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### SENDING RAINBOWS THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE





## **Open Day Success!**

Dear valued clients and friends.

You are receiving this newsletter early. Don't panic, your accounts will be late, as I leave for China on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>. I'm off to take part in the Beijing book expo to promote The Wicky Wacky Farm stories.

Two reasons for sending this. The first is the obvious! Isn't the new newsletter great, thanks to my dear friends Chrissie Johnson and her beautiful daughter Alice, whom most of the open- day attendees would have met. I sent them the July news and they came right back at me with the most amazing and professional format. I am sure you will appreciate and look forward to the news a lot more. The second reason is I would like to keep you informed about the next few months' proceedings as much as possible.

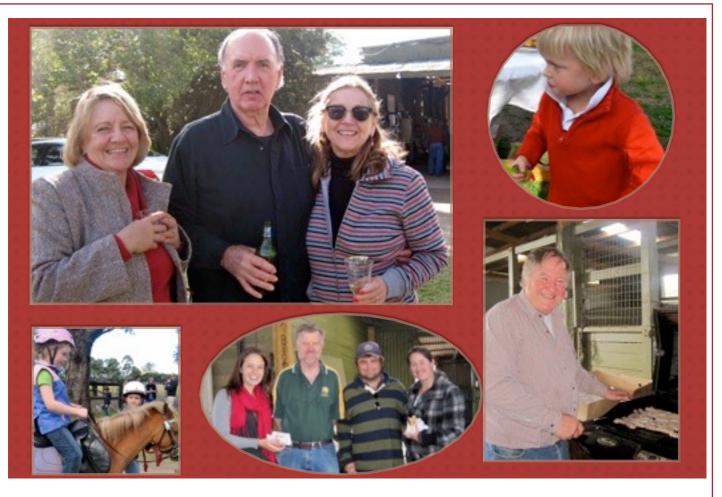
We started August with our darling Gold. Not a lot of luck at Randwick over 1800m. A few mistakes were made. I think Josh rode her too close and stayed on the fence where the ground was considerably worse. She nonetheless tried her heart out and was in a photo finish for third, fourth and fifth. The latter was the result. We have freshened her and will now place her at Wyong over 2100m on September 2nd.

Two weeks later she will attend Newcastle and we might even be game enough to nominate for the cup which is also the race Rosie won last year over 2300. She remains sound and extremely well.









On the 10th of August we waved goodbye to Rosie, as she left for her stud career. She shared the truck with some old pros, so no doubt she will be well informed on her future. I hope they tell her in a nice way!

Hamberg had his first start back at Gosford. I think in my last news, I commented he may need the run. This was the case, however, had he drawn a decent barrier or even been taken hold of and slotted in with some cover, it would of been a black-book run.

Just as well Tom Sewell has a good sense of humor along with a good spirit. He kindly gave our apprentice David the ride on Octopus in his first start back at Hawkesbury. He followed instructions and let the horse go easy to the front. It was looking good for a win until the last 150 where he got swamped. Typical apprentice ride: no gusto at the finish. However giving him the benefit of the doubt, when he was asked, "did the horse run out of puff", he replied, "no I did". Off to the gym for David.

We took five to the unofficial jump outs on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ausbred Lady, Miss Arianna and Biensong were all in the same trial. Biensong was impressive and although a little green he managed to run on well, gaining ground to run second. He is bred to stay, so it was a pleasing debut.

Ausbred was knocked over at the start but she recovered and it was great to see her get right down and stretch out over the final 200. Miss Arianna is 100 times better than how she performed. She tried to rush the gates and as they opened she put in a few humps. She knuckled down at the end, but the bird had flown. It's called education after all and more of it is called for.

Black Pirate and Smart Ausbred had their first 250 m trial. Both went extremely well and did everything right. The next step is a quiet trial over 800m on the 13th of September at Hawkesbury. I was going to put Smart out, but he has pulled up so well that we

will take him one step further. Black Pirate we hope will go to the first 2yr-old



trial at Randwick on September 20th. He just has the maturity over Smart at this stage. They both have ability and will definitely win races. Our 2-yr-old fillies, Cleo's Gift and The Dane Shadow are just one step behind the boys. Cleo is bred to stay and is not keen on the barriers, so needs a little more practice to get her to quietly accept them and then out for a break. Both fillies are lovely types and we look forward to the next prep. They will make way for several more 2-yr-olds to be educated. They do take time but it is exciting; like unwrapping a gift.

Freddy and Billet have gone back out on the doctor's orders. This is the new theory we are testing, in and out. They will return mid October and should be trialing by mid January and racing around February.

I thank the owners for their patience and loyalty. Both horses deserve it.

Back in work are Ausbred Royal & Fresh Tell. Sweet Jewel (Blondy) is starting her fast work and going well.

Thank you all for giving us a wonderful Open Day. We do enjoy them. The next one should take place around the end of October. Hope you enjoy the photos. You can see the full album on my Facebook page.

Sending rainbows,

Dor &Wade

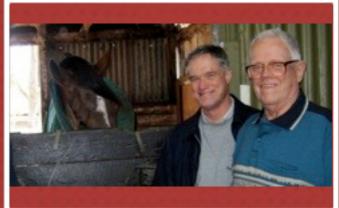
P.S Tell us what you think about the new look news!

#### **MORE OPEN DAY PHOTOS**



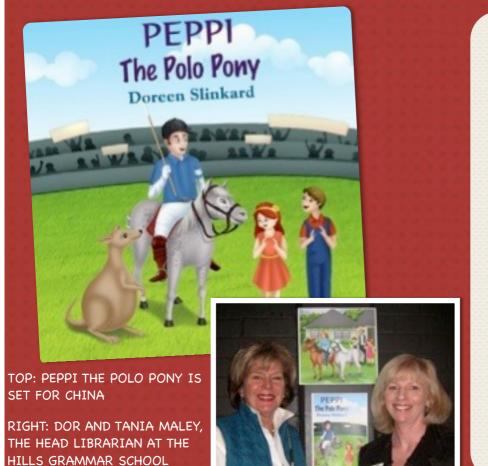






A NOTE FROM ALICE.

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#### BEIJING ADVENTURE

Dor will embarking on her Chinese adventure on Saturday to promote the Wicky Wacky Farm Series. This week Peppi the Polo Pony delighted children across Sydney, with book readings at The Hills Grammar School in Kenthurst, North Richmond Public School and St Monica's. When the children at North Richmond were asked to recollect their favourite bits of the story, one little girl put up her hand and said loudly, "I liked all the parts". You can now follow Peppi online with the Peppi the Polo Pony Facebook group.

Buy Peppi online today at Alibris, Booktopia and Amazon.

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