

# Manawatu Home Educators Home and Country Show

Saturday 4th November 2017  
at the Village Valley Centre, on Cambridge Street, Ashhurst

- Online Registrations will open on **Friday 6th October** at <http://www.mhe.org.nz/home-country-show>
- Registrations will close on **Sunday 29th October**. NO entries will be received after this date. Once you have completed your registration, an email will be sent to you which will contain a list of your entries and your individual code that will be used to keep all the judging anonymous. Please keep this email.
- Each exhibit your child enters and any placings (1st, 2nd, 3rd) they receive earns them points. The child with the most points will receive the "Supreme Exhibitor" rosette. One is given to a junior (up to 8 years) and the other to a senior (9 years and over). It is important to note that if you register an exhibit but do not enter it on the day you will not receive any points for the exhibit.
- Please DO NOT name your exhibits. When you deliver your entries on Show Day you will be given a card to put with your exhibit that will have your individual number on one side (for judging) and your name on the other side (for viewing after the prize giving). The age category for each entry is set based on the child's age as of 4th November 2017.
- All entries must have been completed during the last twelve months.
- **Photography and Literature** entries close on **Tuesday 24th October!** Those entering Photography and Literature sections will need to ensure their entry code and age category is written on the back of their entry - both of which can be found in your registration email. Deliver your Photography and Literature entries to Andrew and Rachel Turner (167 Botanical Road). These will both be judged prior to the Show Day.

**Remember, you do not have to attend on the day to enter  
or enter to attend on the day!**

- Of course any great show comes at a cost. The entry fees are \$8.00 per child, plus an additional \$10.00 per family for non MHE members. This cost covers the child's entry of all exhibits, participation in the activities and games and the families entry to view the exhibits. If you wish to come along for the day but have not entered any exhibits we ask that you make a gold coin donation per child for participation in the activities. Please make all your payments into the MHE account (reference: H&C Show) PRIOR to the Show Day. Our bank account details are:  
Manawatu Home Educators  
BNZ 02 0719 0160638 00
- Another important aspect of the Home & Country Show is Parent Help. Without assistance, the Home & Country Show Day wouldn't go nearly as smoothly as it does. Please consider helping out this year by filling out the **Parent Help Form** which will be available online on **Friday 6th October**.

On the following pages you'll find information on all the sections so you can work out which to sign up for when registrations open.

On the last page you'll find the **Summary Form** which will need to be filled out for entries in the Handcraft section, the Woodwork, Metalwork, Electronic Construction subsections, and where children have had assistance.

# Animals



## Calf

### Age Groups: 3-8, 9+

Judged on Leading, Type (Dairy or Beef), and Care & Attention.

Must have been born after 1 June 2017.

May be washed and groomed.

There will be designated areas with water provided.

Bring a bucket, and a lead or rope to secure your animal.

See [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz) for more info.

## Lamb

### Age Groups: 3-8, 9+

Judged on Leading, Calling, and Care & Attention.

Must have been born after 1 June 2017.

Not to be washed or brushed.

There will be designated areas with water provided.

Bring a bucket, and a lead or rope to secure your animal.

# Art



## 2D Art

### Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

Overall criteria will focus on the Wow! factor - does the entry grab and keep your attention?

### Technical Requirements

- Give your art a title.
- Can be collage, drawing and/or painting.
- Use of space (Is the artwork balanced? Does it fill the page?)
- Colours work well together.
- Presentation (crease free, items stuck down, no rubbed out pencil lines).
- Demonstrates a knowledge of the medium used.

## 3D Art

### Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

Overall criteria will focus on the Wow! factor - does the entry grab and keep your attention?

### Technical Requirements

- Give your art a title.
- Presentation (for example: finish, holding together, etc).
- Demonstrates a knowledge of the medium used.

## Recycled Creation Art

### Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

Overall criteria will focus on the Wow! factor - does the entry grab and keep your attention?

### Technical Requirements

- Give your art a title.
- Must be made of recycled material (sellotape, glue and other adhesives may be used to hold it together).

# Baking



## Party Biscuit

### Age Groups: 3-4

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

#### Technical Requirements

- Biscuits must be covered in icing.
- Biscuits must be decorated with edible items.

## Biscuit Creation

### Age Groups: 5-6

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

#### Technical Requirements

- Must use biscuits (as many as required) to create an object, structure or animal.
- Must fit on a bread/butter plate.
- May be held together with icing or toothpicks/skewers. Toothpicks/skewers must be hidden.

## Muffins

### Age Groups: 7-8

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

#### Technical Requirements

- Must be un-iced.
- Must provide 3 muffins.
- Will be tasted for texture, moisture, mix of ingredients and how well it is cooked.
- Include a label.

## Cooked Slice

### Age Groups: 9-10

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

#### Technical Requirements

- May be iced or un-iced.
- Must provide 3 pieces.
- Must be cooked.
- Will be tasted for texture, mix of ingredients and how well it is cooked.
- Include a label.

## Sponge

### Age Groups: 11-12, 13+

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

#### Technical Requirements

- Must be filled with cream and decorated with fruit.
- Will be tasted for texture, mix of ingredients and how well it is cooked.

