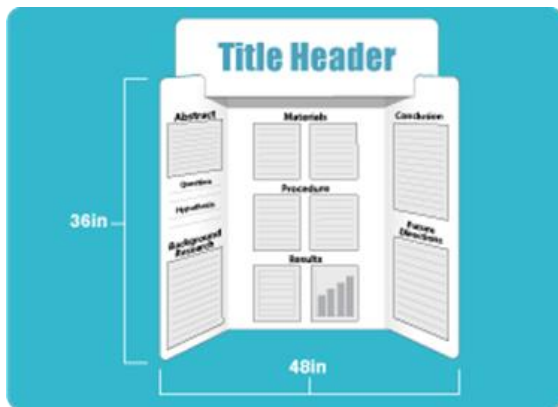


2018 Virtual Calf Club Project

Whangarei A&P Society is supporting MPI and Bio-Security NZ in their endeavour to eradicate Mycoplasma Bovis. As a result, the Whangarei A&P Show will not be holding bovine livestock competitions at the Show in 2018. This means there will be no calf club section in the usual manner. Instead, there will be an exciting new interschools 'Virtual Calf Club' competition at the Whangarei A&P Show!

For 2018, the Society is suggesting the following:

Calves can still be reared for school Ag Day BUT not brought to the Show/school. Instead, the student could prepare a project and bring the project to school – one project per person. Winning projects would come through to the Show and compete for great prizes. (Projects would need to be mounted on cardboard on a science board display or similar cardboard display of the same size.)



In addition, an **optional 30 second video clip** on phone or tablet could be included of 'Me and my calf'. This might include a figure 8 leading course or other footage the student thinks suitable. If provided, this would be judged as part of the project. The student will still be questioned about their project by the judge. (One project per person.)

These projects can also go through to Central Calf Club day.

The **Virtual Calf Club Project** could include:

- Border, headings, name of student, school student attends.
- A maximum of 10 photographs of the calf at different development stages.
- How/why the calf was selected?
- Where the calf lives (shelter, bedding, ventilation etc) and why is this important?
- Health/vaccinations and Hygiene.
- Feeding and nutrition and how that relates to growth and condition.
- Brushes, covers and other equipment used.
- General knowledge related to calves.
- What is the NAIT Number (ear tag) and what farm is the calf registered to?
- Biosecurity – what does this mean? And how does it affect me and my calf?
- The student's top 5 tips for calf rearing.
- A story about how you have raised your calf, time spent together, what you did to build a relationship with your calf, leading, rearing, feeding stories.

The more detailed the information (age appropriate) the better! But make sure your project is easy to read and easy to follow.

The projects will be judged by age by external judges, who will question the students about their project before awarding the usual ribbons.

Note:

Please keep the winning projects from School Ag Days so these can be entered and displayed at the Whangarei A&P Show on Saturday 1st December 2018 for the interschools competition. There will be three sections at the A&P Show:

8 years and under

9-10 years

10-13 years