

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## INDUSTRIOUS APRIL

Dear valued clients and friends,

The month of April has been industrious, rewarding and fun! Especially with our beautiful twin granddaughters turning eleven on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

We began racing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wyong with BLACK PIRATE running an excellent 3<sup>rd</sup> over 2100mts. After watching him cover far more ground than any other runner, we decided it was a great effort. On Easter Sunday we packed a picnic lunch and took Pirate, plus Ausbred Benz to Mudgee, where Pirate WON over 2000mts. While some may say the field was not that strong, you only had to look at his effortless 4 length win, to see he is becoming a seasoned stayer. Not bad for a horse we nearly gave up on. Pirate will contend the Stayers Cup final at Hawkesbury on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. We will not be there as we are attending our dear young friends, Jane Ormsby and Tony Gollan's wedding in Brisbane. I have just witnessed Toni's Temple of Boom beat his brother Spirit of Boom, by a head in a listed race at Eagle Farm. Just what a young married couple needs a week before their wedding. Well done, God Bless them and the Boom- Boom brothers.



*Temple of Boom and Spirit of Boom at Eagle Farm.*



*Jane & Tony celebrate at Eagle Farm*



*Emma & Grace*





*We pictured Digby on his way to Hong Kong a couple of months back. It seems he has settled in. And on his Anzac Day birthday has his birthday gifts in order. Scooter and helmet and new brother Hunter, born the 7th of April.*

VENCEDORA made his racing debut at Wyong on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. I could write a short story on this one, however, I will simply say, he needed a more compassionate rider, plus, putting on a truck every time we go racing. In other words he needs to race and learn what it's all about. He was seen to by the chiropractor after that race, and then we trialed him at Hawkesbury on the 14<sup>th</sup>, mainly to see if all was well and good; and it was.

Tony Cavallo said. "He feels like a very good horse in the making and he'll be right there next preparation." We agree. However, they don't learn anything in the paddock. So around he went again at Bathurst on Anzac day. Tony let him run--- and that he did, a little too well in the beginning, consequently gassing himself with over enthusiasm. We intend to give him a couple more runs this time in and then, he'll go out for a spell to have a good long think about it.

SACRED JOURNEY has confirmed without a doubt; he has been treated successfully for his ailments. This was realized after he absolutely blitzed them with a sensational WIN on the 10<sup>th</sup>, at Hawkesbury.

I think we were doubly pleased to see part owner, John Hardman enjoy the win immensely, along with his visiting friends from NZ. I did hear a rumour they had to be asked to leave the bar, as the staff needed to close up. We have had very few suitable races to choose from, since the Hawkesbury win and so SACRED had to wait for Canterbury on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Again he took on the 1500mt journey. While sitting box seat third on the fence in a pacey race, he failed to go to the line. The winner named Winsomemore is set for stardom, I think and to run second to him; would not have been a disgrace. However, I personally know, Sacred is honest and likes to run on the pace; if the pace is too quick then he can't keep it up.. He proved this last time in, when he looked ordinary over the 1400 journeys and so we bit the bullet and ran him at Hawkesbury over the 1800, he proved the theory correct and led most of the way to win by many lengths. It's all about the pace of the race and tactics. I think we have learnt now to give him three sprint races and I'm sure he will step up to 1800 or 1900 and prove us right once again.

AUSBRED BENZ has had more problems than a Prime Minister in a depression. However, we saw the light at the end of the tunnel, when he joined Pirate at Mudgee on Easter Sunday. A little more luck with the barrier and he may have finished one better than 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our darling horse, pulled up in need of the chiropractor, once again. It seems he is high maintenance, but worth the effort. We and he; will do our best to bring home the gold next start! When? We will keep you posted.

A very busy morning, entering into the afternoon, was had at Hawkesbury trials on the 14<sup>th</sup>. BELLE RULER finally made it and showed she has above average ability. Unfortunately we have tried to keep her shin soreness at bay, but eventually it won the battle and she is out for a spell and will return in 6 to 8 weeks. A little gem to look forward too!



**Happy Mothers Day**



TOO CHIC and SNIPAROSE both trialled very well, with SNIPAROSE backing up eleven days later at Bathurst, although not confident in her winning, over the 1100mts, we thought by keeping her fresh since the trial, she would of produced a little more sprint. We can only try again and put her up in distance, where she will be able to travel comfortably.



