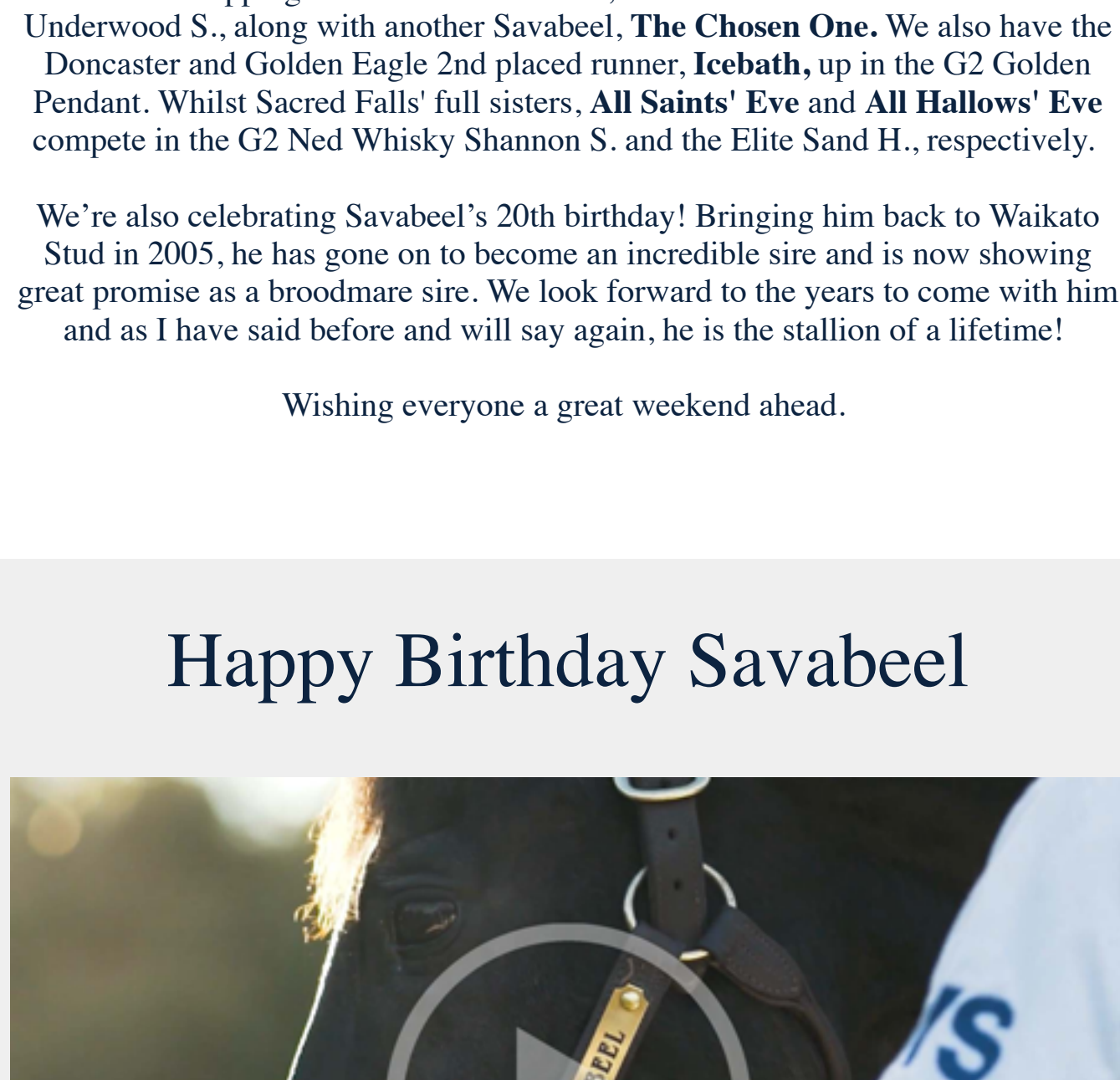


Waikato Weekly

Friday 24th September 2021

ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

Mark's Mail



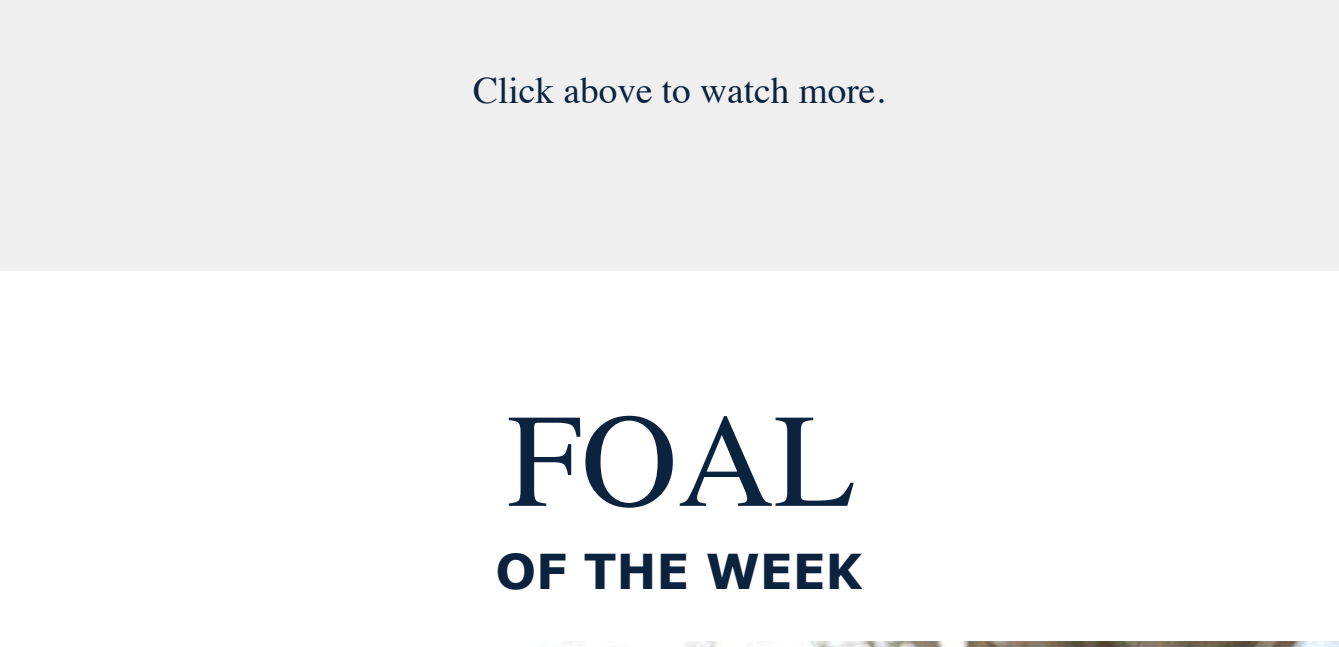
It has been another big week for the team with the first of the 16-day scans completed. All the hard work from the dry and wet mare teams is paying off and we've got great results coming through.

Last weekend was again filled with great racing. So many of Savabeel's progeny are flying, with five winners on Saturday alone, including **Kiss The Bride** and **Atishu**. Hopping ahead to this weekend, **Probabeel** is set to run in the G1 Underwood S., along with another Savabeel, **The Chosen One**. We also have the Doncaster and Golden Eagle 2nd placed runner, **Icebath**, up in the G2 Golden Pendant. Whilst Sacred Falls' full sisters, **All Saints' Eve** and **All Hallows' Eve** compete in the G2 Ned Whisky Shannon S. and the Elite Sand H., respectively.

We're also celebrating Savabeel's 20th birthday! Bringing him back to Waikato Stud in 2005, he has gone on to become an incredible sire and is now showing great promise as a broodmare sire. We look forward to the years to come with him and as I have said before and will say again, he is the stallion of a lifetime!

Wishing everyone a great weekend ahead.

Happy Birthday Savabeel



On Thursday we celebrated a very special birthday as our 6-time Champion NZ sire of 23 Group 1 winners turned 20!

"He really is a stallion of a lifetime." - Mark Chittick

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Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 04



This week on Following Piñata, we discover the wonderful news that she is pregnant, and we are very impressed with how her filly is developing physically.

[Click above to watch more.](#)

FOAL

OF THE WEEK



Ocean Park x Shopaholic

Out of the Group 2-winning mare **Shopaholic**, this Ocean Park filly is another exceptional type from a high-class mare. Shopaholic has had 4 runners, all winners, including G1-placed **Bargain** (Ocean Park) and G2-placed **Shop Till I Drop** (Savabeel).

"I'm quite taken with Shopaholic's foal this year, she's a really lovely character. She can often be seen taking her mother for gallops around the paddock, which never stops being entertaining. As a full sister to Bargain, she has a lot going for her at only one week old." – Foaling Manager Anna Poyhonen.

