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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to spring. It won't be long until all the trees are covered once again, new life with many baby animals arriving and also lots and lots of flowers on display.

Last Saturday saw the start of our local Scarecrow competition in the beautiful Yarramalong Valley. Once again we are entering our horse and rider. She has had a make over and I think she will look very elegant. Let's hope the judges think so this year.

Congratulations must go to all of our regular pupils for the big improvements you have made over Winter. Many of you have turned a corner and should be very proud of yourselves and how far you have come since you started with us. It is only a matter of time before you get around the next bend and excel further.

I would like to welcome our many new pupils young and young-at-heart to our **Marena Team**. It is very nice to see so many new faces with big smiles of enjoyment. We look forward to continuing to help you improve and gain confidence.

Stallions: Our new boys **Kolbeach Royal Print** and **Kolbeach Scandal** have now been broken in by Mark West from Willow Tree and he has done a great job on them and they both look very exciting under saddle. We are planning on taking them out in the next couple of shows. **Marena Sky Chief** has just turned 27 years old and has now been retired from public stud, so will only be covering our mares.

On The Road with the Walkers: Mum and Dad are as far up as Innisfail on the Queensland coast and planning to make it as far as Cairns, before their return. At this stage it looks like Luke and Keeley will be flying up to join them for the week I will be in Melbourne helping the Evans family competing at Melbourne Royal. I am sure the kids will have some great stories to tell when they come home. Thanks Mum and Dad for your help.

Shows: We have had a very good start to our show seasons. At St Ives on 22nd August our team consisting of **Evan's family, Hooke Family, Ellie Nicholls, Carlie Lind, Maddy Hodgetts, Bronte Talbot, Melissa Melton** and myself. We won combined total of **10 Championships**. Ellie on **Marena Twilights** won two Champions and one Reserve at her first show in about 3 years and **Garry Evans** new mare **Rocombole Jossie** won Supreme Led ASH.

Gosford show on 29th August also saw a very good effort from all our team, **Karren Talbot** won her Lady Rider, whilst **Maddy Hodgetts**, won two firsts with her horse **Tocal Agile**, and **Carlie Lind** also won two firsts with her horse, **Glencoe Double Take**, **Ellie Nicholls** continued her winning streak on Marena Twilights.

Keeley won her Tiny Tots riding class on **Marena Twilights**; this was Keeley's first ride on this pony. **Melissa** has been doing a great job riding our little pony **Marena Amber Wish** and **Bronte Talbot** rode very well again to be place 2nd in her rider class. **Marena Outback** added another Championship to his record with which I think makes it his 3rd Show Hunter Galloway Champion at Gosford in a row. "Go the Dustman".

Thanks must go to all the **parents** and **siblings** for all the help they give before and at the shows. It really is a Team effort and I am grateful for your support. Thanks must also go to **Jane Greentree** and **Leanne Button** for the help plaiting and trimming the horses the day before the shows.

Lessons: Don't forget that I will be away from 20th to the 26th of September, most lessons will continue as usual with **Melissa**. The last Saturday lessons will be on 18th September and they will start again on Saturday 9th and 23rd October but not on Saturday 16th as we will be attending NSW Hack Council Horse of the Year at Hawkesbury competing with Harriet Hooke's mares **Sandown Matinee Idol** and **Sandown Musical Note**.

NOTE :- **Mid week lessons** will finish on Thursday 16th September and re-commence on Tuesday 12th October. Please feel free to book a lesson on other days.

Schools: These Schools are essential to a rider's development along with the fun and improvement. They make an invaluable contribution to the riders learning of practical safety measures.

Lessons: - I have available from 1st to 9th October. Make your bookings as soon as possible.

One Day School Wednesday, 6th October

This School is an introduction to School activities for the beginner pupils

Three Day School 28th, 29th & 30th September. (Tues, Wed & Thurs)

These Schools introduce new activities and expand pupils' horizons.

Sport and Recreation Tuesday, 5th September - 9am – 12pm.

Contact Sport & Rec for any further information or bookings. Phone:-13 13 02 or 4362 3184.

Remember: - REACH FOR YOUR HIGHEST "STAR"

Check out the new things on our Website: www.marenastud.com

Love and Best Wishes from Lindy and Mrs Walker

