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ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

2027 THEME: FLORA, FAUNA & FARMING

G.O.A.T COMPETITION



Foundation - 6

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COMPETITION OVERVIEW

G.O.A.T (Greatest of all Time) Competition

The G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time) Competition provides a fun and interactive way for students to learn about red meat production through the use of curriculum-linked Australian Good Meat Education resources.

Each student will have the opportunity to submit one design. Entries will be judged with 20 finalists selected to receive a life-sized, fibreglass goat (7kg) to display their design. The student – with the help of their classmates – will replicate their submitted entry by painting it onto the goat.

All 20 painted goats remain the property of the RNA and will be returned to the Brisbane Showgrounds for display at this year's Ekka.

The design must be accompanied with a 100 word explanation to support their artistic direction and learning outcomes.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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2027 THEME

“Flora, Fauna & Farming”

The 2027 G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time) Competition theme, **"Flora, Fauna & Farming"** invites students to explore the rich and diverse ecosystems that support goats and the agricultural environments they call home.

From native grasslands and wildflowers to insects, birds, trees, waterways and farm animals, students will discover how plants (flora) and animals (fauna) work together to create healthy, thriving environments. Through MLA Good Meat Education resources, students will learn about the important relationship between goats, the food they eat, the habitats they live in, and the biodiversity that supports sustainable farming.

This theme encourages students to investigate the ecosystems found on farms and in Australia's natural landscapes, considering how living things depend on one another for food, shelter and survival. Students may explore native Australian species, introduced species, pollinators, soil health, food chains, seasonal changes, and the role farmers play in caring for the environment.

Most importantly, the theme provides endless opportunities for creativity. Students can use vibrant colours, bold patterns and imaginative designs featuring flowers, leaves, grasses, butterflies, bees, birds, reptiles, mammals and other species that share the landscape with goats. Designs might represent a real ecosystem, an imagined biodiversity wonderland, or a visual story showing how plants, animals and farming coexist.

"Flora, Fauna & Farming" celebrates the connection between agriculture and nature, encouraging students to think about sustainability, biodiversity and environmental stewardship while transforming their learning into a colourful work of art.



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FLORA, FAUNA & FARMING CONNECTION

Class 1: Foundation - Year 3

Students in Foundation to Year 3 focus on observing the natural world and identifying how living things depend on their environment.

Students may explore:

- What goats eat and where their food comes from
- Plants and animals found on farms
- Habitats that provide food, water and shelter
- Native flowers, grasses and trees
- Pollinators such as bees, bugs and butterflies
- Seasonal changes in the environment
- Simple food chains and ecosystem relationships

Artwork may feature colourful farm scenes, native wildlife, flowering plants and imaginative ecosystem designs that demonstrate an understanding of how living things share their environment.

Class 2: Years 4 - 6

Students in Years 4 to 6 develop a deeper understanding of ecosystems, biodiversity and sustainable farming practices.

Students may explore:

- Ecosystems and food webs
- Biodiversity on farms
- Native and introduced species
- How goats interact with plants and landscapes
- The role of vegetation in preventing erosion and supporting healthy soils
- Sustainable grazing and land management
- Farmers as environmental stewards
- The importance of balancing food production with conservation

Artwork may include layered visual storytelling, showing connections between goats, vegetation, wildlife and farming practices that support healthy ecosystems.





CLASSROOM RESOURCES

FLORA, FAUNA & FARMING - INSPIRATION

Flora

- Native flowers and wildflowers
- Grasses and pasture species
- Trees and woodlands
- Bushland vegetation
- Crops and fodder plants
- Seasonal colour changes in the landscape

Fauna

- Birds, butterflies and bees
- Native mammals and reptiles
- Beneficial insects and pollinators
- Farm animals living alongside goats

Ecosystems & Sustainability

- Food chains and food webs
- Healthy habitats
- Biodiversity in farming landscapes
- Sustainable grazing practices
- Waterways and natural resources
- Farmers caring for land, plants and animals











CLASSROOM RESOURCES

FLORA

Plant Science Learning Hub

A fun and educational resource hub designed for educators and students to explore the science of Australian native plants.
https://learn.anbg.gov.au/

Flower Frenzy / Native Flower Farm

Costa visits a native flower farm with the kids, and they learn all about flowers and their roles in nature. They collect their faves, create flower fashion and hit the runway.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlTsdD2skfM

50 Amazing Australian Native Flowers and Plants

Australia is home to a variety of beautiful and unique flora and fauna. As such, some of Australia's flowers and plants are now grown worldwide as ornamental plants. In this article, I'll explore 50 of the most amazing Australian native flowers and plants.
https://www.petalrepublic.com/australian-native-flowers/

