**NOVEMBER 2016** 

## SENDING RAINBOWS THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

# SEASONS GREETINGS!

Dear valued clients and friends,

It seems like it was only last week we lined up in front of the barn 2015, to take our annual Christmas picture. No need to use clichés, we all know life's a long five minutes.

Anyway, it's time once more to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, filled with happiness and good health.







Wade is enjoying his early birthday and Christmas present, so are the dogs it seems. It's a great way to get around the farm, especially when he has a bung knee!

Another month has passed, leaving promises of better things to come – re the horses that is.

Hawkesbury, November 4. STRADAZZLE did his usual trick and missed the jump considerably. He did run home well - but too late to do any good. Off he went to Muskoka for barrier training. When he returned, we raced him back at Hawkesbury, 18/11, over 2000mts. His barrier manners were no better. However, his performance was. He ran an eye catching 2<sup>nd</sup>, after being pushed and shoved in the home straight. Hawkesbury provided another distance race for Dazzle, 26/11. He missed the kick and appeared un- interested in the rest of the race. That's the name of the beast, he's in – and - out and now out for a spell.

LEGISTATION accompanied Stradazzle on the 4<sup>th</sup> to Hawkesbury and ran a close 4<sup>th</sup>, in the final race for this, his first genuine preparation. He's done well and deserves a good spell after winning 2 and being out of prize money only once this campaign.

THE BLUE SWAN, ran her usual honest but unlucky race the same day, 4/11. She is due for a change of luck and will no doubt receive this at Gosford,1/12. SACRED JOURNEY had his first start back at Newcastle this prep - 19/11. He had no luck at all, after trying hard to be free, he was beat only 2 lengths. He will race at Hawkesbury Sunday 4/12.

ROVING EYE, looked the winner, same day same place, 19/11. But after being given strict instructions to bring him down the outside fence, the apprentice decided the fence was the better option. And it was - until half way down the straight, when the outside horse shifted dramatically onto the horse on its inside, who in turn almost put Rove through the fence! He was lucky to stand, let alone gallop after that. A certainty beat. He's had time to get over that bad experience and will race on the first day of Summer, at Gosford.



Christmas celebrations in Geelong. I took this video when we went to Geelong recently for our nieces wedding. It was nice of them to put a Christmas show on for us. CLICK HERE TO WATCH VIDEO

VENCEDORA, also had his first start back; travelling alone to Gosford 9/11. It was unusual to see Veni miss the jump and take more than a few strides to muster. Though he pleased us by rattling home, doing his best work on the line to run 4th. 26/11 at Hawkesbury, we thought Veni would be right in the finish. The track was like concrete and several trainers complained that their horses, had jarred up. Veni was no exception, although he'd recovered by the following day, especially after ice treatment. I can't say exactly where he will race next, there are a few suitable races, so we need to confer.





Our Anniversaire is being pampered by her gentlemen admirers, before and especially after her trial win at Hawkesbury. Phil Bowen, in the light blue and John Harman in the dark blue.

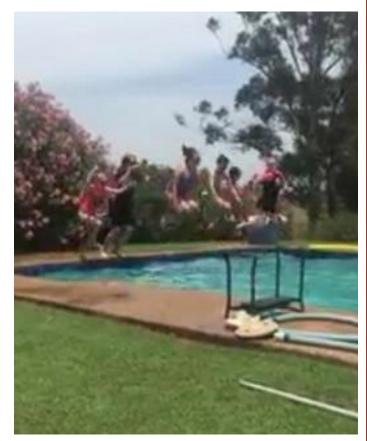
OUR ANNIVERAIRE was our horse of the month with her determined and talented run at Hawkesbury, 26/11. Annie had won her barrier trial on home turf, ten days before this race, 1300mt- 3year old fillies maiden. She was slow to jump bust gathered them in without any encouragement from Robbie. She sat second to the odds-on Favourite, until the home turn where she was tackled and lost ground. Annie fought back and hit the line like a tiger to run 2nd. We know, it takes a good horse to sprint at the front and then at the finish. she did that and now we look forward to her next race - when? Wade hasn't decided. I will tell you though, she is enjoying a real spoil now, out in the paddock by day and boxed at night.

We have some promising young horses, who will come out of the shadows and onto the frontpage news next month. They are all exceling in what we have asked so far. Definitely a good team for the future!

Sending Rainbows. Dor and Wade



A picture says it all, another champion to add to the team? We live in hope.



The kids splashing into summer on the farm. CLICK HERE TO WATCH VIDEO



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