#### **APRIL 2015**

## SENDING RAINBOWS THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Dear valued clients and friends,

We trust you are all well and happy and have not suffered in this past month with the most horrific storms that we've experienced for quite a while.

The farm received 13 inches of rain, which made it difficult, but not impossible to exercise the horses. They stayed warm and dry in their stalls, taken out morning and afternoon to walk, swim and have a long pick of grass. We heard no complaints from them, especially when hosed off with hot water. Yes, the hot water was installed many years ago, after we'd use every drop to have the horses shampooed for the races. And guess who missed out in the end?

I'm going to report a little differently this month, starting with all the horses that have been in work, from the beginning of April.

CHEERS FOR AUSBRED has pleased us no end. As we predicted, Cheers has turned into a very willing, tuned in racehorse. Cheers will be ready to trial at the end of this month-May. Depending on how she goes, we will decide whether to give her another trial, or race her. ROVING EYE is going very well and was ready to trial at Warwick Farm when all the rain was bucketing down and the track- a very heavy ten. It was decided to keep him safe and wait for a decent track.



Picture of the future? Dor and her horse retired.

VENCEDORA will also be ready to trial end of May. His work is excellent and we look forward to his returning to the winner's stall- many times this prep. His temperament and attitude has matured almost beyond belief from when he was a young un-tractable horse.

DANE RULER, we are taking along slowly, as he had to be let up due to a pulled muscle. He will hopefully trial mid June. The reports so far, particularly from Grant Buckley are, 'he's a bottler!' So we only hope he's right!

We have LA CHIC returning to work plus a surprise return from APPLIANCES, this week. Two un-named 3 yr olds will join them mid month.

BLACK PIRATE will have his legs scanned at the end of June. If passed by the vet he will return to work. We really do miss him, he's such a character!



Our racing began on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Newcastle, where AUSBRED CUTIE was put up over the 1850mt journey. She ran an honest race, considering that most of the trip she was hemmed in. When she saw daylight the bird had flown, but she boxed on giving us the impression she would stay even further. So off to Wyong on the 30<sup>th</sup> in a 2100my maiden, the only thing we were concerned about was a very heavy track making the distance more toward being 2400. Well, she showed a good turn of foot running second until the home straight, then began to tire and consequently tapped the mat.

TOO CHIC showed her true form at Gosford on the 14<sup>th</sup>, after her okay first start back effort, at Hawkesbury in the Provincial Championship race over 1400. At Gosford she contended the mile and ran a fabulous 2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to racing her next Tuesday at Newcastle in an 1850, BM 75. She is absolutely on top of the world at the moment, we trust she will remain that way and take the trip to Scone for their carnival on May the 16<sup>th</sup>.

STRADAZZLE ran two days later at Hawkesbury, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, ridden by Tye Anglan. Tye let him dawdle at the rear of the field and showed him a clear way around the turn. Stradazzle duly went on to run a great 2nd, especially seeing it was only 1300mts and he was doing his best on the line and looking for further. He along with all our other horses has been held up from racing due to the abandonment of many race meetings. But we pray that Newcastle next Tuesday will have missed the rain, predicted for further up the coast over the next few days. He will keep Too Chic Company on the truck and he will contend a 1600mt maiden. Doubles are always nice and it's not out of the question.





What else do kids have to do on school holidays, but to paint the cubby house, themselves and the puppy!

SACRED JOURNEY after some time spent working out his lack lustre race at Orange; he gave us the nod that we'd fixed the problem when he ran a very close 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hawkesbury last month. Since then he's been loaded on the truck twice to race firstly at Kembla and then off to Orange only to be turned around after travelling for over an hour and brought back home. Finally, he made it to Kembla on the 28<sup>th</sup>, where a very heavy track made it very hard going. They also went slow and sprinted, this didn't suit him. Geoff Penza dismounted and said to Wade exactly what he did back on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2013 at Bathurst. 'It was a good run considering, but he needs further and two runs close together.' Geoff was right back then, because Sacred jumped up from 1400 to 1800 at Hawkesbury less than a week later and won, breaking the race record! He will either race at Goulbourn on the 8<sup>th</sup> or Kembla on the 9<sup>th</sup> both races are over1600.

Sending Rainbows, Dor and Wade



This is our beautiful young friend Jane Gollan, competing successfully on her retired race horse Gundy Boy. At least if she's not helping at the races Toni knows where she is!



## Peggy's Corner



<u>Puppy Bath Day</u> <u>Click to watch video</u>

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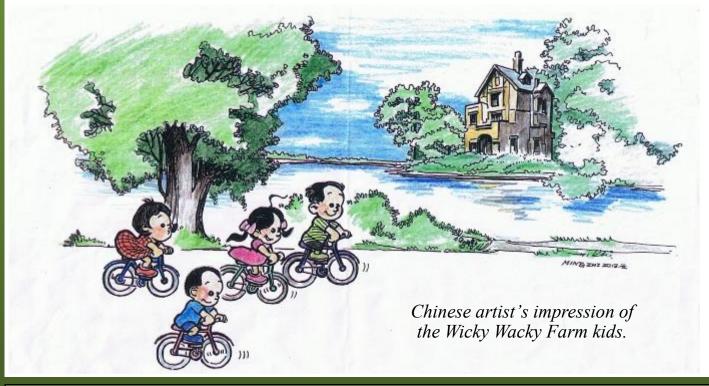
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I have some very exciting news, after giving up on my children's books ever being published in China; I received an email from Blue Sky Publishing Company, Beijing, to say that the have agreed to my conditions. So all going well, one very large 'Wicky Wacky Farm book", holding ten stories will hit the shelves in China come June this year. You will not recognise Donny and Lulu, they now have dare hair and round eyes. Blue Sky use their own artist, who has done all illustrations by hand. Now that's special!

My adult novel "For the Love of Patrick' is having its final edit. It will also be published this year... soon I hope.





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