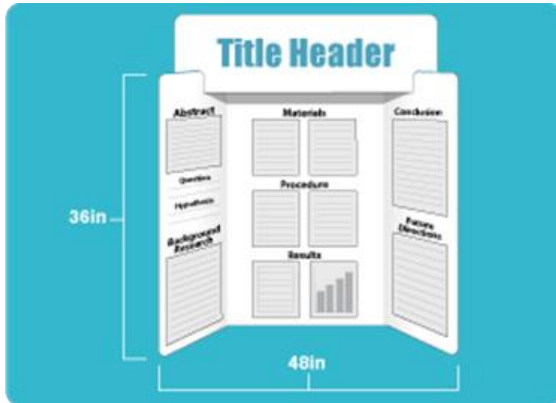


## 2018 Virtual Calf Club Project

Whangarei A&P Society is supporting MPI and Bio-Security NZ in their endeavour to eradicate Mycoplasma bovis so will be holding bovine livestock competitions at the Show this year. This means there will be no calf club section (but there will still be pet lambs and goats). There will also be an exciting new 'Virtual Calf Club' competition at the Whangarei A&P Show!

*Calves can still be reared for school Ag Day BUT not brought to the Show. Instead, prepare a project and bring the project! Projects need to be mounted on cardboard on a science board display or similar cardboard display of the same size. Winning projects from school Ag Days can come through to the Show or projects can be entered in the Show direct.*



An **optional 30 second video clip** on phone or tablet can 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 will be judged as part of the project. The student will be questioned about their project by the judge. (One project per person.)

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 and prizes. Projects can be dropped off at the Show between 1pm and 6pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November or by 9.30am on Saturday to the Home Industries Marquee.

### Note:

Winning projects from School Ag Days can be entered for the Interschools Competition OR students can enter their project direct at the Whangarei A&P Show on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. There are three sections at the A&P Show:

8 years and under

9-10 years

11-13 years