



Winton School Pet Day 2025

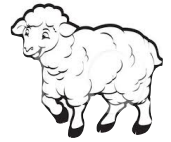


Our 2025 Winton School Pet Day will be held on **Thursday 23 October** (Week 3, Term 4). Postponement date will be Friday 24 October. There will, once again, be a number of opportunities for everyone to participate in Pet Day. These will include:

Pets



Students bringing a pet to school will be expected to keep and complete a **Pet Diary**, which will need to be on hand for judging on the day.



Flower or Vegetable Gardens

Students preparing and maintaining a garden will be expected to keep a record of progress in a **Garden Diary**. Gardens will be judged prior to Pet Day.

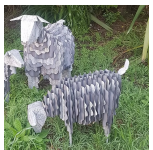


Pet and Garden Diaries will be available from the school office this Monday 18 August or can be printed from the Winton School website (Kids Zone / Pet Day tab).

Home Based Projects

The following projects are to be completed at home and brought to school no later than 3pm on **Wednesday 22 October** for judging (the day before Pet Day). A reminder that Home Based projects should be completed by children, with minimal input from adults.

- Hanging Basket
- Farm themed creation made out of lego
- Farm themed drawing, painting or collage (2D)
- Farm themed sculpture (3D)



Cupcakes Competition

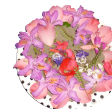
- 3 Farm themed cupcakes student section (Four year groups - Yr 0-2, Yr 3-4, Yr 5-6, Yr 7-8)
- 3 Farm themed cupcakes parent section



School Based Crafts

All students will make these at school on **Wednesday 22 October** with all materials needing to be brought to school that morning. All craft entries will be judged after school the same day. Students will be expected to make at least one of the following (with only one entry per category).

- recycled animal / machinery
- sand saucer (saucers provided)
- miniature garden / farm / landscape
- flower arrangement (must be in a jar or vase)



For judging of pets, gardens, home based and school based crafts, there will be four year group sections - Year 0-2, Year 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8.

Family Challenge - Scarecrow

Families are challenged to work as a team to create an awesome scarecrow! Let your imagination run wild! Your scarecrow needs to be brought to school and placed in the Junior Eating Area by 3pm, **Wednesday 22 October** (the day before Pet Day) for judging.



Flower or Vegetable Gardens

Gardens will need to be prepared as soon as possible using seeds or small plantings / punnets. These will not be provided by the school. The aim is for children to develop a knowledge of growing things. Judging of gardens will be based on such things as cultivation, absence of weeds, design, thinning, mulching, child effort, etc.

A diary of progress needs to be kept by students. This should include notes of progress and work completed. Drawings and sketches can be included.

Garden Diaries can be collected from the school office from Monday 18 August or can be printed from the school website (Kids Zone / Pet Day tab). Completed diaries will be displayed in the hall on Pet Day along with a photo of your garden taken by the judge. We recommend you prepare your garden bed as soon as possible to be ready for planting. Gardens should be no smaller than 1 square metre.

If needed, parents can help to prepare the soil and then provide lots of encouragement. Children should be able to do all the work themselves.

Hanging Basket

Hanging baskets, provided by the family, need to be 350mm in width. These will be judged on health, vigour of plants, bloom and eye striking appeal. No diary is needed for this project.

Farm Themed Creations

In this home based section, children can choose to make a farm themed creation made out of lego, create a farm themed drawing, painting or collage (2D) or make a farm themed sculpture (3D). Let your imagination run wild! Judges will be looking for originality and creativity.

Cupcakes Competition

There will be two sections for the Cupcakes Competition. One for students (four age group categories) and one for parents. Your three cupcakes will be judged on visual presentation, originality and taste.

Children need to start thinking about what they will be doing for Pet Day.

A form asking what your child will be participating in this year will be coming home in two weeks time.

Thank you,

2025 Pet Day Committee