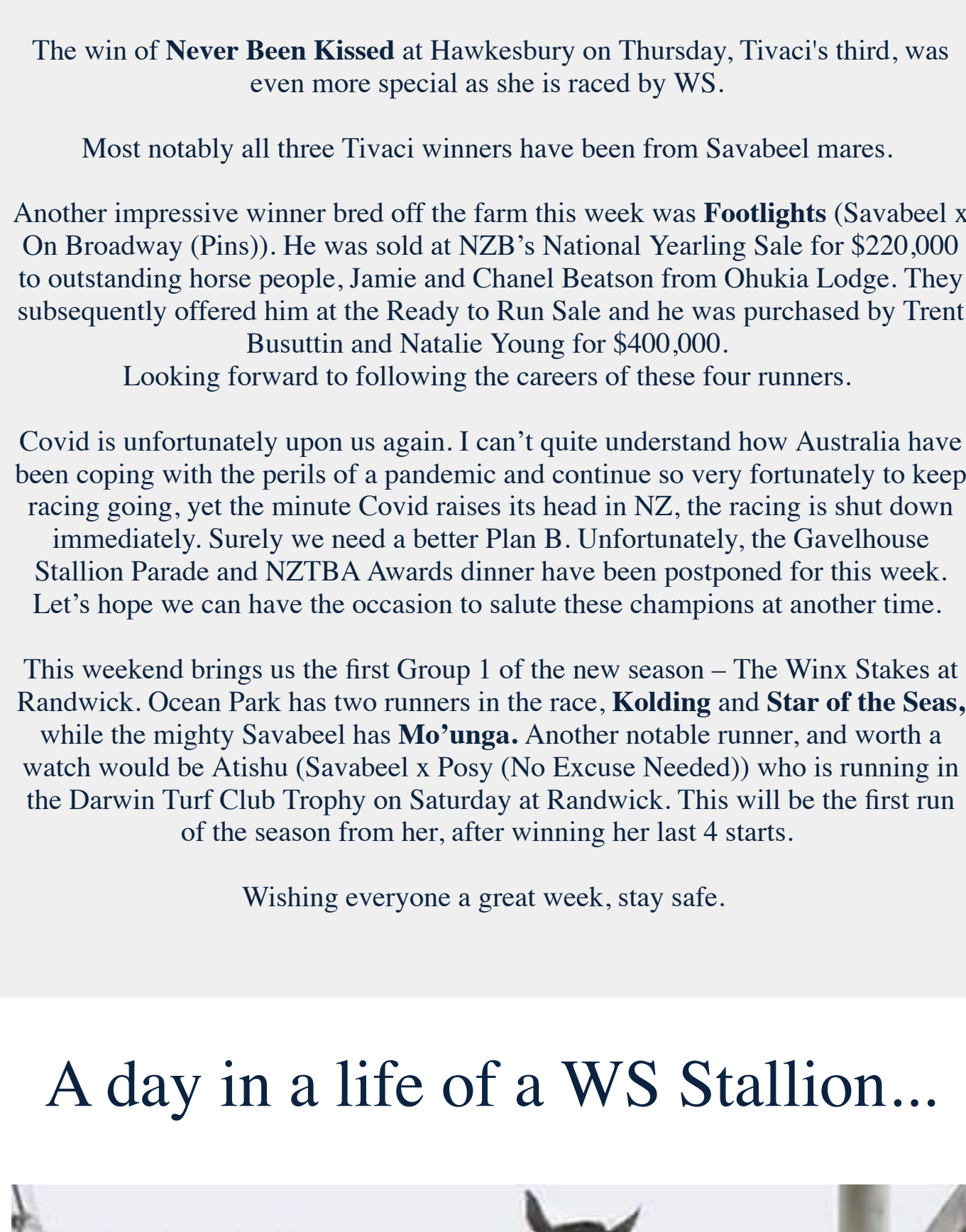


Waikato Weekly

Friday 20th August 2021

ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

Mark's Mail



Welcome to another edition of the Waikato Weekly. There's been a lot going on and we're still celebrating as Tivaci recorded his third winner in seven days!

Mascherata is a lovely filly bred and raised at WS. Purchased for \$150,000, she has been given every opportunity by top Aussie trainer John O'Shea. She falls into the average price bracket for a WS yearling, where she will go through the ranks and will soon be racing in Sydney for races worth her purchased price. She is owned by a great group of lady owners, made up of the trainer's and breeder's wives and friends.