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## *Baking continued*

### **Novelty Cake**

**Age Groups: 9-10, 11-12, 13+**

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

Entries will be judged on decoration only and so will not be tasted.

Royal Icing/Fondant and Butter Icing cakes will be judged separately.

#### **Technical Requirements**

- Cakes can be stacked, tiered, or be unusually shaped.
- Cake dummies (polystyrene) are allowed.
- Edible ornaments and figurines will be shown favour over plastic/inedible ones.
- Rolled icing should be smooth and free from finger marks.
- Butter icing should be free from crumbs.
- Piping should be uniform.
- Board should be clean.

## *Bike Decorating*

**Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

Bring a bike already decorated. This is a fun category with Lucky Dip prizes.

#### **Technical Requirements**

- Bikes must be rideable.
- Rider must wear a helmet.
- Helmets must not be decorated.



# Construction



## Lego/Knex/Duplo/or similar

**Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10**

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Original creation / no kitsets.
- No props.
- Displayed on a base plate or secured to an oven tray with adhesive.
- Maximum size - 55×35cm.

## Lego/Knex/Duplo/or similar - Advanced

**Age Groups: 11-12, 13+**

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Original creation / no kitsets.
- No props.
- Displayed on a base plate or secured to an oven tray with adhesive.
- Maximum size - 55×35cm.
- Creation follows the theme of "Edible".
- Include a title.

## Woodwork

**Age Groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+**

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Summary Form included and completed to explain how the child made their entry.
- Written instructions on how to operate their exhibit may be included.

## Metalwork

**Age Groups: 9-10, 11-12, 13+**

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Summary Form included and completed to explain how the child made their entry.
- Written instructions on how to operate their exhibit may be included.

## Electronics

**Age Groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+**

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Summary Form included and completed to explain how the child made their entry.
- Written instructions on how to operate their exhibit may be included.

# Floral



## Vaseline Saucer

### Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6

Thoroughly cover a saucer with vaseline and arrange flowers and greenery.

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Use plant material only.
- There must be no saucer showing.
- Maximum size of saucer - 15cm diameter and 3cm height.

## Sand Saucer

### Age Groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+

Fill a saucer with sand and arrange flowers and greenery.

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Use plant material only.
- There must be no sand showing.
- Maximum size of saucer - 15cm diameter and 3cm height.

## Unusual Container

### Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+

Arrange flowers and greenery in an unusual container.

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Water, soil or oasis must not be visible and must be completely contained.

## Scenic Tray

### Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+

Create a miniature outdoor scene.

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Maximum size of container - standard oven roasting dish.
- No cardboard boxes.

## Posie Bowl

### Age Groups: 9-10, 11-12, 13+

Make a table centrepiece of flowers and greenery.

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

### Technical Requirements

- Use plant material only.
- No height element so it can be viewed from all sides.
- Maximum size of container - 20cm diameter.

# Handcraft

**Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+**

Some examples include cardmaking, needlework, knitting, sewing, embroidery, crochet, quilling, and quilting.

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

## Technical Requirements

- Kept to actual pattern (each stitch in place).
- Up to 3 items of the same skill may be entered but will be judged as a whole.
- Summary Form completed and included to explain how the child made their entry.



# Literature

## Poetry - Rhyming Poem

**Age Groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+**

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

Overall criteria may include illustrations, initial impact, presentation.

## Technical Requirements

- Poem must rhyme.
- Reflects theme of "Edible".
- Uses descriptive language.
- Correct spelling.
- Must fit on a single side of one A4 page.

## Short Story

**Age Groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13+**

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

Overall criteria may include initial impact, presentation.

## Technical Requirements

- Up to 750 words.
- Uses descriptive language.
- Correct spelling and grammar.
- Please note there is no requirement for this to reflect the "Edible" theme.



# Pets

## Age Groups: 3-8, 9+

Pets must be in a secure container, cage, or leashed at all times.

The judge will question the child on the care of their pet e.g. gender, breed, who feeds it, what does it eat/how often and any special requirements.



# Photography

## Age Groups: 9-10, 11-12, 13+

This year's theme is "Edible".

Photos may include identifiable persons. Original photos only.

You may: crop, make adjustments to exposure, colour and contrast etc.

You may not digitally enhance or alter your photographs beyond the basics needed to achieve realistic colour, balance and sharpness. Your goal is to make it real.

Judged on 3 criteria: Creativity and Originality, Technical Requirements, and Overall.

Overall criteria may include initial impact, level of skill.

### Technical Requirements

- "Edible" Theme is reflected in the image.
- In focus (sharp image, intentional blur is accepted).
- Composition including the rule of thirds.
- Presentation including the quality of print and mounting.
- A maximum of 3 photos.





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SUMMARY FORM

Exhibitor's Entry Number:

Exhibitor's Age Group:

Entry Name/Description:

Materials Used:

Equipment Used:

Method:

Details of Adult Input (if any):

Attach additional info to this form (including plans/patterns/templates/etc as appropriate.)