WINNER'S CELEBRATION



Atishu (Savabeel x Posy) pictured as a yearling

Savabeel 4YO **Atishu** recently started her race career across the ditch and is making light work of it, winning the G3 Bill Ritchie H. last Saturday at only her third start. Her efforts have earned her a place in the upcoming G1 Epsom H. on 2nd October.

This race was won last year by the Waikato Stud-bred champion Savabeel filly, **Probabeel**. A \$260,000 NZB Karaka Yearling Sale purchase, Atishu is from the family of before Group 1 winners **Daffodil** and **Aegion**.

The King's ONES TO Watch

WS BRED: FORGOT YOU

Forgot You (Savabeel x Simply You) 3YO colt

Trainer: Natalie Young and Trent Bussutin

He won his last start 3 weeks ago at Moonee Valley, and was sold as a \$330,000 at the Inglis Ready To Race Sale in 2018

Upcoming Race: Friday 24th September, The Valley Aspect Kitchens Stutt Stakes 1600m, Race 3

OUTSIDER: CORK

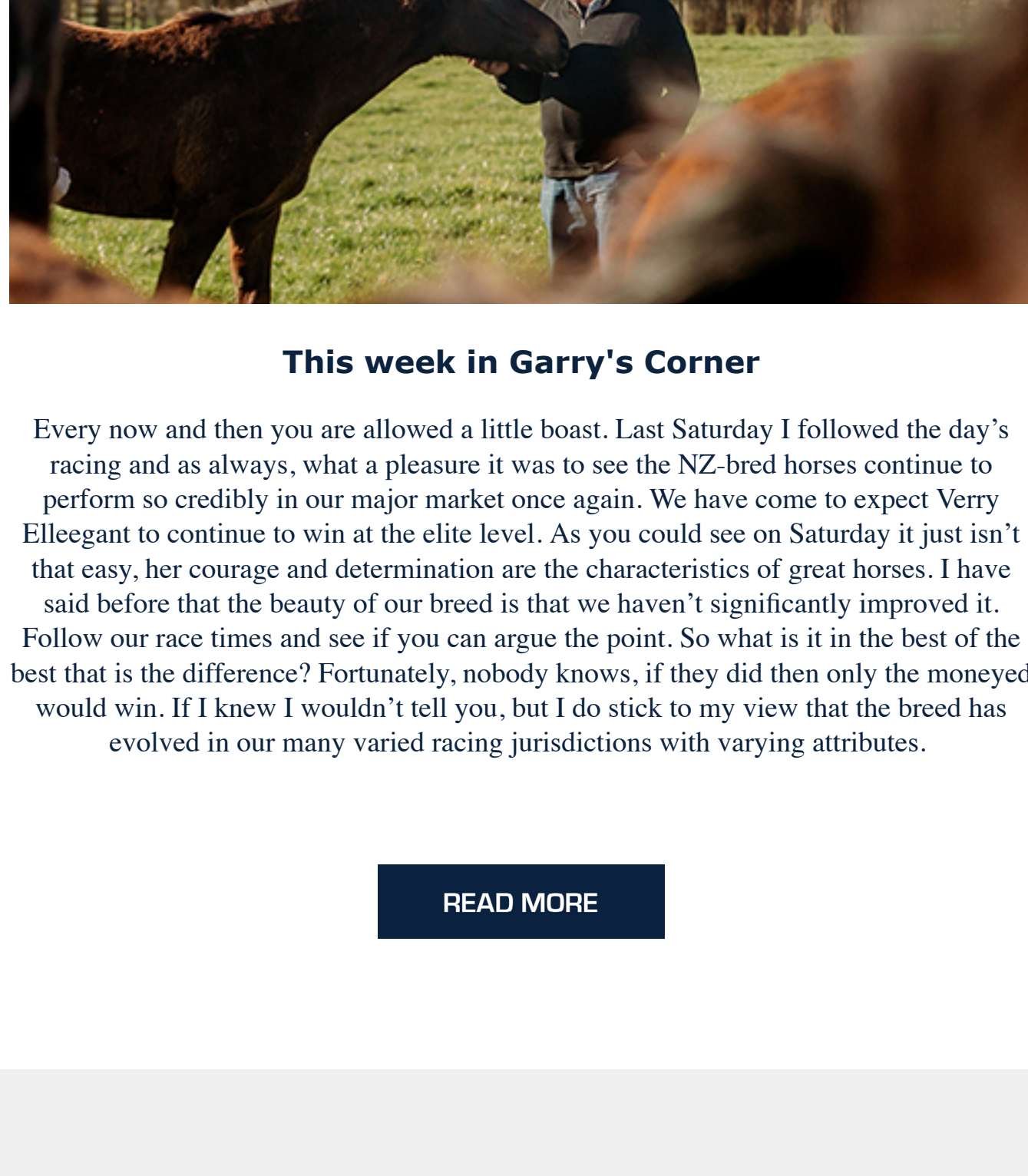
Cork (Complacent x Little Bit Irish) 4YO bay mare

