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ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

Mark's Mail



After last week's takeover by Stallion Manager Ryan Figgins, Mark is back, introducing us to several superstar mares and their foals. We also catch up with the champ himself, **Savabeel**, after a remarkable round-up of winners last weekend.

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Ardrossan's Foal Watch

"Ardrossan himself is a cracker and so are his foals!"

Mark Chittick



Ardrossan x Vanilla Essence colt

The Pins mare **Vanilla Essence**, is out of the successful broodmare **Vanilla Sky** (O'Reilly). She is the full sister to Listed winner and Group 1-placed **Raid**. Her pedigree also features Group 1 winner **Stratum Star**. This is her second foal, the yearling colt (Ardrossan) is set to head to the 2022 Karaka Yearling Sales.



Ardrossan x Esplanade filly

By Sacred Falls out of **Promenade** who is a half-sister to **Legs** and **Guyno**, the mare **Esplanade** has left a lovely first foal.

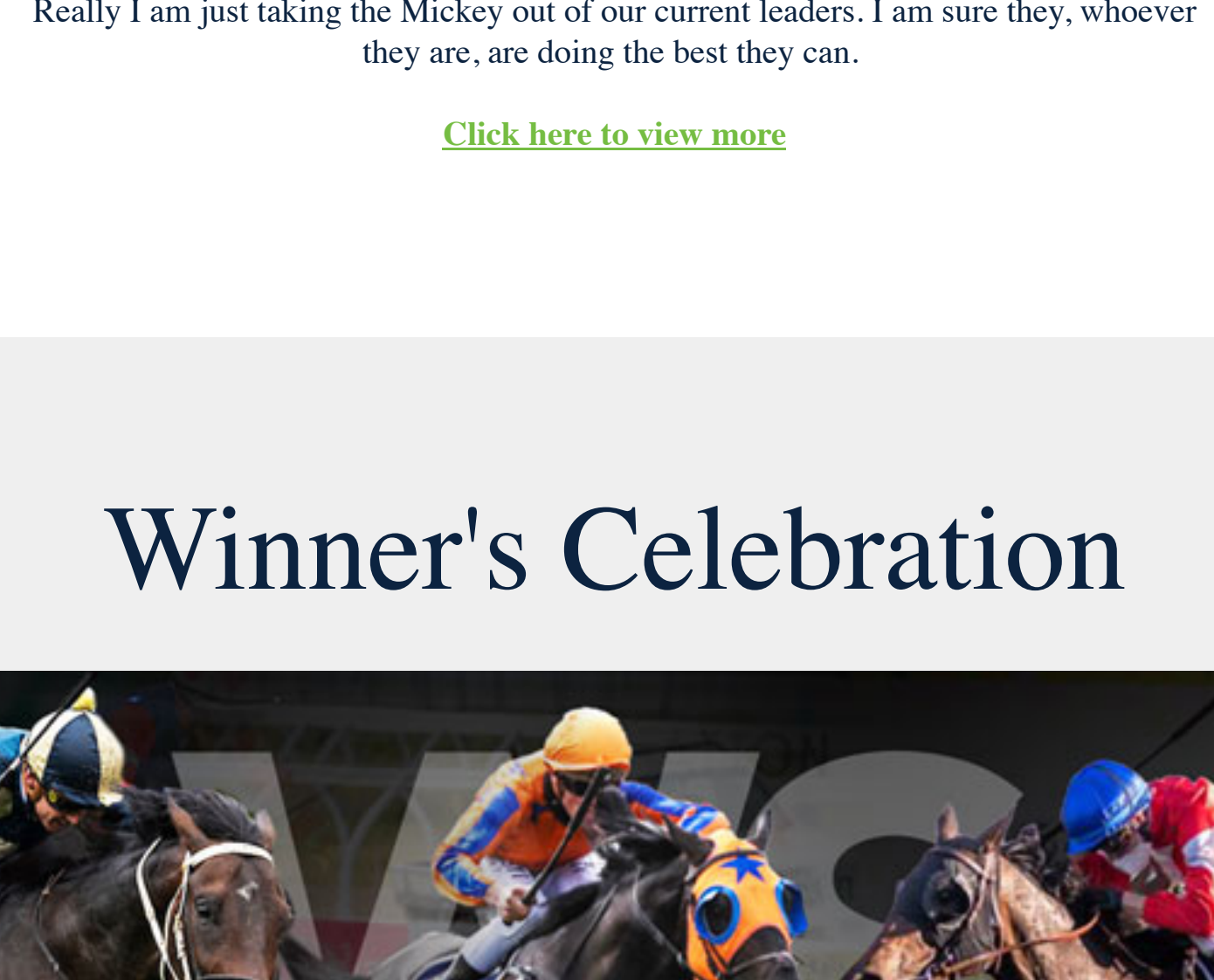


Ardrossan x Piñata filly

This is the filly we have been following for a few months now, **Pinata** (Pins). The mare is a full sister to Group 2-winning **Mackintosh**. The foal has developed into a lovely good boned, correct filly. She begins her foal handling in a few weeks, so we are looking forward to following her progress.

[Click here to watch the Following Piñata video series.](#)

The Corner with Garry Chittick



This week in Garry's Corner

I have just waded through the current document addressing racing's current problems, a document with plans and aspirations for future participation. I have openly confessed to a well-aged dose of cynicism but my thought process is not about being a pessimistic commentator. Pessimism is not high in my agenda as it achieves very little, but cynicism occurs as a result of having seen it all before.

So, how to approach this document? I was going ok until, lo and behold, we are going to have an Aotearoa Day! No doubt this step into wokeness is a result of a major sponsorship from Incorporations previously funded by gullible taxpayers. Anyway we will have identified premier venues (please tell me how we haven't known this for years) so what's different? Well all Group races will be run at these venues. Tell me how many aren't?

Heritage races will be a highlight of our sales catalogues, they won't be black print but will be anointed on the page with miniature crowns. Our republican-leaning Aussie buyers will require vendors to explain the quality of the race, "You know, it's no longer able to accumulate sufficient quality horses to maintain Group status, those horses are in Australia, but surely you can remember when it was?"

Really I am just taking the Mickey out of our current leaders. I am sure they, whoever they are, are doing the best they can.

