

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

A WIN, WIN SITUATION

Dear valued clients and friends,

We began 2012 with BLACK PIRATE leading the way into the winners circle on the 7th at Kembla (it also being Wades birthday) we celebrated with take away Chinese cuisine and two bottles of champers. It was a great relief to see Pirate, (although still reluctant to leave his mates), lead all the way to win comfortably over 1500. He kept our faith in his ability by backing up at Kembla on the 21st in a BM 60, a big jump up in grade, but once again he showed them his class by winning. The handicapper noticed too and has made him a BM-65. He enjoyed a lovely week in the paddock after his victory and will now be set for the 15/2 at Newcastle over 1600, if he wins that race, we will head him for the 3yr old guineas at Rosehill over 1600; after all they are only 3yrs old once in their lives.



Mum said that if I wanted to be a champion I had to train very hard.. but are all these push ups really necessary!!
Black Pirate (2 weeks old) in training.



7th January

Happy Birthday Wade !!

Our mummy to be, AUSBRED GOLD put a nice wad of money in her babies piggy bank, when winning just like the great Bernborough, hurtling down the outside of the Gosford track (hard to come from behind on that track to win) to give her backers a great result. She accompanied BILLET two weeks later and returned to Gosford on a downgraded heavy ten. She wisely kept herself and baby safe. We now pray for a dry track and another win, before she goes into the full on maternal mode, end of Feb.

With good luck---also come the sad stories.

HAMBERG ran an honest race at Canterbury on the 4th, but pulled up sore in his fetlock joint. So once again he's had it operated on, with a very good prognosis. Winning his two on end this last prep and several before certainly paid for the op. He'll return to work in three months.



TOHGA has a recurring problem; therefore, it was decided to retire him. He will live the life of Riley, being trained for three day eventing with a lovely young lady, God bless him.

MADAM MEDUSA made her debut at Kembla on the 7th. She missed the kick and was lost thereafter. We trialled her in blinkers and she responded accordingly, with a hard held 2nd. We have been working her over long distance and she relishes it. We were looking forward to Hawkesbury today, however the track is dreadful and her first attempt over 1800 in these conditions would not be a good guide to her future. She will now race this Sunday at Mudgee over a mile. We are confident she will go very close to winning. The weather looks like it will hold out up there, so fingers crossed.

SMART AUSBRED, can't take a trick at the moment, it's very frustrating to have a horse so well and comfortable in his gear and not be able to race him. Of course he was scratched at Hawkesbury today, so I have accepted at Kembla Saturday and Mudgee Sunday. He'll hopefully go to Kembla where they seem to be missing the rain, 1000mts Grant riding, Grant and I call him the hamburger with the lot, due to all his special head gear—hey—if it works!!

CLEO'S GIFT will be the only one racing today at Hawkesbury, if they go ahead. She answered all our prayers in her last trial and accepted the barriers, running very well to finish 3rd behind Medusa. GOOD LUCK Michael.

ARISTON our newcomer was unlucky, in his first start for us at Kembla on the 21st. Right at the beginning another horse crossed straight in

front of him, nearly knocking him over. The Jockeys heel came up and kicked him in the mouth, he consequently lost a tooth. Bad luck continued to make it a complete non event. He will now get another crack at them, surrounded by rainbows of which I will send to him in running, at Mudgee this Sunday. On his work and attitude he should be hard to beat and deservedly so!!

BILLET had two city runs this month, running an unlucky 5th at Canterbury night meeting, should have at least ran a definite third. Then we decided to take off 3kls to put on six, with young apprentice Shaun Gymer at Gosford on a rain affected track, where he should of run second, but ran sixth by a whisker because the young - - - pulled him up just before the post to allow two horses to take 4th & 5th prize money from him, not to be sneezed at when it's city money (Running Mudgee this Sunday).

Coming along well, are SHADES FO GREEN, LADY GREEN (who doesn't like the wet, so we have to be patient, will race, all going well Mudgee Sunday) EYES MAGIC, LORD ROW and now into work AUSBRED BENZ AND SACRED JOURNEY, who will have one or two starts before contending the Inglis race at Scone 17th May, very exciting.

Sending rainbows,

Dor & Wade



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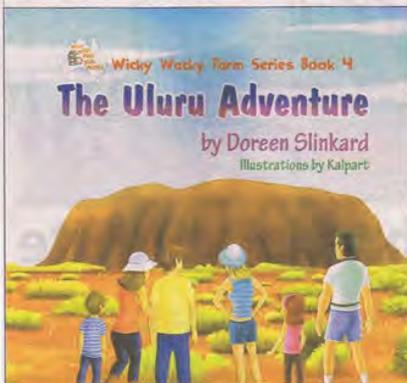
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Wicky Wacky tales teach kids about life



Doreen Slinkard's *The Uluru Adventure* (left) is just one of her books available at Wiseman's Books, Richmond.



CHILDREN'S book author and Hawkesbury resident Doreen Slinkard is taking great delight in reading her fourth Wicky Wacky Farm story around schools everywhere.

The horse trainer from Wilberforce has been busy travelling as far as London to tell her heartfelt, family-style, all Australian stories to children but said she would love nothing more than to be able to share the magic of Wicky Wacky Farm stories with children across the world.

"I wrote the books which make up the Wicky Wacky Farm stories to read to my children over thirty years ago. Now as the same stories are now being passed on to and cherished by my grandchildren, I would love to share them with children from all walks of life," she said.

With the tale of *Peppi the Polo Pony*, Ms Slinkard described the book as the "classic ugly duckling story that gives children

inspiration and understanding of how to never give up, no matter what." Then there's *Lulu's New Pony* which helps with learning the valuable lesson of how to work together.

"I especially like the way the story of *Little Thought Monsters* may help children deal with their behaviour, taking responsibility for their own actions, but at the same time feeling good about themselves by correcting their mistakes. It's a must-read for parents as well as children," Ms Slinkard said.

She plans to have at least 10 stories published by 2014.

The Wicky Wacky Farm adventure books are available from Wiseman's Books in Richmond, along with many local outlets such as Sydney Equestrian Supplies.

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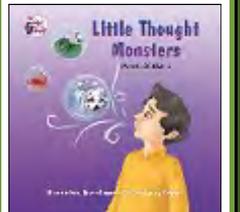
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PEPPI THE POLO PONY



LULU'S NEW PONY



LITTLE THOUGHT MONSTERS

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