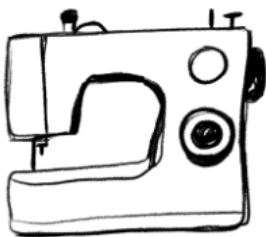




PET DAY 2026

Term 4 Week 2

Thursday 22nd October 2026 ~ Indoor & Outdoor Section



Pet Day information : Schedules, Pet Diaries, Group Day & Hedgehogs

Our Pet Day will be a ONE DAY EVENT this year. THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2026.

Today we are sending home Pet Day Schedules. Schedules have information about what you can enter. All the information is inside but if you have questions, please ask your class teacher or talk to Renee. renee@rai.school.nz

Pet entry forms have gone out. These are used to gauge how many judges we need on the day. Do not worry if you get a pet over the school holidays and you want to bring it, we take entries on the day. **Please be aware some pets will need parent support, school staff are busy on the day.**

Entering is not compulsory but highly encouraged up to year 10. Year 9 & 10 students who do not bring pets are holding stalls and activities to entertain the Junior students who don't bring pets this year. **Some stalls will cost. There will be a Sausage Sizzle on the day.**

Ms Furness has indicated Year 11-13 students should be concentrating on their studies, with potentially only 5 weeks of school time before they have NZQA end of year exams.

PET DIARIES will be given out as students bring back entry forms. They can then start entering the details about the care, knowledge and training of their pet. These are done over at least a four week period.

For new families to Pet Day, your child may enter more than one pet. **Pet diaries are compulsory for Lambs, Calves, Rabbits, and Goats because these are potential Marlborough Group Day entries and MUST have a diary with entry at Group Day. The diaries need to be completed and delivered to the hall on the 22nd of October 2026.**

GROUP DAY

If you are a winner in Lambs, Goats, Calves, Rabbits or Chicks at our pet day, that will mean (with parent support) you can go through to Group Day (we will give you more information on that if you get through to it). Group Day this year is being held at Linkwater School on Thursday the 29th of October.

There is a separate Marlborough Group Day Rabbit Diary, you will be given if you are entering a rabbit.

HEDGEHOGS

Has your child made anything at home to enter into the Indoor section of Pet Day? Making entries at home is optional.

If so, you will need to attach the Pet Day Number (also known as Hedgehogs) to your child's entry. This helps with the judging. Please ask your teacher for your child's number.

YELLOW - YEAR 1 & 2

GREEN - YEAR 3 & 4

BLUE - YEAR 5 & 6

ORANGE - YEAR 7 & 8

CREAM - YEAR 9 & 10

RED - YEAR 11, 12 & 13

PINK - PRESCHOOL

Please see other class teachers for your child's pet day number and colour.

RIBBONS, CUPS AND TROPHIES

Section 1 – Outdoor

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Champion & Reserve Champion | Ribbons in most animal categories |
| • Best Calf Cup (Livestock Cup) | Most points in Calf Section |
| • RVDHS Cup | Most points in Lamb Section |
| • Best Goat Cup | Most points in Goat Section |
| • Best Rabbit Cup | Most points in Rabbit Section |
| • Best Dog Trophy | Year 1 – 3 |
| • Best Dog Trophy | Year 4 – 6 |
| • Best Dog Trophy | Year 7 – 13 |
| • Horse Ridden Trophy | Overall points |
| • Horse In-Hand class Trophy | Overall points |
| • Payton Cup | Best Overall Bird |
| • BGAC Cup | Most Points for Pets & Poultry |



Section 2 – Indoor

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| • Floral Work Trophy | Most points in floral section |
| • BGAC Committee Cup | Most overall points indoor section |
| • Secondary Cup | Most overall points indoor section secondary |
| • Photography: - J Neal | Most Outstanding Photography |
| • PreSchool Cup: - D Payton | Most overall points |