Tivaci's other winner **Celevacci** was another typical scenario - a gelding that was born, bred and raised here at WS.

The win of **Never Been Kissed** at Hawkesbury on Thursday, Tivaci's third, was even more special as she is raced by WS.

Most notably all three Tivaci winners have been from Savabeel mares.

Another impressive winner bred off the farm this week was **Footlights** (Savabeel x On Broadway (Pins)). He was sold at NZB's National Yearling Sale for \$220,000 to outstanding horse people, Jamie and Chanel Beatson from Ohukia Lodge. They subsequently offered him at the Ready to Run Sale and he was purchased by Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young for \$400,000.

Looking forward to following the careers of these four runners.

Covid is unfortunately upon us again. I can't quite understand how Australia have been coping with the perils of a pandemic and continue so very fortunately to keep racing going, yet the minute Covid raises its head in NZ, the racing is shut down immediately. Surely we need a better Plan B. Unfortunately, the Gavelhouse Stallion Parade and NZTBA Awards dinner have been postponed for this week. Let's hope we can have the occasion to salute these champions at another time.

This weekend brings us the first Group 1 of the new season – The Winx Stakes at Randwick. Ocean Park has two runners in the race, **Kolding** and **Star of the Seas**, while the mighty Savabeel has **Mo'unga**. Another notable runner, and worth a watch would be Atishu (Savabeel x Posy (No Excuse Needed)) who is running in the Darwin Turf Club Trophy on Saturday at Randwick. This will be the first run of the season from her, after winning her last 4 starts.

Wishing everyone a great week, stay safe.

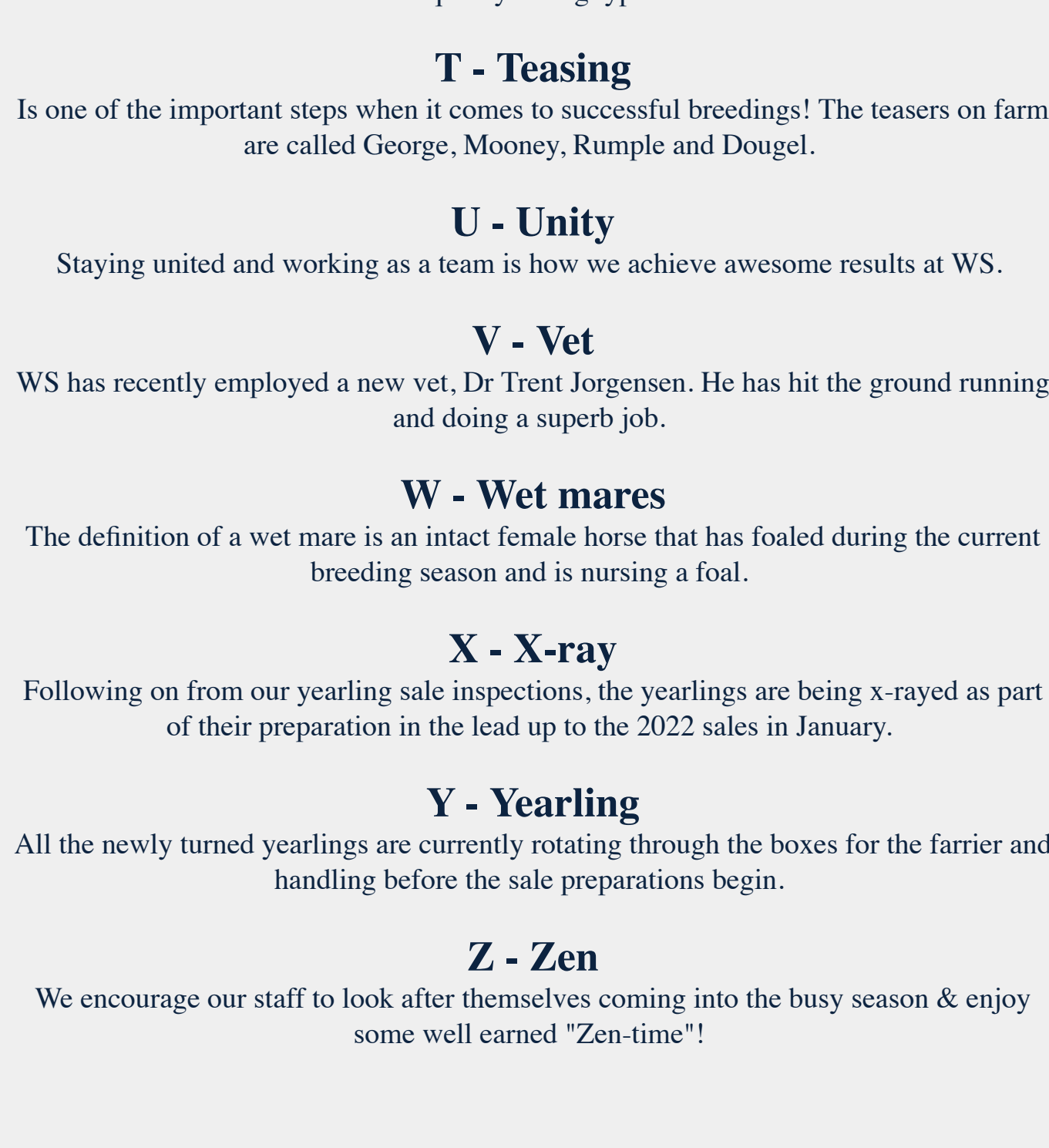
A day in a life of a WS Stallion...