Trainer: Pam Gerard and Mike Moroney

This filly has had 6 starts for 2 wins and a place. This will be her first start since coming back from a spell

Upcoming Race: Saturday 25th September, Matamata Te Akau Racing 1600m, Race 1

The Corner with Garry Chittick



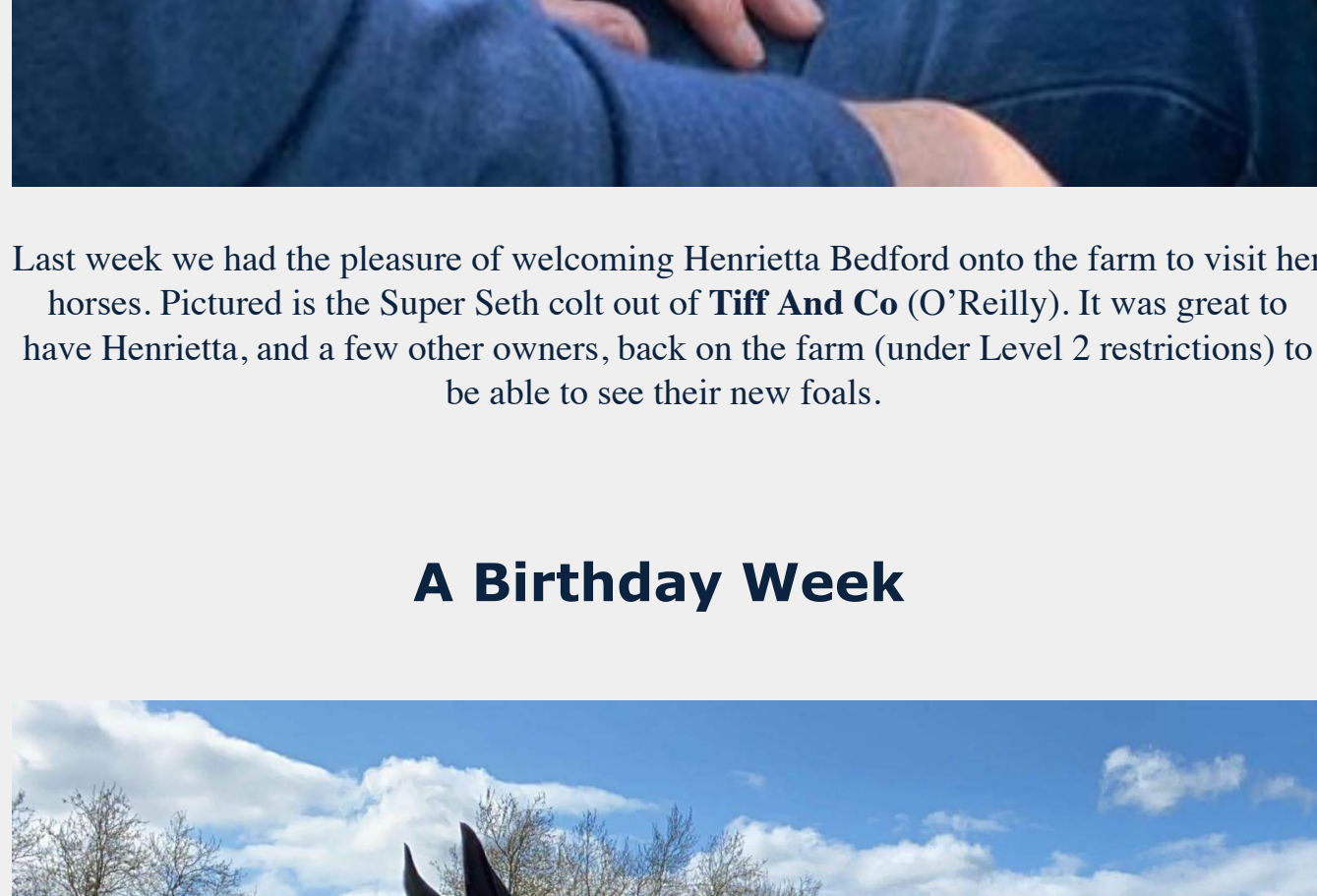
This week in Garry's Corner

Every now and then you are allowed a little boast. Last Saturday I followed the day's racing and as always, what a pleasure it was to see the NZ-bred horses continue to perform so credibly in our major market once again. We have come to expect Verry Elleegant to continue to win at the elite level. As you could see on Saturday it just isn't that easy, her courage and determination are the characteristics of great horses. I have said before that the beauty of our breed is that we