RULES

- Open to students of Rai Valley Area School and preschool children, and by special invitation.
- All Indoor entries must be in the hall for Judging by
10:00am. on Thursday 22nd October.
- All Outdoor entries must be at school for Judging by
10:00am. on Thursday 22nd October.
- All sections will be judged in class groups unless stated as Open Class.
- Exhibits may be divided into subsections where appropriate.
- All animals can only be entered once by one student.
- **Pre-school children may enter any pet category but must have adult support.**

Schedule of Outdoor Exhibits

Animal Criteria and Rules

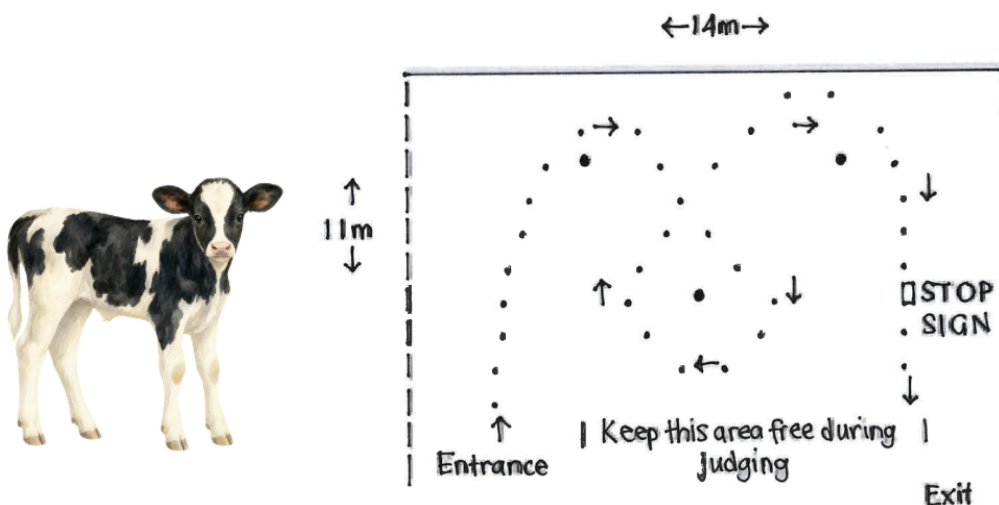
When calves are not being judged in the ring, they must return to their designated tie-up area.

Calves from different farms **must be kept at least 2 metres apart**.

Other children may only pat calves **from the shoulders back**, and only with the handler's permission.

All calves entered must be **Marlborough born**.

- It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure the animals are tied, fed, watered and sheltered when not being judged.
- **Lambs and calves must be born on or after the 1st August of the current year.**
- Plan of leading course for lambs as follows:



Calves Section

(If numbers are low, this may be changed to an open category at the discretion of the judge)

A. #Ringcraft
#Ringcraft
#Ringcraft

Y1 – Y3
Y4 – Y6
Y7 – Y13

B. #Care & Attention
#Care & Attention
#Care & Attention

Y1 – Y3
Y4 – Y6
Y7 – Y13



C.	#Light Breed Dairy	Open
D.	#Heavy Breed Dairy	Open
E.	Best Beef or Bull	<i>NOTE: Not eligible for Group Day</i>
F.	Best Preschool Calf	

Lamb Section

(If numbers are low, this may be changed to an open category at the discretion of the judge)

A.	# Care & Knowledge	Y1 – Y3
	# Care & Knowledge	Y4 – Y6
	# Care & Knowledge	Y7 – Y13
B.	# Ringcraft	Y1 – Y3
	# Ringcraft	Y4 – Y6
	# Ringcraft	Y7 – Y13
C.	# Best Pet Lamb	Y1 – Y3
	# Best Pet Lamb	Y4 – Y6
	# Best Pet Lamb	Y7 – Y13
D.	# Best Lamb for Export	Open
E.	# Best Wool Lamb	Open
F.	# Best Coloured Wool for Spinning	Open
G.	# Best Breeding Ewe	Open
H.	Lamb Drinking	Open
I.	Best Preschool Lamb	Preschool only



