



PORTARLINGTON & DIST PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

Hi everyone

We hope everyone read the recent email sent out regarding Strangles. Recognising symptoms and signs early is essential to keeping this virus contained. It's important at this rally that you **ONLY** handle **YOUR** horse and **YOUR** gear. I know this will be hard for many, but please don't pat the ponies.

Don't forget to bring your First Aid Kits for your horses and we hope you have a thermometer because we will be having a very hands on theory lesson this rally. Learning to take your horses temperature is a very important skill to have. It's usually the first thing your vet will ask you when you call them to see your horse. Having that information for them when you call will help them decide if your horse is to be seen next on their rounds.

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 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 Linzi Roos 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%20BARWO%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
March	Laney	Long	Maguire
April	Mills	Sambucco	Street

ALSO – CALLING ALL BAKERS – SWEET TREATS NEEDED

MARCH 6TH 2016 - RALLY PLAN

INSTRUCTORS	LISA BROWN	LINZI ROOS	MEGAN KENNEDY
TIME	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
9.30am-10.00am	SET UP	SET UP	SET UP
10.00am	Theory - Know your Horse		
10.45-11am	Tack up and Gear Check		
11am-12pm	Cavaletties	Show Jumping	Dressage
12pm-1pm	Dressage	Cavaletties	Show Jumping
1.00pm-1.45pm	Lunch		
2.00pm-3.00pm	Show Jumping	Dressage	Cavaletties
3.00pm-3.30pm	Pack Up		

	ONE	TWO	THREE
	Eliza	Taylor	Zoe (12pm)
	Felicity	Emma	Charlie
	Annabel	Maddy	
	Natalya	Chloe/Ebony	
	Sarah	Nimah (come & try)	

OUT & ABOUT

Well Flick has been out there again representing Portarlinton Pony Club. Flick we are so proud of you for the dedication and commitment you show to your sport – and special mention for Tash, because we know the kids can't compete without Mums to chauffeur them and their ponies.. Congratulations.

Here's what she's been up to;

31st January – Lillico Pony Club Show Jumping Day at Bunyip
 Felicity & Bart **WON THE OVERALL E GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP RUG**
 Felicity & Bug (who she recently broke in) came **2ND OVERALL**
 Felicity & Tim came **3RD OVERALL**



FUNDRAISING

I would like to take a moment to recognise the efforts of my special helper Taylon. You may know him as Charli's brother. Last month we raised \$38 for our monthly raffle, which is a record so far, all because you can't say no to such a little cutie.

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.