We caught up with the boys to see what they get up to on a daily basis.

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Foal OF THE WEEK



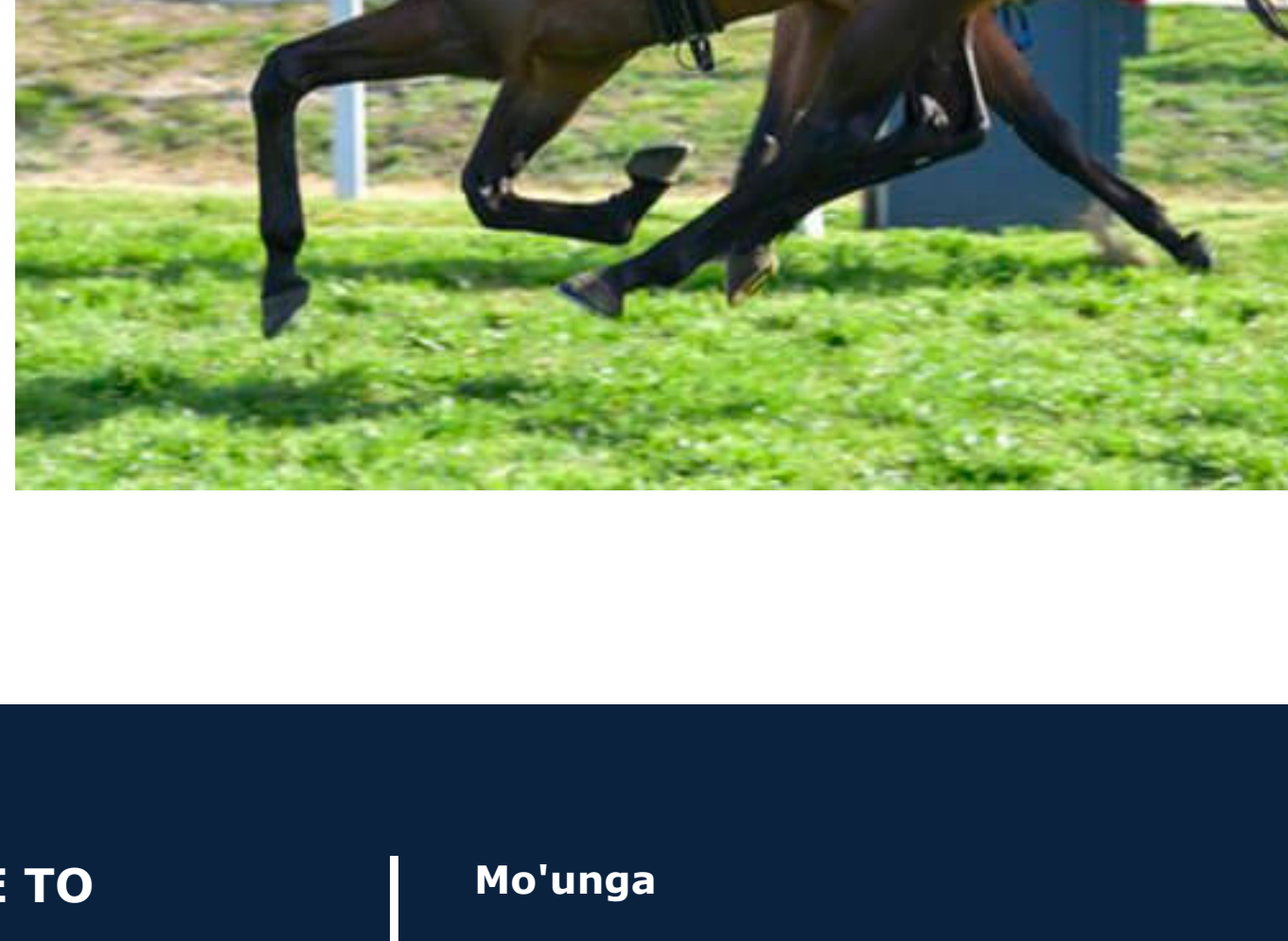
Ocean Park x Pastrana filly

"Pastrana has produced a really lovely, strong filly with the combined strength and character of both her dam and sire," said our foaling manager, Anna Poyhonen.

"She's a spunky foal who loves attention and I can't wait to watch her develop over the next year. I reckon she'll be one to watch with plenty of great runners in the family."

Pastrana (Fastnet Rock) has had three to race for two winners including stakes performer Miss Valencia (Ocean Park).

The Corner with Garry Chittick



This week in Garry's Corner

People who breed and race horses do so for many reasons. I will not canvas the many aspirations of those of us involved, there would be such a large spread that my allocated room for the Corner would be exceeded, which would subject my musings to editorial culling and that never works well. So, I will focus on your, my two loyal readers, aspirations. Clearly is so do horse, I want to race the next Sunline, Melody Belle, King Mufasa. My guess is so do you, and so your matings or yearling purchases are planned with the intent of a gold medal result. Certainly, our intent has remained consistent for the fifty years I have been a breeder. Right now is an appropriate time to dwell on the success or failures of these best laid plans.

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A-Z OF THE SEASON

Part 2



N - Night Watch

Now that the foaling season is upon us, we have a team of night watch people who watch the mares 8pm-6am.

O - Olympics

Team NZ have had an unbelievable Olympics this year, bringing home 7 Gold, 6 Silver and 7 Bronze medals. Of course how could we forget that our very own Bloodstock Manager Jaimee Gowler's sister, Kerri Gowler and her teammate Grace Prendergast won Olympic Gold in the women's coxless pair for New Zealand.

P - Parades

This time of year is when the yearlings are being paraded for NZB, Inglis and Magic Millions to determine which yearlings are going to what sale.

Q - Quiet Nights

Amongst the busy days on the farm, with all our staff working hard to keep all the horses at Waikato Stud healthy & happy, there is something very peaceful about those quiet nights awaiting more foals to be born.