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Winner's Celebration



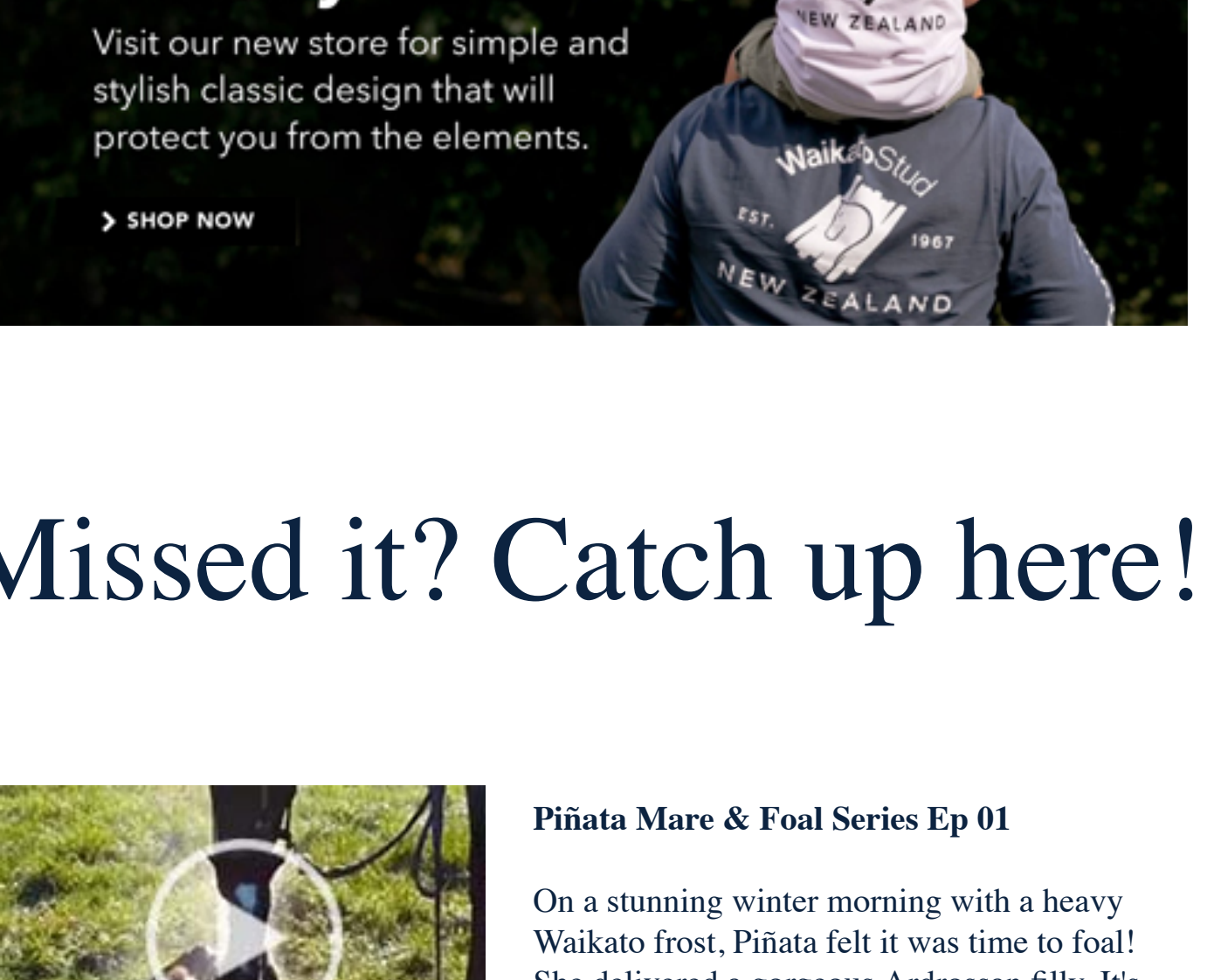
Savabeel progeny sure have shown what a versatile stallion he is over the weekend. Currently leading the NZ General Sires for 2021-2022, he has now reached 118 stakes winners.

It started off with a win from **Noverre** (Savabeel x Magic Dancer) in the G3 CJC War Decree S. This \$800,000 colt sure showed his class again, being his second win from 4 starts and is well on track for the 2000 Guineas, says trainer Jamie Richards.

Also at Riccarton, **Hasabro** (Savabeel x Halloween) took out the Coupland's Bakeries Mile Tr. He was bred by good friend and successful trainer, John O'Shea's wife, Isabelle, and is now trained by Andrew Carston.

Forgot You was not to be forgotten, winning the G2 Drummond Golf Vase at Moonee Valley, and unbeaten at this track. He is a major player in the G1 Victoria Derby this weekend.

Not only were Savabeels showing their class last weekend, **Icebath** (Sacred Falls x Fabulist) finally got her big win. After a number of close seconds, including the Golden Eagle and the Doncaster Mile, she was rewarded with an impressive victory in the \$2m The Invitation. She is set to run this weekend in the G1 Cantala S.



WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEK FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN

The winner of 2131 races, an amazing 192 of those at Group/Listed level, local royalty Mickey Coleman (also known as 'The King') has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

WS BRED: ICEBATH

Icebath (2016 Sacred Falls x Fabulist mare)

Trainer: Brad Widdup

Jockey: Jye McNeil

Last weekend she won the \$2m The Invitation

Upcoming Race: Saturday 30th October, Flemington, G1 Kennedy Cantala S., 1600m, Race 8

OUTSIDER: JOY ALONE

Joy Alone (2017 Roc De Cambes x Optimum Note filly)

Trainer: Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman

Jockey: Michael McNab

Group 3 winner and Group 2 placegetter, he has come back this season with a second in a trial and a strong run for fifth in his start two weeks ago.

