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## **NEWSLETTER TERM 4 2009**

### **!!! HAWKE'S BAY A & P SHOW !!!**

Don't forget week 2 of riding in Term 4 2009 is the Hawke's Bay Show this year 13 lucky riders are competing in classes on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be no riding at the Hastings Group RDA on that day. Riders who are not competing in the show can ride as normal on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All those who are competing in the A & P Show will be receiving their information packs, don't forget to get there in plenty of time to put on your helmets and be ready for your class.

Thank you to everybody who is helping to make this a special day for our riders your help is greatly appreciated.

### **\*\* RIDERS \*\***

One of our new riders Mitchell will be competing in his first Hawke's Bay Show this year and we now also have Ryley riding with us, we are also welcoming back Laurence and Jamie this Term after a break. Some dates for your diaries Term 4 riding will finish on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December and the End of Term Certificate Party will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11am we hope you will all be able to attend, watch out for notices up in the Clubhouse nearer the time.

Please remember although we are coming into the summer months we still need to be safe when we are riding – no open toed sandals and we love it when our riders come in stretchy track pants. We do have sunscreen available in the Clubhouse and cold water for those really hot days to come.

### **TIME OUT AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

Caring for Carers Hawke's Bay is a free service of Presbyterian Support East Coast for unpaid carers, who look after a family member with a serious illness or disability. If you are a parent/carer of a child with a disability or serious learning disorder and sometimes feel stressed or alone, make that first step, ring us on 877 8193 or 0508 DO CARE (0508 36 2273) for more information and support, or just come along to our next meeting. The support group meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of every month (except December) from 10am – 12pm at Lee Road in Taradale. Please visit our web site on [www.caringforcarersec.co.nz](http://www.caringforcarersec.co.nz) or email our field officer Ingrid at [info@careingforcarersec.co.nz](mailto:info@careingforcarersec.co.nz)

## 😊😊VOLUNTEERS😊😊

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out in Term 3 when Heather was on her Sabbatical in the USA and I was not feeling my best, it was good to see all the training being put to work. It was lovely to have Owen back with us for a few weeks to and with his help and that of Kristen and Karla who were with us for a week as part of their Massey University (Teaching) Primary / Diploma in Education Studies we now have lots of new arena games developed from a concept given to Hastings Group RDA at the Training Seminar in May this year.

A date for all our volunteers to remember is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December when we will be having our end of year party at the Clubhouse at 6pm, look out for notices up in the Clubhouse nearer the time.

For unpaid carers, who look after a family member with a serious illness or disability.

## \*\* PONIES \*\*

The ponies are all very busy losing their winter coats and the volunteers are working very hard to get them looking at their best especially the ones going to the Hawke's Bay Show who are having some extra grooming sessions and who will be having baths before the big day. We have had a lovely pony called Rose on trial but unfortunately RDA work is not for her so we are still looking for replacement ponies, especially a bigger one to take the place of Tank and share some of Gypsy's work.

## ??? FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP ???

Hastings Group Riding for the Disabled are very grateful for the funding they have received during the last Term which has included a very generous donation from The Sutherland Self Help Trust towards the building costs of our new Clubhouse, our thanks also go to The Rotary Club of Havelock North for their donation.

Wonderful grants were received from The New Zealand Community Trust and Rehabilitation Welfare Trust and we are very grateful to Geoff and Christine Small, E V Solutions and Paddy and Ngaire O'Brien for renewing their sponsorships of Milo, Choco and Nugget.

Our wonderful volunteers also raised \$395.00 at their latest Sausage Sizzle a huge thank you to Pak N Save for the grocery vouchers and to Mitre 10 Mega for providing the BBQ we will be there again on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October we hope there will be lots of hungry shoppers that day.

Have a lovely Term

Kind Regards from Ruth and the Team