

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## SHORT & SWEET!

Dear valued clients and friends,

We do hope you are well and looking forward to my favourite part of the year, autumn. February seems to fly, perhaps for the obvious reason it holds only 28 days, so here I am wondering why we don't have more news to report and share with you. Oh well, this past month has been short and sweet so my news will seem more like a tweet!

As usual, I begin with the first horse to grace a race and that was our favourite enigma horse BLACK PIRATE. On the 9th Pirate raced at Gosford in a 1600mt race. After the chiropractor had-( previous to the race)- fixed his back, which was out—plus being shod with rubber shock tamers; Pirate then picked his act up to run a very good 4<sup>th</sup>. Coming from last, as he likes to do, it became difficult for him to pick up the sit and sprint leader, however, we were pleased with his try hard effort of a 1 ½ lengths 4<sup>th</sup>.

And so ten days later, we then headed him to Goulbourn in another 1600 mt race, where, in the beginning the race was run at a crawl. The front runners then sprinted home over the last 600 in near two seconds faster than any other race on the day. This of course put a stop to him being able to pick up the leaders. OK, we said, let's give him a chance to show us if he has staying potential.

Six days later we backed him up on his home turf, over the grand distance of 2100mts and amongst very strong opposition. We were not disappointed.



*Black Pirate never took the smile off our face in his very first effort at staying over 2100mtrs.  
Grace, Doreen & Emma*

IF our jockey had followed instructions and had begun to roll him forward, beginning at the final 800 to then run around the outside. I'm sure with a clear run, Pirate would have finished (in my opinion) in the first three, which would have been far more than a promising effort. We will nom him for Bathurst on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Goulbourn on the 14<sup>th</sup>, as our jockey Pdraig Beggy, said and I quote, "take him to the bush over eighteen or two thousand metres and on that run he'll win for sure." I should have written it in his Irish accent, to be sure!

### NEWS FLASH!!!

**Orange races have been postponed until the 5<sup>th</sup> March, due to a heavy downpour.**





**BLACK PIRATE AFTER HIS GOOD EFFORT OVER THE 2100MTS.** Seeing it was his first go over long distance I told the jockey that I'd packed him a picnic to take in the race and if he got too tired they could stop half way to enjoy it. He laughed but thankfully he didn't need the break, Pirate stuck it out until the end!  
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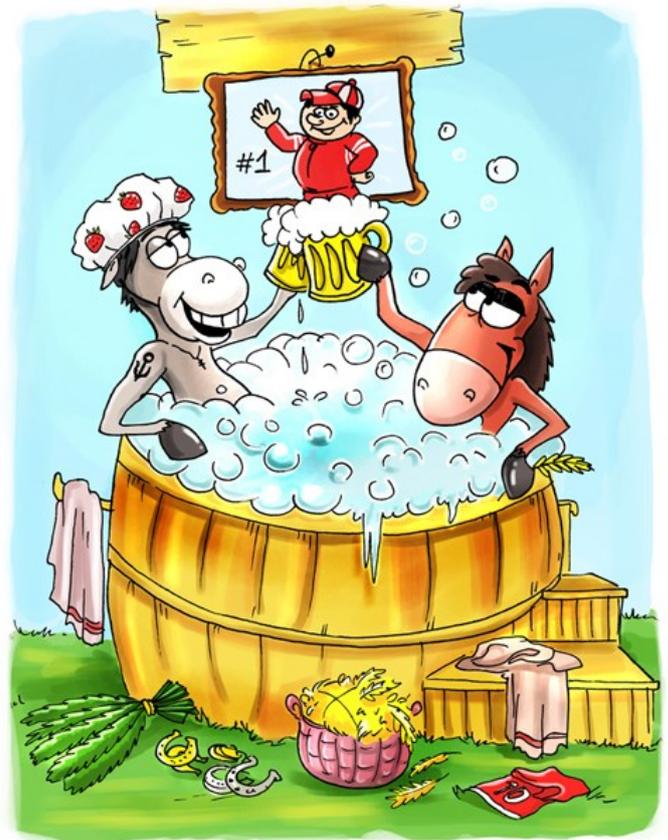
SACRED JOURNEY'S first start back was at Orange on the 10<sup>th</sup>. His effort was to be commended, as he fought like a bull dog to keep the lead after straightening, only to be headed right on the line by three others. The margin was a head by half a head by half a head. We have since given him time to recover from his quick back from two trials and a race within 22 days. So he will now race this coming Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March at Orange. This race will hopefully see him win and gain confidence to take on stronger company in the provincials and maybe mid-week city.

