time spent with your pet
 - Your pet's future after Pet Day
- Glossary
- Frequent entries – observations, changes in your pet's behaviour etc.

Pictorial Content:

- Photos
- Pictures
- Diagrams
- Sketches
- Info graphics
- Flow charts
- Graphs
- Samples eg grasses, meal
- Cartoons

The above are suggestions for your diary. Feel free to include your own ideas.

Judging:

Diaries will be judged on their written content, including their day to day entries, presentation and information about the rearing of the animal. These are marked by the judges organised by the Manawatu Oroua Boys and Girls club and need to be handed in on the Friday with other homemade indoor exhibits.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.