haven't significantly improved it. Follow our race times and see if you can argue the point. So what is it in the best of the best that is the difference? Fortunately, nobody knows, if they did then only the moneyed would win. If I knew I wouldn't tell you, but I do stick to my view that the breed has evolved in our many varied racing jurisdictions with varying attributes.

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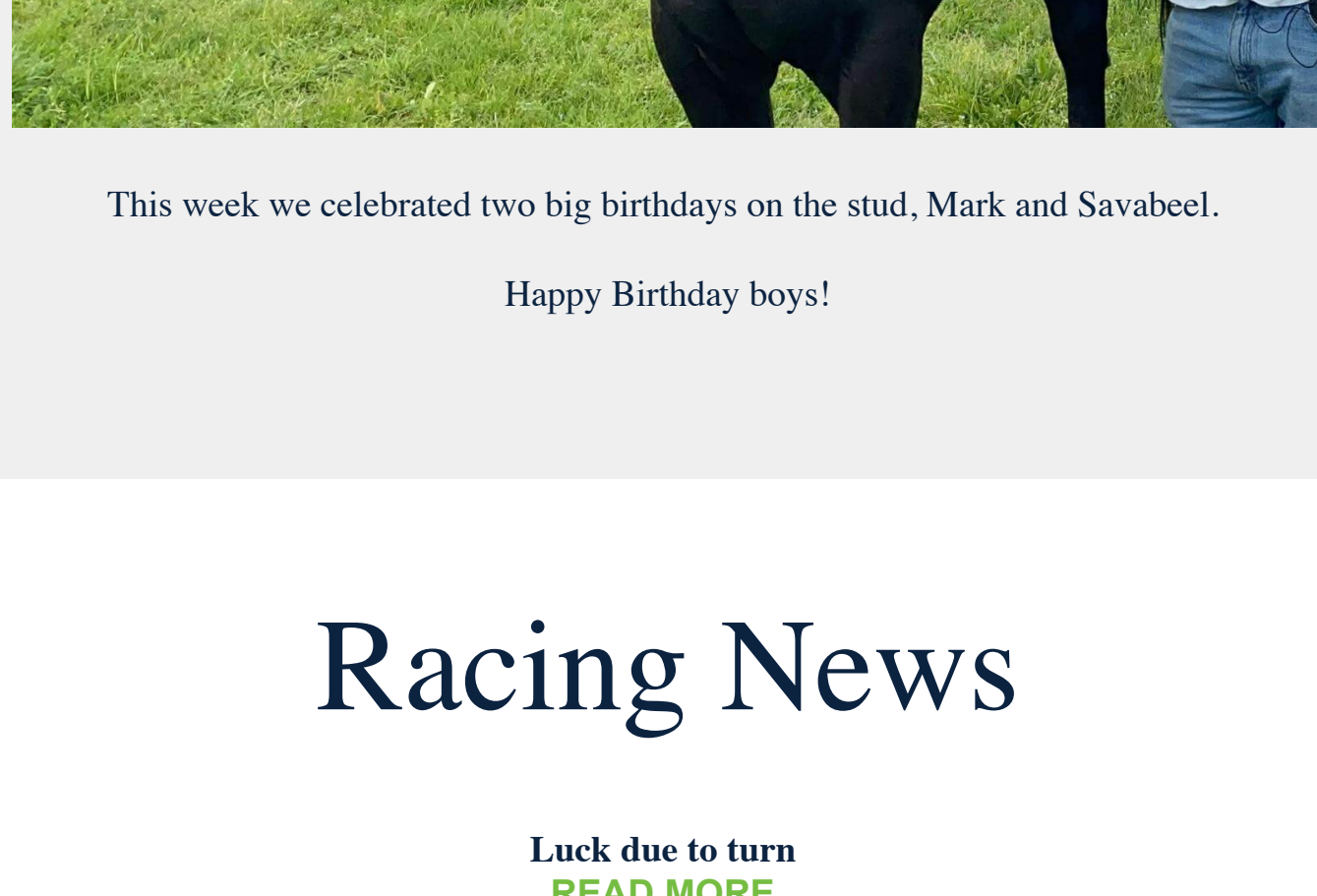
News

Visitors On The Farm



Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming Henrietta Bedford onto the farm to visit her horses. Pictured is the Super Seth colt out of **Tiff And Co** (O'Reilly). It was great to have Henrietta, and a few other owners, back on the farm (under Level 2 restrictions) to be able to see their new foals.