AUSBRED BENZ we thought was as near to a certainty as we'd ever had when he raced at Orange on the same day as Sacred. Unfortunately, he ran out of energy soon after entering the home straight. Wade phoned our vet lan, who then came the next morning and took several tests to hopefully ascertain his problem. After a few issues came to the fore, we have now taken every option known, to bring him back to his best performance.

APPLIANCES has been also plagued with a few problems and didn't come up to expectations this time in and so has returned to the spelling paddock after a disappointing run at Hawkesbury on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

BELLE RULER is going through her paces very well at the moment. Her barrier jump outs are almost near to the standard she needs to trial. I must apologize for pushing her along in my writing last month, when the fact was, Wade had said she would need a little more than the eight weeks to get her to a trial. However, I can now say for a fact-- that Wade is hoping to have her trial at Hawkesbury on the 17<sup>th</sup> along with her older mates. (Not in the same trial of course).

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, Hawkesbury were supposed to hold trials, but due to our much needed rain they were eventually abandoned. This left a number of our horses without a much needed trial. This included LA CHIC (Marconi filly) we decided after that, she'd had enough education this time in, plus she was to go out after that particular trial anyway. So to a paddock full of lush green grass she went. LA CHIC certainly showed us tremendous promise and we look forward to her return.



*Here's to a trainer  
who knows how to keep us happy!*

After conferring with Chris Lawlor, it was decided to go ahead with AUSBRED LACE and partake in a Warwick Farm trial which was held on the 28<sup>th</sup>. She did everything asked of her, except take part in what she had no idea was a race. She consequently pulled up as if she hadn't been around. And now, she will I'm sure, take a prominent part in a Hawkesbury trial on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. LACE will have then stamped her passport for a holiday in the paddock.



Wade having a talk to the Irish jockey Padraig Beggy after he'd returned from Vencedora's trial.

You can hear Wade saying they ran over a second and a half faster in Vencedora's trial than the previous 14 trials, so that was impressive. In racing language that means approximately 12 lengths!!

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After Wade having the heeby geeby's about taking VENCEDORA to the Warwick Farm trials on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Wade was later eating his words and his nerves, after VENI showed us at W. Farm that he had turned into a brave young horse. For a horse that used to be scared of his own shadow to the horse he showed us he was yesterday, was an amazing transformation. He duly galloped very well in the second fastest trial of the day and while mixing it with some of Sydney's very smart, up and coming group horses, he pleased us greatly! He looks classy and is classy, so we are sure his future as a middle-distance-- stayer will be full of accolades. He'll trial once again, on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Hawkesbury, before having his first start in a race. I must add, what has helped in his learning to become a race horse, is his temperament, he has such a kind and loving nature.

Horses who came into work this month were, AUSBRED CUTIE, she came in on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. SNPAROSE and TOO CHIC, were brought in a little sooner than planned. They came in on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Coming into work on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March will be AUSBRED SKY and FOOTY FAN (returning from the water walker) also, the Aussie Rules filly which Sandy, Allan and Mary had purchased at last year's Classic sale. This will be her first education prep and she has matured beautifully, after being lovingly cared for by Sandy.