*Wade, Helena (soon to be bride, Jane Ormsby's mum) and Ross, her hubby, enjoying the hospitality tent at Bathurst races, Anzac Day.*

TOO CHIC all going well will race on the 4/5 at Mudgee. We are more than pleased with both fillies.

AUSBRED CUTIE, it seems, has slowly but surely accepted her fate. I think we were all a little surprised at Bathurst to see her so calm and settled. She raced quite well, while not having a clue why she was there. She did win her trial at Hawkesbury on the 14<sup>th</sup>, but as we all know trials and the real deal are very different. She too will have a couple of education runs before going out to spell and then return a winner, we are sure.

We have some very nice young horses coming along, and with that we need patience and steady as you go educating, it's a long process most times, as there are few horses which catch on straight away. Patience is a virtue they say and we agree, you only have to look at Pharlapp!!

Sending rainbows  
Dor and Wade

This months videos on YouTube

Click on the links

[Black Pirate having a spoil after his win at Mudgee!](#)

## Peggy's Corner



*Happy Birthday Peggy!  
1 year old on 30th April*



*WHO SAID OUR DOGS ARE SPOILT?  
Peggy & Ruby taking a well earned break*

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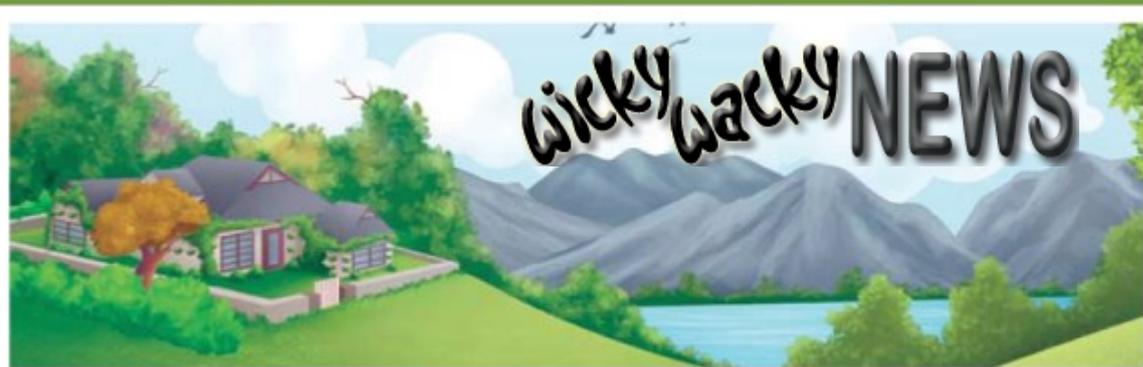
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This is my friend Katherine, doing some wonderful vaulting on her mums horse. I met Katherine at Goulbourn races, when her dad Paul Theobald stabled his horse next to Black Pirate, back in the summer holidays. Katherine and I struck up a friendship and so, I sent her my books some for her and some for her school.

She is already showing extreme talent with her horsemanship and riding skills. Maybe our next Queen of racing?

Hi Doreen

We received your books for my school and the principal Mr Arrow gave me a job to present them on your behalf to the school.

I had my photo taken in the Newsletter (Holy Family Bathurst) and then in the Western Advocate on Monday. So thank you for all the joy of the books and making me feel so special in my school too.

I will read these books and they will be my favourite.

Love Katherine

Dear Doreen,

Katherine came home from school yesterday with your book Peppi goes to China. She said all of the books had been borrowed from the library some from each age group.

Thank you so much.

Anna Blackburn

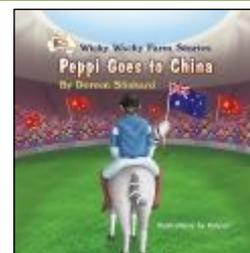
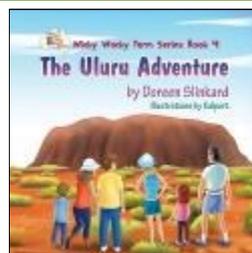
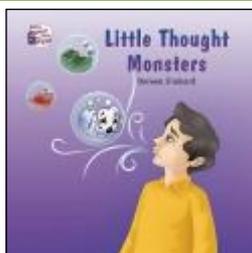
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