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Schools to Shine at Sheepvention

Part of the Hamilton Pastoral and Agricultural Society's ethos is to support the involvement of children and school students in agriculture and to encourage interactive learning through their events. Every year the Society work on engaging schools and students through their activities at Sheepvention.

In 2017 even more is on offer for Schools. New initiatives include The Great Lamb Burger Challenge and the Young Inventors Work Shops. The Great Lamb Burger Challenge is open to primary school students. Students must come up with an original recipe and submit a one minute video of themselves making their burger. "The aim of the competition is to encourage children to cook their own healthy food as well as foster innovative thinking in a fun way. Children can work by themselves, in pairs or as a class project, it doesn't matter." Said, Peta Anderson, Sheepvention, Events Manager. Prizes on offer include a Food Science Show at the winning entrants' school thanks to the Bubble Muffin Cookery School. Students have until July 28 to get their entries submitted.

"We have also introduced the Young Inventors Workshops. We were keen to spark interest in young people to be creative and think about inventing. "Sheepvention was built off the inventions competition so we need to keep encouraging innovative thinking" Said Ms Anderson. Students can participate in workshops including robotics, slime making, forensics and space. "We anticipate over 200 children will go through these workshops and have a fantastic time learning about science and mechanics which will hopefully lead them to think about how they can create a product that will help themselves or others in the future."

In addition the regular School competitions, which are all free of charge are being offered again.

- Secondary Schools Junior Judging Workshop – Wednesday 19nd July at 10am, Ram Pavilion, Hamilton Showgrounds. Students can learn about Meat Sheep and Cattle Judging. This is a great trial for the Junior Judging competitions at Sheepvention. Schools need to book in advance.
- Junior Judging Cattle – Tuesday 8th August at Sheepvention, 10am Cattle Yards in the Inventions Marquee.
- Junior Judging Sheep – Tuesday, 8th August at Sheepvention, 11.30 am Sheep Pavilion.
- School Inventions Competition – on display throughout Sheepvention. Entries Close July 7th.
- Children's activities in the *Home Paddock* –
 - Demonstrations and woollen crafts workshops conducted by the Hamilton Wool and Craft Guild. These activities are aimed at young primary students.

- SW TAFE will be conducting a craft activity aimed at pre-school and young primary students.
- Fun Felting by Sylvie. Children aged 6 and over can participate and will get to take home a product they have made. Bookings on the day are encouraged.
- The Jitterbugs will be performing at Sheepvention. The Jitterbugs are a musical act who will perform their songs and talk to children about our ecosystem and where their food comes from.
- Children's activities in the *Producers Pavilion* –
 - The Bubble Muffin Cooking School who will host cookery classes and food nutrition for children aged 5 – 12.
 - 'Get into Grains' is an educational project developed by the Australian Grains Genebank in Horsham for senior primary school students. Please see enclosed flyer.

All activities are **free**. Entry to Sheepvention is free for School Students in uniform.

Forms and information can be downloaded from the Sheepvention website www.hamiltonshowgrounds.com.au under competitions/sales or contact us on 03 5572 2563 or at info@hamiltonshowgrounds.com.au

We look forward to a successful Sheepvention and hope to see a high level involvement from our schools on August 7 and 8 at the Hamilton Showgrounds.

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