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MAUREEN, BRUCE AND LINDY WALKER

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Hi Everyone,

Spring is just around the corner. You would think by the lovely sunny days we have had lately it was spring already.

Illness: I guess most of you know that during the last School holidays I became ill with a Chest Infection that turned into Bronchitis. Well that went on to Pneumonia and I was quite ill. I had to cancel lessons over two weeks.

Marena Show: Due to my illness I had postponed our Marena Show for two weeks, but that was not to be as I was still sick. I have now decided to hold it in the next School Holidays. Possible date would be 10th October 2009 or mid January 2010. Please let us know what you think would be most suitable date as we don't want anyone to miss out. As this day is for YOU.

Shows: We did plan on starting our Show season at Gosford on the 2/08/09, but the Show has been postponed until 4/10/09. So if you would like to be there to support your fellow pupils I am sure they would love to know you are there for them.

The first Show we will compete at now will be on 13/09/09 at Betty Tupper at French's Forest. For further dates check out our notice board at lessons.

Brisbane Royal: We were going to compete at Brisbane Royal this year. As the **Evans** Family have Grandparents that are not well and they needed to be there for their for them. A wise decision. Our love and thoughts are with you. **Harriet** Hooke was unable to take time off school as Harry had her half yearly's. **Taylor-Lee** George also was unable to take time off from Uni and work. Never mind guys there is always next year.

Stallions: Our two new Kolbeach stallions have settled in very well and are looking pretty good. We are hoping to Show them both this season.

It's with a heavy heart that I let you all know that our former Thoroughbred stallion, **Shifting**, that stood here at Marena for last eight years and move to a new home has passed away from Colic. We will miss you, mate.

Foals: Our first foals are due in November and the rest in January. It will be nice to have foals running around our paddocks again. Due to EI the mares were unable to be served as all our stallions contracted EI and were unable to do stud duties for three months. Then the next season the mares didn't really want cycle properly. Hence we only had one foal last season. Marena Maestro our cute little bay fellow in the front paddock.

Lindy Judging: I have been asked to be a Judge at Melbourne Royal from 22nd to 26th September. I am very proud to be one of the Judges for the prestigious

“**Garryowen**” on the 75th Anniversary of this event I won in 1980 and was placed 2nd Vicky Lawrie on two occasions. I will also be judging all the other Turnouts as well as the Junior Riders. So there will be no lessons from 22nd until 29th September inclusive.

Schools: The July schools went very well with a lot of progress made by all who attended. It takes a lot of effort and determination to become a good, effective rider. Not only did you improve on the flat there was also a big improvement in everyone’s jumping in the afternoons. It was great to see you all pushing your boundaries to make yourselves better horsemen. ****WELL DONE****.



Georgia, Lil, Alexia, Keeley, Katherine, Olivia, Ethan and Luke.



Maddy Hodgetts jumping Venture

Our next schools are as follows:-

Three Day Schools: -

October: - 6th, 7th & 8th

December: - 19th, 20th & 21st

Sport and Rec: -

October: - 16th (9am to 12pm) Contact Sport & Rec for bookings on – 4362 3184

We are also planning on doing lessons over the Christmas holidays from 11/01/2010.

Show Preparation School: On the 6th September we will be holding a Show Prep. School. For all wanting to learn more about preparing your horse for the Show ring. Please feel free to bring your own horse or you are welcome to use one of ours. The cost will be \$120.00 for the day, 10am – 3pm. **BYO:** Morning Tea, Lunch and Grooming Kit. Please contact us for Bookings and required Equipment list.

Instructors: Maureen and Lindy Walker.

It is nice to see **Kristie, Ellie** and **Anna Nicholls** with us once again. We missed you.

Lessons: There will be no lessons on Saturday’s the 5th September, 3rd October and 18th October. As we be holding The Show Prep. School on the 6th Sept. 3rd October competing at the NSW Riding Pony Championships held at Castle Hill Showground and on 18th October we will be competing at the NSW Horse of the Year at Hawkesbury Showground.

Love and Best of Luck for the Coming Season

P.S. REMEMBER:

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