STRADAZZLE had continued to work extremely well after his excellent trial in January, however he became shin sore. We then decided he should become two stone lighter and so the very next day our vet Ian came sporting a scalpel. This had to be done due to the enormity of this magnificent horse and the consequences it held, particularly on his legs.

Good luck everyone, we will keep you posted through the month on your horses progress in up and coming trials and races.

Good luck and good punting!!

Sending rainbows  
Dor and Wade

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Peggy's Progress February 2014  
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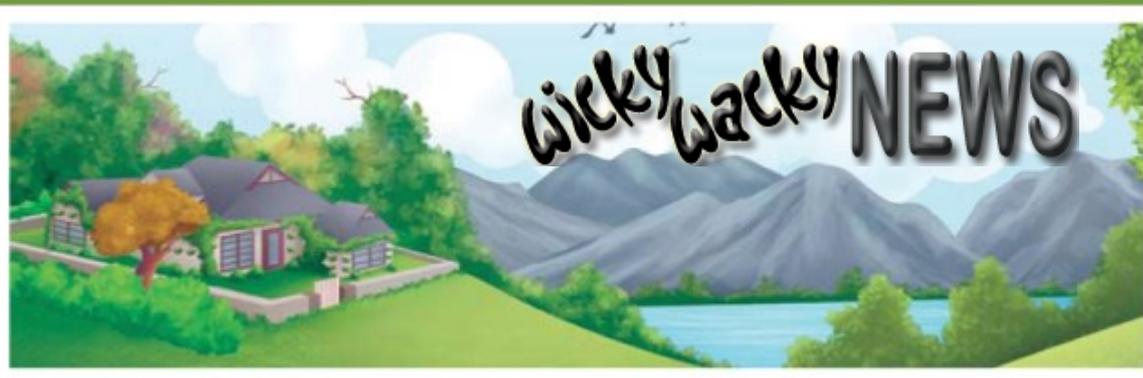
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I have recently sent three short stories into the Josephine Ulrick Literary competition, with the winners to be announced in May this year.

### Book Reviews—Little Thought Monsters

*“Oliver enjoyed the concept of this book and understood what the ‘Little Thought Monsters’ were as there is a similar book they read at his school regarding ‘Red Monster’ which is when you are getting angry etc. The illustrations were very colourful and plentiful. It was a good book for trying to explain negative thoughts & feelings.”*

*“Tommy (5) was very interested in the illustrations of the thought monsters. Reading this book naturally prompted a discussion about what thought monsters Tommy has. Putting negative thoughts in a bubble and blowing them away is a practical way for children to understand how to deal with negative feelings, rather than dwelling on them. The next time he feels angry, he is going to try it. Tommy used the detailed illustrations to guess the feelings of troubled Tommy (“that’s my name”) and of the worry felt by his friend Donny.*



### Jane, Doreen and Muffy at art classes.

Isn't it funny how us women finally get the time to tune into our creative side. These are two of my masterpieces, the one at the back was for Arianna and the one I'm holding is of Grace and I going in for a dip at Colaroy.

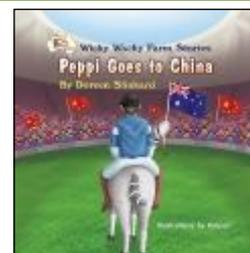
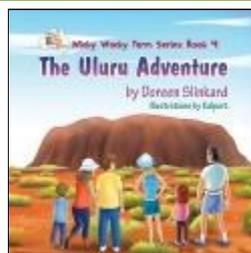
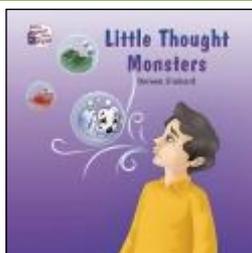
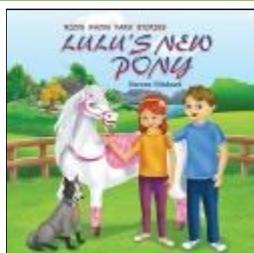
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