A Birthday Week



This week we celebrated two big birthdays on the stud, Mark and Savabeel.

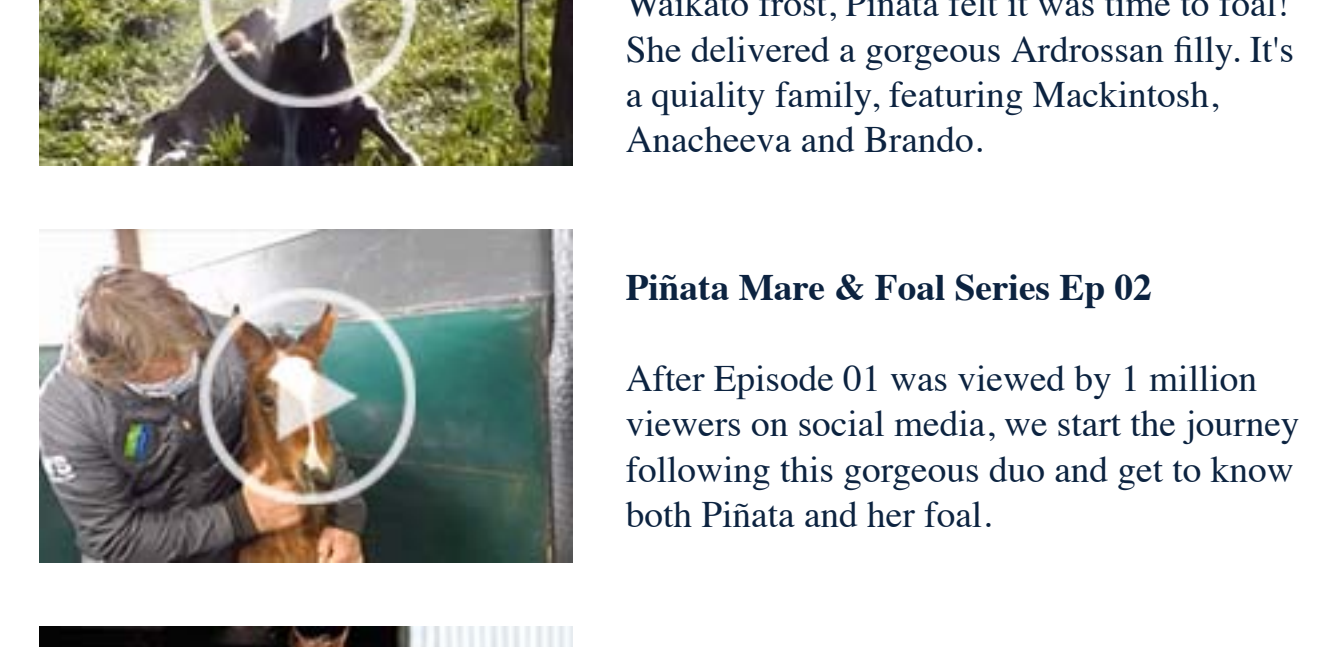
Happy Birthday boys!

Racing News

Luck due to turn
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Atishu earns crack at Group 1 feature
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Bride celebrates another success
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Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 01

On a stunning winter morning with a heavy Waikato frost, Piñata felt it was time to foal! She delivered a gorgeous Ardrossan filly. It's a quality family, featuring Mackintosh, Anacheeva and Brando.



Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 02

After Episode 01 was viewed by 1 million viewers on social media, we start the journey following this gorgeous duo and get to know both Piñata and her foal.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 03

This week we hear the story behind Piñata and her one eye and the process she goes through to make sure she's ready for her next visit to Ardrossan.

A day in the life of a WS stallion

Take a behind the scenes look into the life of our gentleman WS stallions and how they keep fit and healthy during the season.

Bill & Suzi Pomare visit WS

We caught up with trainer and breeders, Bill & Suzi Pomare on their exciting new Ocean Park colt and G1 winning Ocean Billy's amazing achievements so far.