

# PATUMAHOE SCHOOL

## Calf Club Day

Saturday 25th September 2021



It's time to start thinking about what your child would like to participate in for Calf Club this year. This event has been held every year at Patumahoe School (with an exception to last) since 1866. Numbers of animals have steadily increased as our school roll increases this gives the children the opportunity to rear, take care and learn from these animals. Calf Club day is held on Saturday and is classed as a school day. All children are required to attend and are given a day off in lieu at some stage during the year.

### SECTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

***It is compulsory that every child enters at least one of the 8 options***

*All animals except chickens are to be sourced privately.*

- Calf:** (born between 1 June and 31 August) Leading, rearing and type.
- Lamb:** (this seasons) Leading, calling and export
- Goat:** (this seasons) Leading, calling and rearing
- Chicken:** (Purchased through the school) and a progress diary
- Pet:** With a project (a little 'Who I am?' booklet)
- Dogs:** Leading, grooming, tricks and diary.
- Grow a bean:** Explained at demonstration day, 8th July. Beans will be handed out 6 weeks before Calf Club.
- Technology:** Explained at demonstration day, 8th July, children create and write a description of the process.

***Reminder: Timelines are very tight for ordering animals, please be aware of closing dates especially for ordering chickens.***

#### CHICKEN ENTRIES & ORDERS:

**OPEN:** NOW **CLOSE:** FRIDAY 2ND JUNE (This includes money paid to the School)

Delivery of chicks is on **Friday 9th July** (last day of term)

#### OTHER SECTION ENTRIES:

**OPEN:** MONDAY 28TH JUNE **CLOSE** FRIDAY 9TH JULY

**ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ONLINE VIA THE SCHOOL APP AND ON THE  
SCHOOL WEBSITE <https://patumahoe.school.nz/>**

**DEMONSTRATION DAY Thursday 8th July, 1.30pm** Specialised persons will explain about the care of each animal, what happens on Calf Club day and what they will be judging. It is beneficial for parents to also attend especially if this is your child's first year with an animal.

## **CHICKENS**

Chickens **must be ordered through the school**, all chicks need to be from the same source and batch. Children may enter only one chicken on Calf Club day, but due to casualties we recommend that you have two or more chicks and choose the best to bring on the day. These cost \$5.75 for each chick.

### **A FEW GENERAL RULES**

- ★ Calves must be born between 1 June and 31 August
- ★ Calves, kid goats, lambs, chickens and yearlings must be reared and cared for by the handler from 4 days old.
- ★ No loaning or swapping of animals will be permitted.
- ★ Only one animal may be entered in each category.
- ★ Lambs and kid goats may be washed with *water only, soap and shampoo are not permitted.*
- ★ Clipping, plucking or oiling of calves is not permitted.
- ★ Bull calves are not permitted to compete at Group Day.
- ★ Chickens must be purchased through school.
- ★ Dogs should be the family pet, not borrowed from a friend or neighbour. Dogs must be on a lead at ALL TIMES.

## **CLASSES**

Juniors: Y 0 - 2

Intermediate: Y 3 & 4

Seniors: Y 5 & 6

Smaller numbers may mean there is no intermediate. Large numbers may mean an intermediate class is created. All children who enter an animal class receive a green participation ribbon if they do not receive a place ribbon. There is also a Y 7 & 8 class for those children who have previously attended Patumahoe School who wish to go on and compete at Group Day or the Pukekohe show. They can compete at our Calf Club with last year's animal and compete in the yearling section. This is not considered for merit badges, ribbons or trophies for any section through the school.

## **YEARLING ANIMALS**

You may enter a yearling calf, lamb or goat from last year's Calf Club. Yearlings have their own section.

## **DRESS UP TROPHY**

This section is open to all animals (except dogs) where you have fun dressing up with your animal (a highlight for most on the day) This takes place after the competitions on the bottom field.

## **PRESCHOOL SECTION**

The preschool section is held at 9.00am on the field at the bottom field. This section is open to any animal and is not judged. Each child is given a green participation ribbon and entry doesn't count towards a merit badge. New Entrants in their first weeks of school may choose to enter if they wish.

## **MERIT BADGES**

Chicken with a diary, calf, lamb or goat entries qualify for a badge. This is for children who have entered with an animal for either 3, 5, 6 or 7 years.

## **TWO ANIMAL TROPHY**

Combinations of Calf, Lamb, Goat, Chicken, or Yearling are considered for this trophy. The winner will be decided by the child's two animal points being added together. The judges may also confer for a final decision.

## **GROUP DAY** (Wednesday 20th October, still to be confirmed)

You may only enter one animal, either a calf, lamb or goat and the children compete against other schools within the Franklin District. It is another opportunity for you to show your calf, lamb or goat and to win more ribbons and trophies. ***This is open to all children who have competed at our Calf Club day.*** It does not matter on your placement at our calf club as to whether you enter.

For any queries please contact the Calf Club Animal team:

[calfclub@patumahoe.school.nz](mailto:calfclub@patumahoe.school.nz)

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**A copy of the Calf Club code of practice is available at the school office.**