



# St Thomas Aquinas and Winton School Pet Day 2018



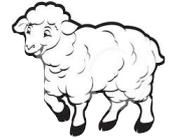
Our 2018 combined schools Pet Day will be held on **Friday 2 November** (Week 3, Term 4). There will, once again, be a number of opportunities for everyone to participate in Pet Day. These will include:

## 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.

**Please note, due to the M.bovis eradication programme, calves will not be a part of our Pet Day this year.**



## 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 from this Monday 27 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 **Thursday 1 November (the day before Pet Day)** for judging.

- Hanging Basket
- 'My Amazing Animal' made from
  - lego
  - recycled materials
  - a drawing, painting or collage



## Home Baking Competition

- 3 Animal themed cupcakes (Five year group sections - Yr 0-2, Yr 3-4, Yr 5-6, Yr 7-8 & Mums)
- Dad's Cake (One section - Dads!)



## School Based Crafts

All students will make these at school on **Thursday 1 November** 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).

- vegetable animal
- sand saucer (saucers provided)
- miniature garden / landscape
- flower arrangement (must be in a jar or vase)
- The Year 7/8s will also have their own project.



**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

Families are challenged to work as a team to create the ultimate scarecrow! These need to be brought to school on the morning of **Thursday 1 November** (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 this Monday 27 August or can be printed from the school website (Kids Zone / Pet Day tab).** Completed diaries will be displayed on Pet Day in the hall 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.

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

### **Hanging Basket**

Hanging baskets, to be purchased 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.

### **My Amazing Animal**

In this home based section, children can choose to create a model of an animal made out of **lego or recycled materials**. Let your imagination run wild!

A separate section within this category will be a drawing, painting or collage of an animal. Art must be student's original work and not computer assisted or generated.

### **Home Baking**

The Animal themed cupcakes section is open to all children and Mums. Your three cupcakes will be judged on visual presentation, originality and taste.

The Dad's Cake section is only open to ..... Dad's. Any type of cake can be entered but please note, it will be auctioned off (silent) to the highest bidder on Pet Day. Cakes will be judged on shape, volume, colour, texture and taste.

**It will only be the animals from both schools that will be judged against each other. Student's home and school based crafts / projects will be judged within their own school.**

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.

**Please remember to collect Pet or Garden diaries from the school office from this Monday 27th August.**

Thank you,

2018 Pet Day Committee