

APRIL 2017

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Dear valued clients and friends,

April, on all accounts was a good month, a winner and new experiences peppered the days with joy. On a more sombre note, for the first time in my life, I experienced an Anzac dawn service. I joined with our friend Tom and son Digby in Hong Kong for a memorable and moving service. Lest we forget.

Mother's Day will soon be upon us, so we wish you all a happy day!

We kicked the month off early, with SACRED JOURNEY and TOO CHIC having their first start back at Kembla grange; 1/4. Both horses contended the 1400 mts, running well, Sacred needed a little less distance, especially on a heavy track and Chic needed the pace on – as usual.

LEGISTATION – WON, his first start back at Hawkesbury on the 13th. It went hand in hand with his first start back last prep. We think he shows more than average ability and so the challenge is on to prove us right, or wrong. He will race at the stand-alone meeting, Hawkesbury, 28/4, BM 78, 1500mts, worth \$100,000. And now I shall let you know; the race Gods went against him in running, but he was not beaten far and he tried hard again!!!!



My first dawn service, Anzac Day and it happened to be in Hong Kong with Tom and Digby who was born on Anzac Day. Digby seemed to take in the sombre and reflective presence the service brought.





Our new jockey cum stable hand Harrison, is working out extremely well. Harrison is Chinese and his father is a jockey in Hong Kong.

MAJOR STRESS, showed spunk at Hawkesbury, 13/4, running a close 5th.

Back to Kembla on the 15th with SACRED and CHIC. I will just say they were not given a chance of winning; not the way they were ridden. We gave a disappointing sigh, we kicked the car tire, said a few cuss words, then moved on. Both horses are extremely well and owners will be informed when and where they will race again.



This is Lucy enjoying her first week in work

Nowra, the 16th, presented us with a perfect rain effected track, the perfect bench mark and perfect 1200 mt race for VENCEDORA'S first start back. Then Murphies law came into play and Robbie, reported that Veni made a gurgling sound, yes, he'd swallowed his tongue, or chocked down, some prefer to call it. Wade then played around with different bits and aids to prevent this happening again. Veni trialled at Hawkesbury 24/4 and all went as hoped for. Soon all owners will be informed to when he will race next.

OUR ANNIVERSAIRE trialled the same day as Veni and with a touch of class she duly won. Annie will most probably race at Hawkesbury 9/4. Conformation will be sent to owners.



Wade and Sandy wait for The Blue Swan to warm up in the walker, before taking the buggy down to the back track to watch her work.

We had many horses return to work this month and the ones ready to trial in May will be, Trade Star, Jewel in the Crown and Nightly Grind. The rest have matured and are going nicely, including ROVING EYE, THE BLUE SWAN and STRADAZZLE.

Sending rainbows.

Cheers
Dor & Wade

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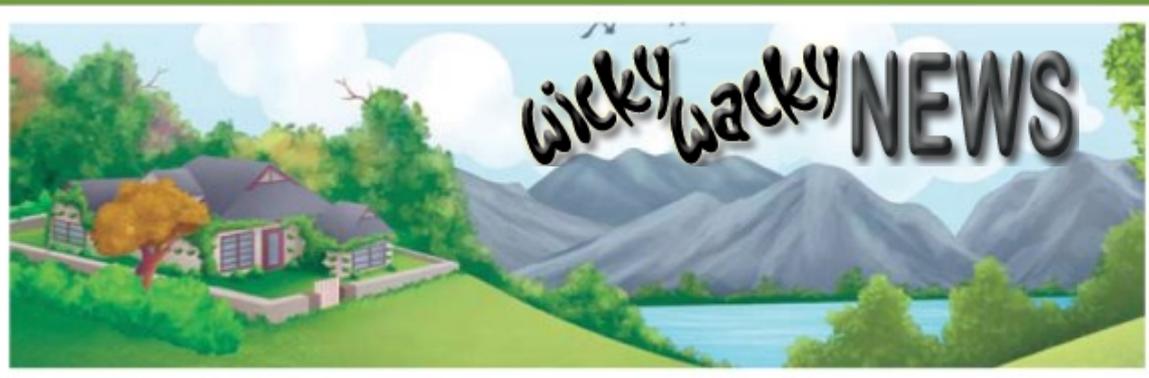
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Well what a trip it was. Six days in the amazing city of Hong Kong! My first impression? It looked like skyscrapers had been planted amongst forests. I had another first-time experience when I travelled in a (silent) electric car, the doors opened upwards; It was all space age technology and no doubt a certainty for future motoring, I HOPE.

I read and talked about being an author with the delightful children of West Lake International school. I was informed that my bi-lingual, 'Wicky Wacky Farm book' was the only, Mandarin-English book sitting in their school library. This, I suppose is a huge plus for me, especially seeing how the teachers and students embraced the book and vowed to spread the good word.

I'm on the final proof read for the publishers of 'For the Love of Patrick.' Fingers crossed it will be out in book form, no later than mid-June.

