



# St Thomas Aquinas and Winton School Pet Day Update



Our St Thomas Aquinas and Winton School Pet Day is now just over 2 weeks away! As it is a school day, all students are expected to attend. It will also be a mufti day.

## Pet Day and Preparation Timetable:

### Thursday 1 November

After morning tea, all students will be creating school based projects 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).

- vegetable animal
- sand saucer (saucers provided)
- miniature garden
- flower arrangement (in a jar or vase)
- The Year 7/8's will be creating their own projects

All home based projects (hanging baskets and My Amazing Animal creations / artwork) are to be brought into school **by 9am on Thursday 1 November**. Please see over for more details.

Flower and Vegetable Garden Diaries will be collected by the judges when they visit your garden.

Family scarecrows to be tied to the fence on Great North Road (Eglinton Street end), by **3pm on Thursday 1 November**.

### Friday 2 November - PET DAY!

From 8:30am Pets are to be brought along to school and taken to the following areas. A steward will be there to help you. When the bell goes at 8:55, all students are to go to their rooms to be marked off the roll. Students with pets must then go back to their pet.  
**Please note, for Winton School students who will have pets at St Thomas School, a roll will be taken there.** Students without pets are to go to a 'House' room (see below).

Sheep / lambs	Right hand side of large field (Eglinton Street end)
Ponies / Pig	Half way down right hand side of large field (tied to float)
Goats	Between lambs and ponies on right hand side of large field
Dogs (Year 0-2)	Winton School tennis court (playground end)
Dogs (Year 3-4)	Winton School tennis court (Main road end)
Dogs (Year 5-6)	Winton School basketball court
Dogs (Year 7-8)	Winton School, end of Room 11 (along Clyde St)
Cats	St Thomas School, Room 4
Rabbits / guinea pigs	St Thomas School, Library
Poultry / birds	St Thomas School, Library
Fish / other	St Thomas School, Foyer

9:00am All students not bringing a pet are to go to the following rooms. These students will be working on a Pet Day project to include in the Grand Parade.  
Aparima - Room 4, Oreti - Room 5, Waiau - Room 6, Takitimu - Room 7, Hokonui - Room 8.

9:15 - 10:30am Judging of pets. All students to remain with their pet during this time (unless the judge or steward says otherwise).

10:45am Agrikids heats in the Pet Day Arena (middle of large field. Registrations for this event in by **Wednesday 31st October**. See flier.  
Time for everyone to look at projects on display (at both schools), other pets, eat and drink, etc. Parents are able to take pets home at this time.

12:00pm Agrikids Final in the Pet Day Arena.

- 12:30pm Announcements / Grand Parade - taking place in the Pet Day Arena. Parents are able to support their child and pet in the parade if need be.
- 1:00pm Finish / end of day.

### **Important Information**

#### **Pets**

- Small animals need to be in a safe and secure cage. Dogs to stay on a lead, tied up and on northern side of barrier tape at Winton School.
- When not being judged, all animals need to be caged or tied up securely in their designated area **and not led around or between schools.**
- Pet Diaries need to be brought along on the day to be shared with the judge. Children will be asked questions about their pet.
- Pets will need to be fed and watered. (container for water, plastic bag for deposits!)
- After judging, children with the following animals can participate in the following optional activities:
- Dogs - obstacle course

#### **Flower and Vegetable Gardens**

A judge will make contact with you in the week leading up to Pet Day to arrange a time to visit your garden. Your Garden Diary should be shared with the judge when they visit. Diaries will need to be dropped in to the office **by 9am on Thursday 1 November**. They will be displayed on Pet Day along with a photo of your garden taken by the judge.

#### **Hanging Baskets**

Hanging baskets will need to be placed in the Junior eating area (by the hall) by **9am on Thursday 1 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. Please take your hanging basket home at the end of Pet Day.

#### **My Amazing Animal**

All 'Amazing Animal' paintings, drawings, collages or creations made out of lego or recycled materials will need to be dropped in to the School Library by **9am on Thursday 1 November**. Please name your artwork or creation. Labels will be provided. Please note, your creation or artwork can be of any type of animal.

#### **Home Baking Competition**

All cupcakes and Dad's cakes need to be dropped off in Rooms 1 & 2 for judging by **9am on Pet Day (Friday 2 November)**. There will be a Silent Auction for the Dads Cakes in Rooms 1 & 2, Winton School.

#### **Family Challenge**

Please tie your family's scarecrow to the fence on Great North Road (Eglinton Street end), by **3pm on Thursday 1 November** for judging. Please put your family name on your scarecrow.

#### **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 the large field (there will be an access way down the left side of the field).

**Food and Drink** The Lions Food Caravan, Winton and St Thomas' PTA food tents and Coffee Lady will be on site during the day. Food available: sausage 'n' bread, chips, sushi, baking and drinks.

#### **Wet Weather**

If it is too wet, a cancellation message will be put on the radio - MORE FM (89.2FM), Classic Hits (98.8FM), Hokonui Gold (94.8FM) and on the school's Facebook page. In the event of the day being cancelled, pets will need to stay at home and it will be a normal school day. All judged school based and home based projects will still be on display in the hall and library.

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

2018 Pet Day Committee