Goat Section

(If numbers are low, this may be changed to an open category at the discretion of the judge)

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| A. | # Best Pet Goat/Ringcraft | Y1-Y3 |
| | # Best Pet Goat/Ringcraft | Y4-Y6 |
| | # Best Pet Goat/Ringcraft | Y7-Y13 |
| B. | # Care & Knowledge | Y1-Y3 |
| | # Care & Knowledge | Y4-Y6 |
| | # Care & Knowledge | Y7-Y13 |
| C. | # Best Fibre | Y1-Y3 |
| | # Best Fibre | Y4-Y6 |
| | # Best Fibre | Y7-Y13 |
| D. | # Best Dairy Goat | Open |
| E. | # Best Feral Goat | Open |
| F. | Best Preschool Goat | Preschool only |



Rabbit Section

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| A. | # Best Fibre | Open |
| B. | # Care & Knowledge/Best Pet | Open |
| C. | # Fattest Rabbit (Meat) | Open |
| D. | Best Preschool Rabbit | |



Dog Section

(All dogs must be registered and Parvo free and stay in the dog zone.)

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| A. | Best Overall Pup
(6 months and Under) | Open | Y1- Y13 |
| B. | Best Pup or Dog | Preschool | |
| C. | Dog Obstacle/ Agility | Y1 - Y3
Y4 - Y6
Y7 - Y13 | |
| D | Dog Obedience | Y1 - Y3
Y4- Y6
Y7 - Y13 |  |
| E. | Best Care & Knowledge | Y1 - Y3
Y4- Y6
Y7 - Y13 | |
| F. | Best trick | Y1 - Y3
Y4- Y6
Y7 - Y13 | |



Egg and Spoon (at the discretion of Joanie)

Champion and Reserve Champion Dog will be chosen from Sections C, D, and E
The child must be able to control their dog on the lead and by using voice.

Horse Section

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| A. | In-hand Classes (Open) | Best Presented
Best Care & Attention
Woolliest Horse / P
Best Trick |
| B. | Ridden Classes (Open) | Best Rider
Best Walking
Best Trotting
Best Mannered
Obstacle Course |



Best Canter
Best Trick

Poultry Section

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| A. | Hens | Open |
| B. | # Pullets | Open (2 purchased during the previous year) |
| C. | # Chicks | Open (3 raised with diary) |
| D. | Caged Birds | Open |
| E. | Geese & Ducks | Open |
| F. | Roosters | Open |



Pet Section

(we encourage you not to bring animals classed as pests)



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| A. | Best Domestic Pet (excluding dog and cat) | Open |
| B. | Most Unusual Living Pet | Open |
| C. | Preschool, Any Pet | (excluding cats) |

The Grand Parade will be at approx 1.30pm

Young Farmers Competition

Time to be confirmed

More details to come.

Exhibit Criteria and Rules

Class groups may be altered at the discretion of the Head Stewards.

For Years 1-6, each student allowed only 1 entry per category.

All Categories marked with # can be entered in Group Day.

Entries should not be entered in successive years without significant modification.

Section A: Collections

Years **1-2**, **3-4**, **5-6**

(classes can be changed based on number of entries at Head Steward's discretion)

A collection **should not** be entered in successive years, **unless** it has been majorly added to or improved. Judging will be done on the quality of display.

These collections need to be contained either in the bottom of a box, fixed to cardboard/paper/wood.

1. Collections (on a fixed mount temporary or permanent) Stickers, Stamps etc, Toys, Books etc



Section B: Technology

Years **1-2**, **3-4**, **5-6**

(classes can be changed based on number of entries at Head Steward's discretion)

1. Models Your own design with no set instructions used – can be Lego, Meccano, Ken-X or any other brand
2. Hard Technology Any completed wood and metal work e.g bird-feeders

Section C: Photography

Years **1-2**, **3-4**, **5-6**

(classes can be changed based on number of entries at Head Steward's discretion)

Judged according to Group Day specifications

Students photographs must be taken by the student within the last 12 months.

