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### November 2008 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone,

Spring is upon us and it only seems like yesterday we were in the middle of winter.

This time of year brings many things, such as new foals, breeding season, many shows and beautiful weather. Due to EI we do not have any mares due to foal this year. I guess we will have to make up for it next year.

**Olympics** – It was great to see our Australian riders do so well in their chosen discipline. Clayton Fredericks did a great Dressage test and then his wife Lucinda and her brave little mare **Headley Britannia** to take the lead was such a thrill. Even though we did not win the Gold, Silver was a wonderful result. Lindy is thrilled to announce that she is now selling Clayton's dressage saddles. So please if you are looking for a saddle with comfort for both horse and rider that puts you in the correct position with ease please give her a call. **0418 433 710**.

**New Horses** - Georgia Coffey has lovely young pony "**Morningside Step Along**", who is just starting his show career. Alexia Coffey has purchased one of our ponies from Queensland, "**Marena Amber Flare**". Maeve Lawson has beautiful big mare "**Liberty**" and Nikki Melross has finally found her dream Australian Stock Horse, a very lovely mare "**Toomba Royal Secret**" (pending).

**Shows** started in August and our last one is mid November. There has been plenty of success at the shows, with Nell and Will Evans, Shilo Harvey, Georgia and Alexia Coffey, Nikki Melross, Taylor George and Lil Mills winning at all levels and in all sort of classes from Rider classes to Open Hack, Show Hunter and Breed classes. Sydney Royal entries close on the 24<sup>th</sup> November so we are chasing those qualifying performances once again.

**Mum and Dad** are still away on their trip. They started heading north to the Gold Coast then across to Toowoomba, where they caught up with Therese Higgins. Then off to Longreach and the Stockman's Hall of Fame, where to their surprise Rusty and Tracey Frame are working. Rusty was a well known Clown for many of the Rodeo's, and Royal Shows with his famous Brahman bull "Hacksaw" and mule "Hollywood Jack". Dad's book is now being sold from the Hall of Fame. After that they made the trek across the middle of Australia to Broome, and then up to Darwin, where brother Peter caught up with them for a week. They then started to work their way down through the Red Centre to Ungarra to spend sometime with Vicki and Chris Lawrie. Down to Port Lincoln, Ceduna, Smokey Bay and many more lovely places. We expect them back on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, where we will catch up with them at Will and Nell Evans combined 21<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party. It will be the first time we have seen them since they left on the 1<sup>st</sup> June

**NSW Hack Council Horse of the Year** – Nell Evans won Rider of the Year 17-21 years riding her outstanding new hack "**Marena Macquarie**". Nell rode the pants off her competitors. Shilo Harvey won her Smartest on Parade and 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Young Equestrienne Pony class on "**My Haven Cover Girl**"; what a big effort for Shilo as she is only 7 years and has only been having lessons this year. Lil Mills won Amateur Pony n/e 13hh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Young Equestrienne Pony with Levens First Wish. Harriet Hooke's mare "**Sandown Matinee Idol**" was 2<sup>nd</sup> in her Newcomer 2008 Galloway of the Year and Led Galloway mare classes, **Macquarie** was 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Newcomer 2008 Hack of the Year class and Georgia Coffey placed on **Marena Heartbeat** in the preliminary pony class. Congratulations in order for all our pupils - you did us proud.

**NSW Welsh Show** – Lil Mills had a wonderful day. Her pony won the Leading rein and then won the First Ridden Pony and Champion Ridden Part Welsh. Well done Lil.

**Schools – December School 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008.**

At this stage we have not set our January date. We are all ready getting bookings, so if are wishing to attend please book ASAP. I would hate you to be disappointed if you missed out.

**Sport and Rec.** – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008 (Adults 9am-12pm)

17<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009 (Children 9am-12pm)

**Please contact S&R for bookings - 43623184**

**Marena Show** – We are planning on holding another Show here for our pupils towards the end of January. Our last Show was so successful and we had lots of fun. Afterwards we are hoping to have a BBQ.

**Judging** – Mum and myself have been asked to Judge at the New Zealand National Horse and Pony Show at Dannevirke on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2009. Lindy has judged one of the rings at the NSW Riding Pony Championships at Castle Hill.

It is not long to Christmas, so we will have another Newsletter out very soon, with updated details and dates.

Till then ride safely and happily and remember success takes time and effort.

Best wishes

Lindy & Mrs Walker