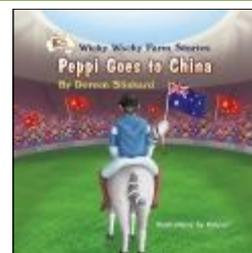
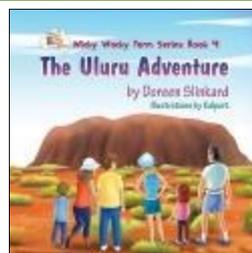
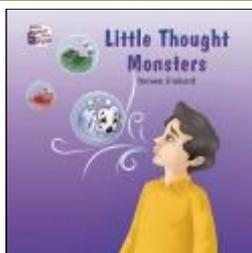
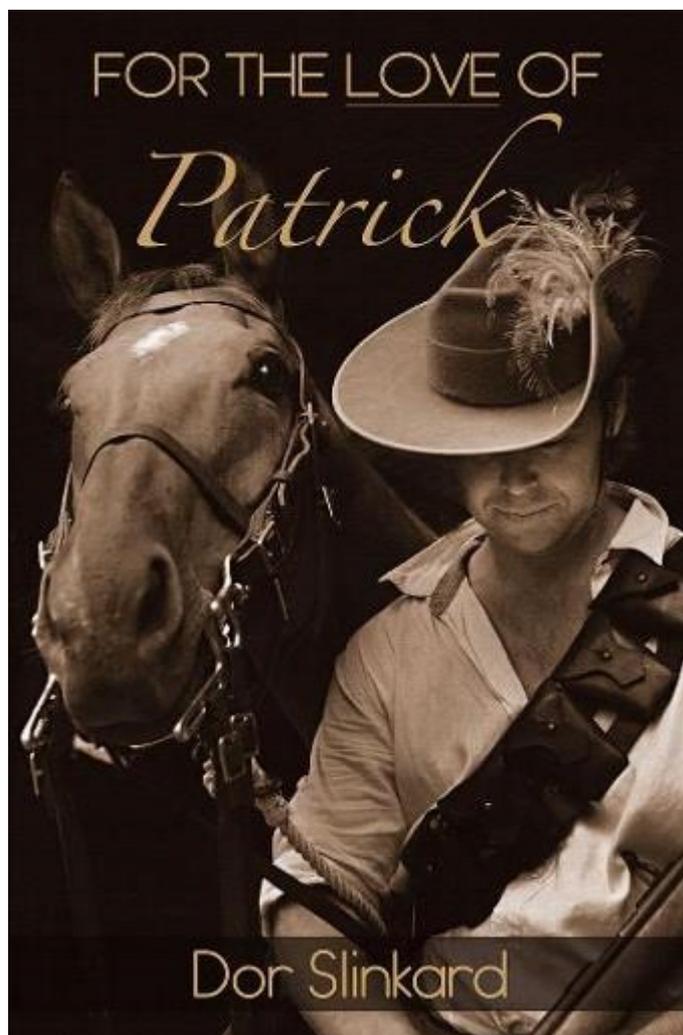
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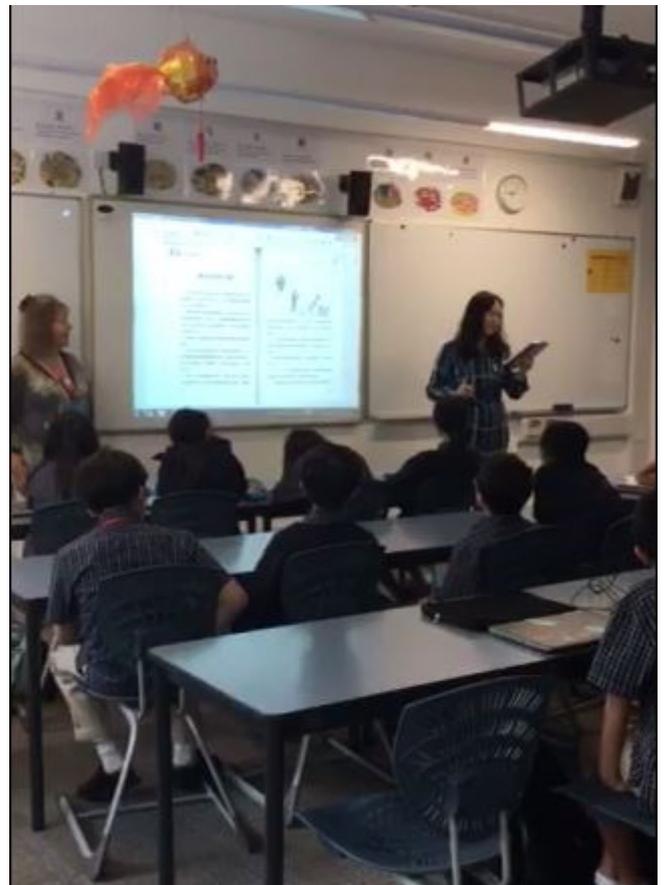




I thoroughly enjoyed my day at the West Lake International school in Hong Kong. Apparently, my Chinese WWF bi-lingual book is the only one of its kind in HK schools. Mmm, may have just cracked onto something!



Hong Kong city from the Peak!



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