



Winton School Pet Day Update



Our Winton School Pet Day is now just over 2 weeks away! As it is a school day, all students are expected to attend and stay until the end of the day (approx 12:30pm.) It will be a Mufti Day. If a child needs to leave before this time, they will need to be signed out at the office.

Pet Day Preparation Day - Thursday 7 November **(day before Pet Day)**

School Based Crafts

After morning tea, all students will be creating school based crafts that will be taken to our school hall at the end of the day for judging. Materials for these creations need to be brought from home that morning. Project judging will be across four age groups Year 0-2, Year 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8. Certificates will be awarded to the top three entries in each category.

Students will be expected to make at least one of the following. (Classes will be looking at how to make these.)

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

Home Based Projects and Family Challenge Creations

All Home Based projects ('Farm Themed' creations and Hanging Baskets) need to be brought into school by **9am** on this day also. Family Challenge creations need to be brought in by 3pm. Please see the next page for more information.

PET DAY! - Friday 8 November

From 8:30am Pets are to be brought to school and taken to the following areas. A steward will be there to help you.

Sheep / lambs	Left hand side of Lowe Field (opposite the school entrance)
Alpaca	Left hand side of Lowe Field.
Horses / Ponies	Half way down right hand side of Lowe Field (tied to float)
Dogs (Year 0-2)	Tennis court (playground end)
Dogs (Year 3-4)	Tennis court (Main road end)
Dogs (Year 5-6)	Basketball court
Dogs (Year 7-8)	Behind Room 11 and 12 (along Clyde St fence)
Cats	Room 9
Rabbits / guinea pigs	
Poultry / birds / Fish / other	Room 10

8:55am When the bell goes, all students are to go to their rooms to be marked off the roll.

9:05am After the roll, **students with pets** can then collect their pet and make their way to the Pet Day Arena on Lowe Field (opposite the school entrance) for the Grand Parade. Involvement in the parade is optional.

Students without pets are to go to their House Room. Aparima - Room 4, Oreti - Room 5, Waiau - Room 6, Takitimu - Room 7, Hokonui - Room 8. From here, students will be taken over to Lowe Field to watch the Grand Parade.

9:15 - 9:45am Welcome and Grand Parade in the Pet Day Arena.

9:45 - 11:00am **Students with pets** will then be involved in the judging of their pet. Students are to remain with their pet during this time (unless the judge or steward says otherwise). Pets are not to be walked around the school. Parents are able to take pets home after judging.

Students without pets will participate in a number of AgriKids activities on Lowe Field.

- 11:00 From 11am, everyone is free to enjoy the following:
- AgriKids activities
 - projects and creations on display in the hall, Junior Eating Area, Library and Rooms 1-3.
 - food and drink options.
 - Winton Fire Brigade display
- 12:30pm Finish / end of day
Please note, the Tour of Southland Bike Race will be passing the school on the main road around this time.

Important Information

Pets

- Small animals need to be in a safe and secure cage. Dogs to stay on a lead please and not to be walked on the new astroturf.
- When not being judged, all animals need to be caged or tied up securely in their designated area **and not led around the school or field.**
- Pet Diaries need to be brought along on the day to be shared with the judge. Children will be asked questions about their pet. Pet Diaries are available from the office or can be printed from the school's website.
- Pets will need to be fed and watered (container for water, plastic bag for deposits!)
- After dogs have been judged, children will have the opportunity to lead them through an obstacle course.

Flower and Vegetable Gardens (2 sections, Year 0-4 and Year 5-8)

A judge will be visiting your garden at a pre-arranged time. Your Garden Diary should be shared with the judge when they visit. Diaries will be collected by the judge and displayed in the hall on Pet Day along with a photo of your garden taken by the judge.

Farm Themed Creations

All 'Farm Themed' paintings, drawings, collages, photos or creations made out of lego will need to be placed in the Library by **9am on Thursday 7 November**. Please name your artwork or creation. Labels will be provided.

Hanging Baskets

Hanging baskets will need to be placed in the Junior eating area (by the hall) by **9am on Thursday 7 November** for judging. Your name will need to be attached to your hanging basket (you could use an ice block stick with your name on it and stick it in the dirt.) No diary is needed for this project.

Family Challenge

Family Gumboot sculpture / creations are to be brought to school and placed in one of the Junior Eating Area gardens by **3pm on Thursday 7 November** for judging.

Cup Cakes Baking Competition (Parent section and children's section)

Your 3 cupcakes need to be dropped off in Room 3 for judging by **9am on Pet Day (Friday 8 November)**.

Parking

Angled parking on the grass verge on the school side of Clyde Street (northern end) will be available for parking. All animal floats are to park on Lowe field (there will be an access way down the left side of the field.)

Food and Drink

The Lions Food Caravan, PTA Food Tent, Kracker Shakes van and Coffee Lady will be on site during the day.

Wet Weather

If it is too wet, a cancellation message will be put on HERO and the school's Facebook page by 8am. In the event of the day being cancelled, pets will need to stay at home and it will be a normal school day (in mufti). All judged school based and home based projects will still be on display in the hall and library.

If the pet you listed on the Count Form has changed, please let the office know.

We hope your preparations are going well. We are all looking forward to a great day!

2024 Pet Day Committee