R - Radios

Most staff members carry a radio on their hip as the main form of communication. Roger that.

S - Super Seth

We are excited to see the first Super Seth foals hitting the ground and they are proving to be quality strong types.

T - Teasing

Is one of the important steps when it comes to successful breedings! The teasers on farm are called George, Mooney, Rumble and Dougel.

U - Unity

Staying united and working as a team is how we achieve awesome results at WS.

V - Vet

WS has recently employed a new vet, Dr Trent Jorgensen. He has hit the ground running and doing a superb job.

W - Wet mares

The definition of a wet mare is an intact female horse that has foaled during the current breeding season and is nursing a foal.

X - X-ray

Following on from our yearling sale inspections, the yearlings are being x-rayed as part of their preparation in the lead up to the 2022 sales in January.

Y - Yearling

All the newly turned yearlings are currently rotating through the boxes for the farrier and handling before the sale preparations begin.

Z - Zen

We encourage our staff to look after themselves coming into the busy season & enjoy some well earned "Zen-time"!

Winner's Circle

Last week gave us Tivaci's first winner and a winning double, while on Thursday this week NEVER BEEN KISSED continued her father's winning run becoming his third winner this season.

Never Been Kissed

Tivaci x Movie (Savabeel) 3yo filly

The Waikato Stud-bred and raced filly had two trials this time in by trainers Gai Waterhouse/Adrian Bott to prepare for her first trip to the races and she delivered in fine style.

Never Been Kissed was three wide in the body of the field and when rider Tim Clark asked her to lengthen stride in the straight she responded positively and was too strong over the concluding stages of the 1000 metre contest.

She is the first foal of the Savabeel mare Movie, who was successful on three occasions, and is a half-sister to the three-time Group 2 winner Ocean Emperor. They are out of the G3 Mannerism S. winner Tootise.

This is also the family of the multiple Group-1 winning Savabeel mares, Probabeel and Savvy Coup. Movie, has a 2-year-old colt by Sacred Falls bound for the NZB Ready To Run Sale.

