



PORTARLINGTON & DIST PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

Hi everyone

We hope everyone is enjoying their school holidays and getting to spend lots of time with your ponies. How lucky are you?

We had such a HUGE turnout to our March Rally (just kidding), we have decided to run our Theory Lesson from last month, this month. I hope that makes sense to you all. This is a very important theory lesson for EVERYONE – Mums and Dads included. We will be discussing your horses vital signs, how to tell if they're not feeling 100% and most importantly how to take their temperature correctly. This will be a very hands-on lesson so make sure you have a thermometer in your kit. If/When your horse gets sick, what information do you need to provide the vet when you make that call? Having that information for them when you call will help them decide if your horse is to be seen next on their rounds. The first question they normally ask is what's their temperature? Like the Boy Scouts say – BE PREPARED. So make sure you're bright and early to Theory this rally so you too can be prepared when it matters most. ALSO bring your horses First Aid kit. If you don't have one they can be bought from Horseland or Wallington Rural or see your vet. Please don't think you don't need a first aid kit for them. If you own one – they need it. If you float them – you need it. Chances are if you don't have one – you'll need it. So it's best to be ready for any emergency JUST IN CASE.

Just a reminder that it's important that everyone pitches in to help set up and pack up at each rally – many hands make light work. If you can arrive 10 minutes earlier to help set up and stay behind 10 minutes to help pack up this will be very much appreciated. Thankyou to those who already do this – you know who you are.

MUMS & DADS as you know it is a PCAV requirement that all members/parents/helpers/supporters and friends, over the age of 18, who intend to visit Pony Club three times or more in the year will need to have a Working With Childrens Check conducted. Once the WWCC is issued, a copy of it is kept for our records. If you have not done that yet, can you please see either Cathy, Tiff or Megan to find out what needs to be done. We don't want to be put in a position where we may need to turn you away because of this new rule.

RALLY ATTENDANCE

For the purpose of working out rally plans we would appreciate it if all members can email the DC if you are **NOT** attending a rally. The DC is responsible for organizing instructors and working out the groups.

GRADING

If you would like to be re-graded at this month's rally, please complete the grading form at the desk prior to the start of the rally.

INSTRUCTORS

Today we have Lisa Brown, Megan Kennedy and John Wootten instructing our lessons. Please make them feel welcome. They love seeing smiles and especially like punctuality, so please be on time for each lesson.

COMPETITIONS

All Pony Club events are available from the Barwon Zone website

<http://www.barwonzone.ponyclubvic.org.au/site/ponyclub/barwonzone/downloads/events/NEW%20BARWON%20ZONE%20EVENTS%20CALENDAR%20Updated%20Dec%202012.pdf>.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are available and can be purchased on rally days. If you would like to purchase uniforms, please talk to the treasurer (Megan) and she will help you.

NEWSLETTER

If you have any information or material eg. competition results, for sale items, advertising, photos etc please email to wshall@bigpond.com.au and Cheslea will be happy to print in next newsletter. Thanks ☺

CANTEEN

Please fill out the canteen lunch order form when you sign in on arrival ☺

Canteen roster below. If you are unavailable please make arrangements to swap with someone else.

Please be advised that when you are rostered on canteen duty it includes preparation, sales and clean up.

When the amazing hamburger chef Frank is unavailable, we may need extra help!!

Thanks for your assistance.

Rally	Family on duty	Family on duty	Family on duty
April	Mills	Sambucco	Street
May	Laney	Long	

ALSO – CALLING ALL BAKERS – SWEET TREATS NEEDED

APRIL 3rd 2016 - RALLY PLAN

INSTRUCTORS	LISA BROWN	MEGAN KENNEDY	JOHN WOOTTEN
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TIME	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
9.30am - 9.45am	SET UP		
9.45am - 10.00am	Tack up and Gear Check		
10.00am - 11.00am	Theory	Dressage	Show Jumping
11am-12pm	Show Jumping	Theory	Dressage
12pm-1pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.00pm -	Dressage	Show	Theory

2.00pm		Jumping	
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Pack Up		

ONE	TWO	THREE
Eliza	Taylor	Zoe
Felicity	Emma	Charlie
Annabel	Chloe/Ebony	
Natalya	Phoebe	
Sarah	Liam	

OUT & ABOUT

The lovely Natalya and Bella went out to strut their stuff at Bacchus Marsh Horse Trials recently and did themselves proud coming 4th overall in Grade 2. Brilliant job, we are so proud of you both.



FUNDRAISING

Congratulations to EBONY MAGUIRE who is this months winner of a \$10 lunch voucher. Enjoy.

If you have any ideas for fundraising, please share them with the committee. We are all ears.

FOR SALE



The stunning Purple and Gold Blaire Browband has been especially designed for Portarlington Pony Club by Bejeweled Browbands and can be yours for the special price of \$99. This beautiful design comes in all sizes and can even be made in over 200 colour combinations. Samples will be available for viewing at the Pony Club. See Megan Kennedy for further info and place your orders.