Upcoming Race: Saturday 30th October, Tauranga, Team Bradley Bayleys Commercial Handicap 1600m, Race 8

Racing News

Icebath rounds off hot day for stud

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Noverre on goal for Group 1 goal

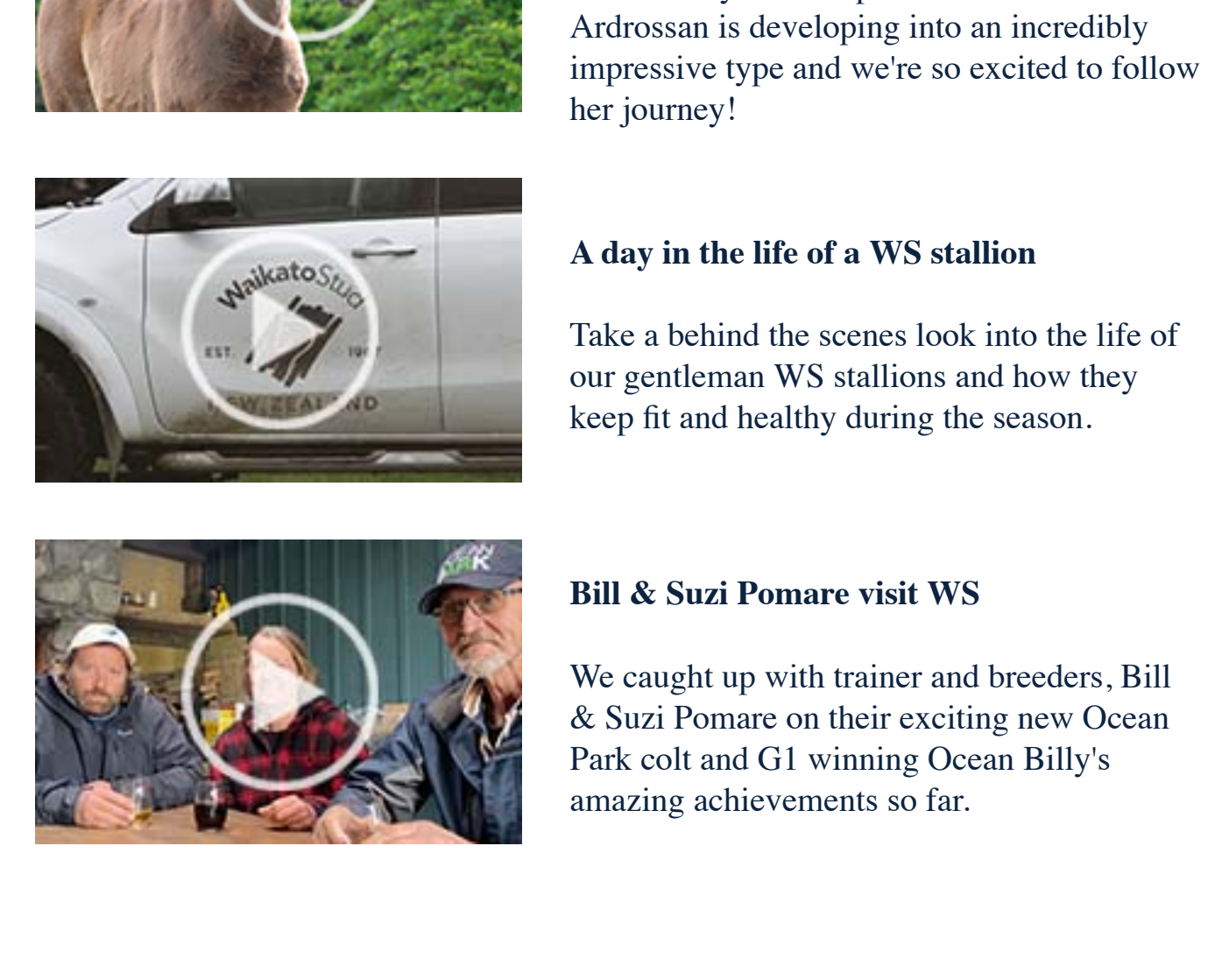
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