Photo size must be 6"x 4" and mounted on a single A5 coloured card. Only 1 entry per child per category. Please write the entered section on the back.

Title but no frame or decoration.

ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING

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| 1. | Human Study | Open Class |
| 2. | #GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY | Y1-3, Y4-6, Y7-8 |
| | <i>NOTE: can be standard or digital – not enhanced! Must be on photographic paper.</i> | |
| 3. | Nature (object or individual study) | Open Class |
| 4. | Digitally Enhanced
(Please include a Before and after on the same cardboard mount) | Open Class |
| 5. | Animal or Bird Study | Open Class |



Section D: Floral

Years **1-2**, **3-4**, **5-6** Students Class Groups.

Judged according to Group Day specifications

Items 1 and 2 to be done at school.

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| 1. | Sand Saucer (made at school on day) | flower/leaf display in saucer |
| 2. | Buttonhole (made at school on day) | |
| 3. | Potted plant in a decorated container | |
| 4. | #Natural Material Picture | ANY THEME YOU LIKE |
| | <i>A4. No frame. No artificial material except adhesive</i> | |
| 5. | Fairy Garden Pot | |
| | Create a fairy garden in a pot no more than 30cm wide | |



Section E: Handwriting

Years **1-2**, **3-4**, **5-6** Students Class Groups.

Judged according to Group Day specifications

1. **#Handwritten Party Invitation.** **A5 Landscape**(done at school)
NOTE: No computer work at all. One sided only NOT TO BE FOLDED
2. **#Poster** **A4 Landscape** (done at school)
Promoting: Marlborough A&P Show 7th November 2026 *No computer work.*
3. **#Pet Diary** **Requirement for school AND Group Day**
4. Individual Handwriting Sample **(done at school)**
5. Pet Profile For Domestic & Most Unusual Pets



Section F: Creative Flair

Years **1-2**, **3-4**, **5-6** Students Class Groups.

Judged according to Group Day specifications

1. Fabric Creation
2. **#Decorated Rock** ***NOTE: Not to exceed 20cm in height or width or length. NO FRESH FOLIAGE or FLOWERS***
3. Jewellery Own creation only
4. **#Repurposed Item** All adornments must be recyclable (excluding paints and glues). Must be smaller than 30 x30 x 50cm
5. Pet Pine Cone
6. **#Decorated Boot or Shoe** No fresh flowers
7. **#Decorated Wooden Spoon** No longer than 50cm (including decorations). No fresh adornments.
8. Artwork created at home



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| 9. | Artwork | created at school |
| 10. | Colouring in | Template is on the school website |
| 11. | Māori/Cultural Art |  |
| 12. | Weaving (harakeke/flax only) | |
| 13. | #Papier Mache | Under 30x30x30cm any creation |
| 14. | Sock Puppet Pet | Any creation |
| 15. | Paper Flowers | Made from paper or cardboard |
| 16. | Animal Mask | can be a template but own flair added |



Section G: Cooking

Years **1-2**, **3-4**, **5-6** Students Class Groups.

Judged according to Group Day specifications

Displayed and covered on a plate. Judges cut and sample the first two items.