ONE TO Watch

Mo'unga

2017 brown colt, Savabeel x Chandelier

Trainer: Annabel Neasham

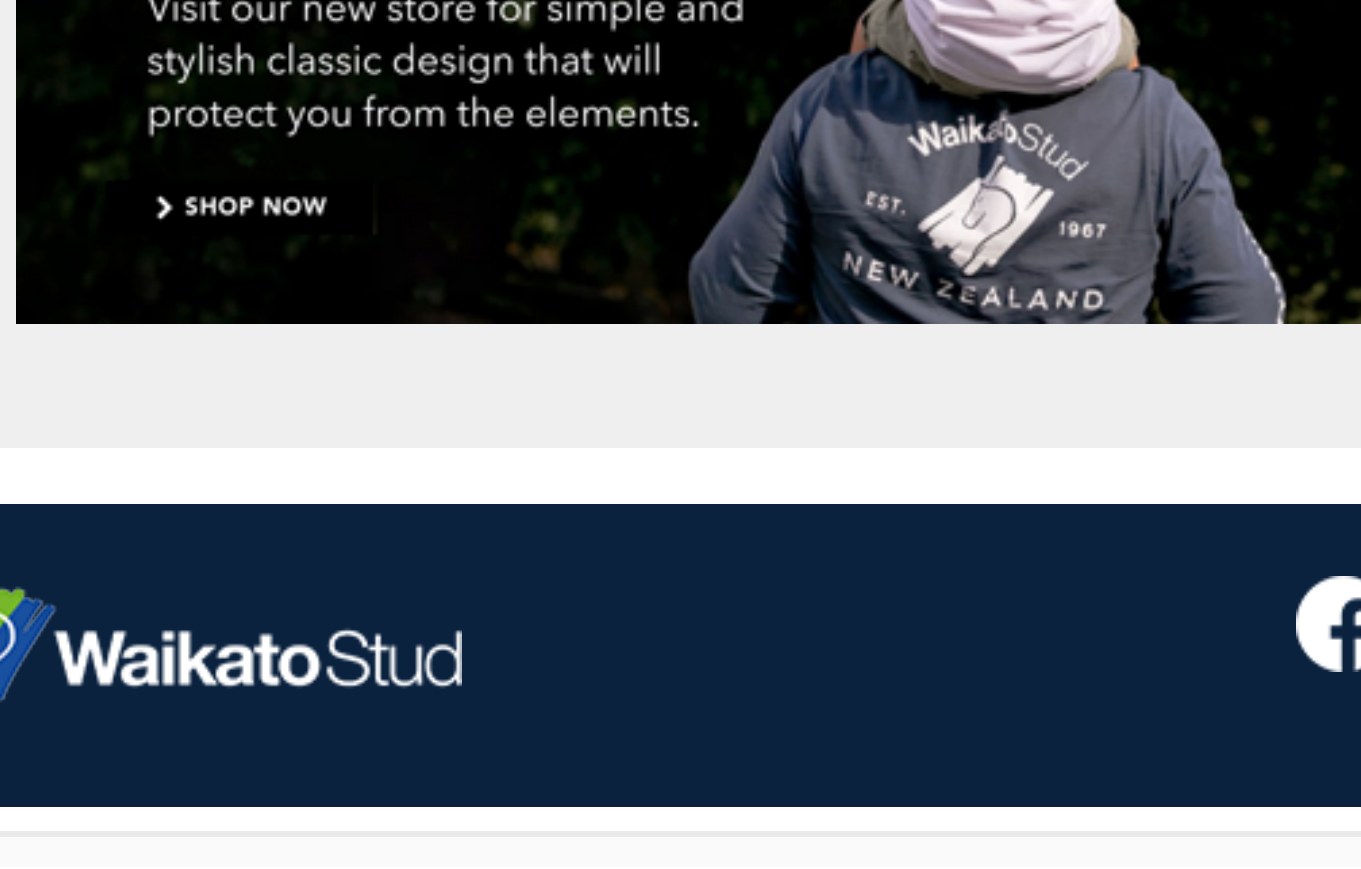
The G1 Roschill Guineas winner recently came 2nd in a resuming barrier trial

Upcoming Races: Saturday 21st August, Randwick, Group 1 Winx Stakes, Race 8

News

News from the farm

To wrap things up... This week 8 years ago, Tivaci was foaled. Happy Birthday Tivaci!



Racing News

Tivaci filly off to flying start

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Mo'unga is profiled as a TDN AusNZ 4-year-old star of spring

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Savabeel colt Footlights shines on debut

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