Native Plants Queensland

A community-based organisation dedicated to growing, conserving and studying Australian native plants. Resources include gardening guides, plant glossaries, seed conservation information and educational materials that support learning about native flora, biodiversity and sustainable gardening practices.
https://npq.org.au/

Australian Native Plants Society

A collection of downloadable resources focused on Australian native plants, including information on plant identification, cultivation, propagation and conservation. Resources also provide links to educational content on native plant use, botanic gardens and reserves, seed saving, and the cultural significance of plants, making them valuable for studies in biodiversity, sustainability and environmental science.
https://anpsa.org.au/resources/





CLASSROOM RESOURCES

FAUNA

What Are Native Animals of Australia? All About Australian Animals for Kids

Enjoy learning all about the amazing native animals of Australia! 🦘🦔🦜🐨🦘 Teachers, this video is a great resource to educate your students about the unique wildlife found in Australia. From kangaroos to platypuses, your students will be fascinated by these incredible creatures. Use this video to engage your students in learning about different species and their habitats. 🌏🐾
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QoOpf3Gt9w&t=59s

Super Animals | Amazing Aussies

Watch the Super Animals full episode, "Amazing Aussies", on Nat Geo Kids YouTube! Australia is home to some of the strangest and most amazing animals on the planet. In this episode, we'll check out some of the continent's iconic animals, like the koala and kookaburra, and some of the more unusual, like the cassowary and wombat.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHCyl87TssA

Native Wildlife Learning Hub - Accessible for All Ages

View and download a range of educational resources, including wildlife species profiles, guides & fact sheets, online picture books, webinars & videos, and more.
https://wildlife.org.au/news-resources/educational-resources/

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary - Accessible for All Ages

Use the following resources to help your students learn more about Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, native Australian species, conservation and research.
https://currumbinsanctuary.com.au/learn/educational-resources/primary-school-resources/





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FARMING

Seasons on the Farm

Students will learn about the features of seasons on farms and the jobs that occur because of the changing conditions. Australian Good Meat Education offers an extensive range of free, curriculum-aligned and classroom-ready primary resources. The Teachers guide offers a range of activities and suggested topics of discussion on farming.
Link to Teacher Guide: Seasons on the Farm

A Year on our Farm

After students have had the opportunity to contribute their ideas, as a class, read the story 'A Year on our Farm' by Penny Matthews and Andrew McLean or watch the video clip reading of A Year on Our Farm. Students should listen for any jobs that the people in the story perform during the different seasons.
Link to Video: A Year on our Farm

Why are there Seasons

The team at SciShow walks kids through why there are seasons.
Link to Video: Why Are There Seasons?

The Four Seasons throughout the Year

This video the four seasons throughout the year explores why we have distinct periods, what the seasons involve and why we have them.
Link to Video: The Four Seasons for Kids | Learn about the four seasons throughout the year

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FARMING (CONT.)

Australian Good Meat Education

Discover Australian Good Meat Education school resources supporting Foundation to Year 12 classrooms with curriculum-linked learning! Free to access these innovative materials will spark student curiosity as they explore real-world practices and gain an up-to-date understanding of the paddock to plate supply chain, sustainable production, technology and innovation, careers, advertising and marketing, health and nutrition and more!
goodmeat.com.au/educational-resources/

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Red Meat Green Facts

The Australian red meat industry is focused on care for the environment, being sustainable and caring for our livestock, whilst also playing an important role in Australian communities and global nutrition.
We're striving to improve animal welfare, so that our cattle, sheep and goats are healthy and happy and produce red meat of the very best quality, that is naturally high in protein and essential nutrients.
goodmeat.com.au/red-meat-green-facts/

Red Meat and The Environment

Australian red meat is more than just good for you – the industry also cares about a sustainable future for the planet and is contributing to Australia's net zero ambitions.
goodmeat.com.au/environmental-sustainability/

All about adaptations - Years 5 - 6 (extension)

Students will learn about the production of livestock in Australia, including the main regions of production, features and adaptations of common breeds and crossbreeds of cattle, sheep and goats.

Link to Teacher Guide Activity 1.4 Online Learning Task
Link to Student Lesson 1 (page 4) Online Learning Task: What's special about Brafords?



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INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) is recognised for its excellence, over many years, by winning numerous awards at the International Fairs & Expos (IAFE) Awards.

IAFE has more than 1,000 members representing agricultural fairs from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

These awards represent the continued dedication the Ekka plays in bridging the country city divide, and educating the next generation on the essential role farming and agriculture plays in their everyday lives.



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