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| 1. | 3 biscuits | |
| 2. | 3 pieces of uncooked slice | e.g. 3 truffles or 3 chocolate crackles |
| 3. | Decorated cake. | |
| 4. | 3 Cooked Savoury Items | e.g. mini pizzas |



Section H: Preschool

Open to all **preschool** aged children

1. Best Dressed Teddy or Doll
2. Decorated Rock
3. Art Work
4. Models Your own design - can be
Lego, Meccano, Ken-X or any other brand
5. Mini Sand Tray

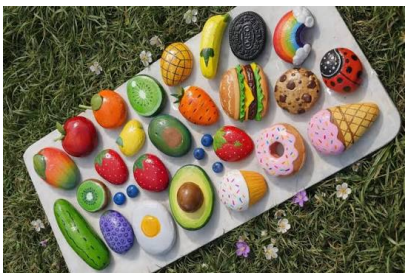


Section I: Adults

Open to all community members who wish to enter!



1. Mum & Dads Best Baked Creation
2. Wood/Metal Work Of own design and construction
3. Adult Colouring In - found on school website under
INFORMATION - PET DAY or at office



Indoor Exhibit Criteria and Rules

Class groups may be altered at the discretion of the Head Stewards.

For years 1-8, each student allowed only 1 entry per category.

All Categories in BOLD and marked with # can be entered in Group Day.

Entries should not be entered in successive years without significant modification.

YEAR 7 & 8 Group day entry categories

Judged according to Group Day specifications

C2. #GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY PHOTOGRAPHY

NOTE: can be standard or digital – not enhanced! Must be on photographic paper.

D4. #Natural Material Picture **Theme: ANYTHING YOU LIKE**

A4. No frame. No artificial material except adhesive

E1. #Handwritten Party Invitation. **A5 Landscape**(made at school)

NOTE: No computer work at all. One sided only

E2. #Poster **A4 Landscape** (made at school)

Promoting: Marlborough A&P Show 7th November 2026 *No computer work.*

E3. #Pet Diary Requirement for school AND Group Day

F2. #Decorated Rock *NOTE: Not to exceed 20 cm in height or width.*

F4. #Repurposed Item All adornments must be recyclable (excluding paints and glues). Must be smaller than 30 x 30 x 50 cm

F6. #Decorated Boot or Shoe	No fresh flowers
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F7. #Decorated Wooden Spoon No longer than 50cm (including decorations)
No fresh adornments. (done at school)

F13. #Papier Mache **Under 30x30x30cm**

Section J: Secondary Students

Open to Students Years **7-8**, **9-10** & **11-13**

1. Soft Technology

- a. Fabric Creation

2. Hard Technology

- a. Animals
- b. Cellphone Holders
- c. Tables / Stools
- d. Other Woodwork

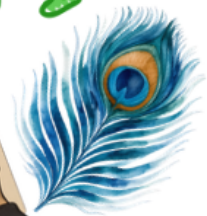


3. Computer Graphics and Design

- a. Informative Poster
- b. Infographic Health Poster

4. Art Work

- a. Drawing
- b. Painting
- c. Water Colour
- d. Other artwork
- e. Fluid Art
- f. Nature Art
- g. 1970's Art
- h. Acrylic painting



5. Photography

Photographs must be taken by the student within the last 12 months. Anything digitally altered on camera, or on computer must be entered in d.

Please write the entered section on the back.

- a. Human Study
- b. Animal Study
- c. Nature (object or individual study)
- d. Digitally Altered – please include a copy of the original on the same card

6. **Cooking**
Displayed and covered on a plate. Judges cut and sample the first two items.

- a. 3 biscuits
- b. 3 pieces of uncooked slice e.g. 3 truffles
- c. Savoury item
- d. Decorated cake



7. **Creative Flair**

- a. Jewellery
- b. Beading
- c. Painted Rock
- d. Diamond Art

8. **Collections**

A collection **should not** be entered in successive years, unless it has been majorly added to or improved. Judging will be done on the quality of display. These collections need to be contained either in the bottom of the box, fixed to cardboard/paper/wood.

- a. Collections (on a fixed mount temporary or permanent)

9. **LEGO Creation**

- a. LEGO Creation (please have mounted on a board)
Your own design with no set instructions used – can be Lego, Meccano, Ken-X or any other brand

