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MAUREEN, BRUCE AND LINDY WALKER

Winter Newsletter 2007

The cool mornings are a sure sign that winter is upon us once again. The horses have grown their winter coats and the beautiful trees are baring their limbs.

Wonderful News- "Marena Fanfare" has been sold to a very loving home. The George family of Avalon purchased Fanfare for their daughter Taylor-Lee. Fanfare has stayed on at Marena and he and Taylor are going along nicely. Taylor's other horse George has a new mate.

Our Coming Trip: Bruce and I are on our way overseas again. We leave on 26th June to fly to Mauritius where our son, Peter, has been working since August last year. We will stay with him for a week then on to London and down to Kent where we will stay with the Marfleets, who moved there in September 2006. We do not expect to be home to-wards the end of August

Team Fredericks - Whilst we are in England we will spend some time with the Fredericks Family at Devizes in Wiltshire. Clayton, who comes from Perth used to ride with us and was a very successful show competitor before he specialised in Horse Trials (Eventing). Living in England now, he and his English wife, Lucinda, both ride for Australia.

Clay won the World Cup in 2005 and was second to Sara Philips in 2006 at Aachen, Germany.

What a wonderful year "Team Fredericks" have had. In April Clay went to Lexington, Kentucky, and won the Horse Trails on Ben-a-long Time with fellow Australian rider, Philip Dutton, coming second. A week later Lucinda won at the prestigious Badminton Horse Trials.

Clayton is pictured right at Badminton last year, with the Duke of Beaufort's Badminton house in the background. Bruce and I were there to cheer him on.



Sydney Royal - Well, it was a busy start to Sydney this year with Michael and Debbie moving on and Kristie sick in hospital, but as always we were able to get around things. Haley was able to help out until Kristie was discharged and the next morning went straight to the Show. We had a large team of horses this year with Sweet Kiss, Fanfare, Nelson, Heartbeat, Elle, George, Mr B, Focus and the Evans family horses Memory, Minn and Heritage.

Our team of people was even larger with Bruce and I, Lindy, Luke and Keeley, Kristie, Ellie and Anna, Haley, Jared, Nikki, Maeve, Taylor, Kath and the Evans family, Gary, Andrea, Will and Nell. The kids all rode extremely well in their rider classes with Jared, Nell, and Will all awarded 3^{rds}, Ellie 5th and Anna 4th. This was the first Royal for Maeve Lawson and her mare 'Ashley's Our Focus'. Also exhibiting with us for the first time was Taylor Lee George with 'Glo Brook Georgie Boy' and her newly purchased Marena Fanfare.

The horses all worked a treat resulting in a productive 10 days for Marena Stud.

Gosford Ag Show - Since Sydney the team has competed there on the 5th/6th of May. Little Shilo Harvey was 2nd in the Tiny Tots on Sweetie. In the riding classes, Taylor was Champion Senior Rider with Nell Reserve Senior Rider, Jared 1st, Anna 3rd, Georgia Coffey 2nd and Annie Sherlock 1st and Harriet Hooke 1st in their Novice Riders

Elle (the horse) won Champ Led Galloway and 2nd ANSA. Janet Timmis' pony stallion, Marena Valour, won Champion APSB Riding Pony. Lord Nelson was 1st Adult Show Hunter, 2nd Led and Ridden ANSA

St Ives Ag Show - where the triumph of the day would have to be Jared Ashbrooke winning Champion Boy Rider and then Supreme Rider of the Show.

Other wins for the day included, Alkyra Elegance won Best Junior ANSA Exhibit, Champion TB Mare, and Reserve Champ Galloway and Kath Jones' Lord Nelson won Reserve Champ ANSA Exhibit.

Taylor won her rider class, Will won 2nd and Anna 3rd in their respective riding classes, Shilo won the Tiny Tots. Harriet Hooke won placings in all classes all day. Maeve Lawson was 2nd in her Show Hunter class and rode for Res. Champion. This was also a very sad day for our team as we are retiring the 'Super Horse' Marena Sweet Kiss, this was her last show. Sweetie has had a long and plentiful

showing career spanning over 14yrs. She will be missed at the shows not only by all the children who were lucky enough to ride her but all of the team. Sweetie will be retiring as a broodmare and it won't be long until we have a mini-Sweetie on our show team.

The winter months are a busy time at Marena with breaking in, training and lessons, not to mention schools planned for the next holidays.

Whilst Maureen and Bruce are overseas Lindy will be ably assisted by Kristie, Aaron and Melanie, Jared and Rebecca and of course Luke and Keeley (who thinks she is a horse, dog and cat trainer all ready).

Our regular and popular Three Day School will be run in the July school holidays.

THREE-DAY SCHOOL - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 2nd, 3rd & 4th July, 2007

ONE DAY SCHOOLS -- THURSDAY 5th and Tuesday 10th July, 2006 - 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

These Schools are for our newer pupils as the first step towards the Three Day Schools.

Please book early to ensure a place in the Schools on 0418 433 710 or 43 521 707.

Sport and Rec. Saddle Club –Thurs. 12th, 9.00am to 12.00 noon - Bookings 02 4362 3184

The Ladies School will be held in September 2007. Bookings with Kath Jones on 99991540

Lessons: during the holidays will need to be booked as required as regular Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning lessons will be not be held after Thursday 28/6/07 until school goes back. Lessons will start again on Tuesday 24/7/07. Please ring nearer to your lesson time to confirm.

LINDY - is judging at Brisbane Royal Show from Sat. 11th to Fri. 17th August 2007.

Consequently lessons will not be held that week. Lindy would like all pupils this affects to make bookings for their lessons on Saturday 18th August.

We would also like a special mention to all week and Saturday pupils. You have all made progress with the hard work you have put in. Keep up the good work we are very proud of you.

Do not forget to look us up on the Internet www.marenastud.com to see photos of your favourite horses and see how your fellow pupils are progressing at the shows.

Lots of love and best wishes for a great Long Week-end to all our pupils and their families.

Lindy and Mrs Walker
REACH FOR THE STARS

