

Sandspit Road School Combined Calf Club

Information For Parents

Every year at Sandspit Road School we have Calf Club which children from View Road School and Waiuku Primary School can also compete at. Calf Club is held on the first Thursday of Term 4. This year it will be held on 13 October 2016. For those of you who are interested in having an animal, here is some information and an outline of what happens on the day.

All school children are eligible to enter a Calf, Goat or Lamb. These animals must be hand reared by the child entering. Obviously most of the children need some degree of supervision but it needs to be the child doing the caring, feeding and training. I have booklets for guidance on training and care and attention of each of these animals which can be obtained from your school office.

Age Groups

There is a Junior and Senior Category for each type of animal.

Junior – Under 10 years
Senior – 10 years & over as of 1 October (in the year of competition)

If you choose to have an animal, you need to start looking for your animal in the time frames below. These are set out by The Waiuku Combined Schools Calf Club Association.

CALVES: Early Calves are to be born between 1 June & 15 July 2016
Late Calves are to be born between 16 July & 31 August 2016
GOATS /LAMBS: Early Lambs/Goats are born between 1 July & 12 August 2016
Late Lambs/Goats are to be born between 13 August & 23 September 2016

Something to think about here is, if you have an early animal, how long you will have to feed it! This can become very expensive, as you will be feeding up to and after the date of Calf Club.

Some Rules of Entry are as per Waiuku Combined Schools Calf Club Association's Constitution:

- a. **Bull Calves** (attending Calf Club) must be steered or fully castrated 6 weeks prior to Group Day. (If castrated a vet certificate MUST be presented to the secretary showing date of castration).
- b. **Ram Lambs/Billy Goats** (attending Calf Club) must be wethered or fully castrated at least 2 weeks prior to Group Day (If castrated a vet certificate MUST be presented to the secretary showing date of castration).
- c. All animals entered must be hand reared by the **child entering**, using cafeteria, bucket or bottle from approximately 4 days of age.
- d. **All Calves** must meet legal requirements – vendor declaration forms. No ear tags – no competition. NO EXCEPTIONS.

We will not accept any Bull Calves, Ram Lambs or Billy Goats for judging. No exceptions!

Registration forms can be obtained from your School office. They will need to be back at Sandspit Road School by 25 September.

On Calf Club day your child will arrive with their animal ready for competition at 9.30am, judging starts at 10.00am sharp.

We have a judging ring for Lambs and Goats and a separate one for Calves.

Animals are judged as follows:

For each category there is 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Calves

- Leading (these ribbons are handed out at prize giving)
- Rearing
- Breeding

Lambs / Goats

- Leading(these ribbons are handed out at prize giving)
- Rearing
- Calling

After all the judging, the points are collated to find winners of cups and the Champion Calf, Lamb and Goat

The children who have a Calf, Lamb or a Goat and have won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd ribbon at Calf Club are eligible to go to Group Day held at the Waiuku Rugby Park the following Thursday (20 October 2016). This competition is the same as school Calf Club but the children are competing against the best from all the other Waiuku schools.

Calf Club is a fun day, giving the children a chance to show how they can care for and train their animals.

We have been contacted by the following people who are able to sell you either goats or lambs. There is also a flyer attached selling lambs.

Goats - Matthew and Sarah Bolton 0275 317267

Lambs - Denise Desmond 09 2320248

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Derryn Maxwell
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Pet Lambs Available from late July - August

Place your pre-order for your school's Ag/Pet Day now!



4-7 day old lambs (miss-mothered/orphaned/triplet) needing new caring owners. Make great short term pets and ideal for children's Pet Day at school.

☑ All lambs initially fed on colostrum

☑ Vaccinated 5'n'1

☑ Tails docked & male lambs can be 'wethered' (docked) — as per your request

☑ Coopworth /Suffolk

All new owners must be able to provide adequate shelter & fencing, access to water and grass, & lamb milk powder. Frequent small feeds are better than infrequent large feeds.

Lambs can be either collected from mutual spot in Pukekohe or Tuakau or by arrangement from farm near Port Waikato.

For further information contact farm:

Rachel 09 2329875 or puririheights@gmail.com

\$70 for 1

\$65 each for 2 or more.