



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL COUNTRY DAY 2018

Friday 21st September 2018

Pets

All children are encouraged to bring a pet – families can share a pet and children will be judged individually. Children are judged in 4 categories for the pet that they enter. These are –

- Care and Attention,
- Knowledge,
- Handling
- Written pet project. *The pet projects are marked before Country Day (by class teachers) and will be displayed in the school hall on the day. Projects are optional but encouraged.*

Each category earns a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or highly commended sticker – these stickers equate to 4,3,2 or 1 points respectively. **If a child scores 4 firsts they will receive a red ribbon.**

Pets will be tethered on our Sports Field – designated areas will be signposted for the animals.

Once animals are judged and if you feel they are under stress please feel free to take them home.

Pet Projects

Pet projects are to be completed at home to be handed in on Monday 10th September. These will be marked by the class teachers and displayed on Country Day.

ENTRY FORM

Family Name _____

Child Name	Pet Name	Animal Type <small>(For dogs please specify breed & age)</small>	Lamb Drinking	Calf Drinking

Please indicate here if your pet is being shared between siblings

This form needs to be returned to School by

THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2018



From 23 July 2018 School Newsletter

Due to the current risk and uncertainty surrounding Mycoplasma-bovis the recommendation from MPI and Dairy NZ is for schools not to have calves at their Pet or Country Days. We are going to follow this advice for 2018. MPI have said *“Bringing animals from different herds together poses a risk of disease spread. While the risk is relatively low, we are in a critical phase for tracking down and eradicating Mycoplasma bovis and unnecessary mixing of animals at events like calf days should be avoided”*. Dairy NZ have said *“In this heightened time of biosecurity risk, the risk of Mycoplasma bovis being spread from animal to animal must be considered. Ultimately if animals don’t come into contact, then the risk of spread is low. The question that needs to be considered is how likely it is that animals won’t come into contact. DairyNZ and MPI agree that mixing young animals and then returning them to their home farm, is not worth the risk under the current state of heightened biosecurity in New Zealand. Kids and animals don’t always stick to plans!”* I realise this news will come as a disappointment to those children and families expecting to bring calves to our Country Day. I thank you for your understanding with this.

D Robinson
Principal