

Waikato Weekly

Friday 3rd December 2021

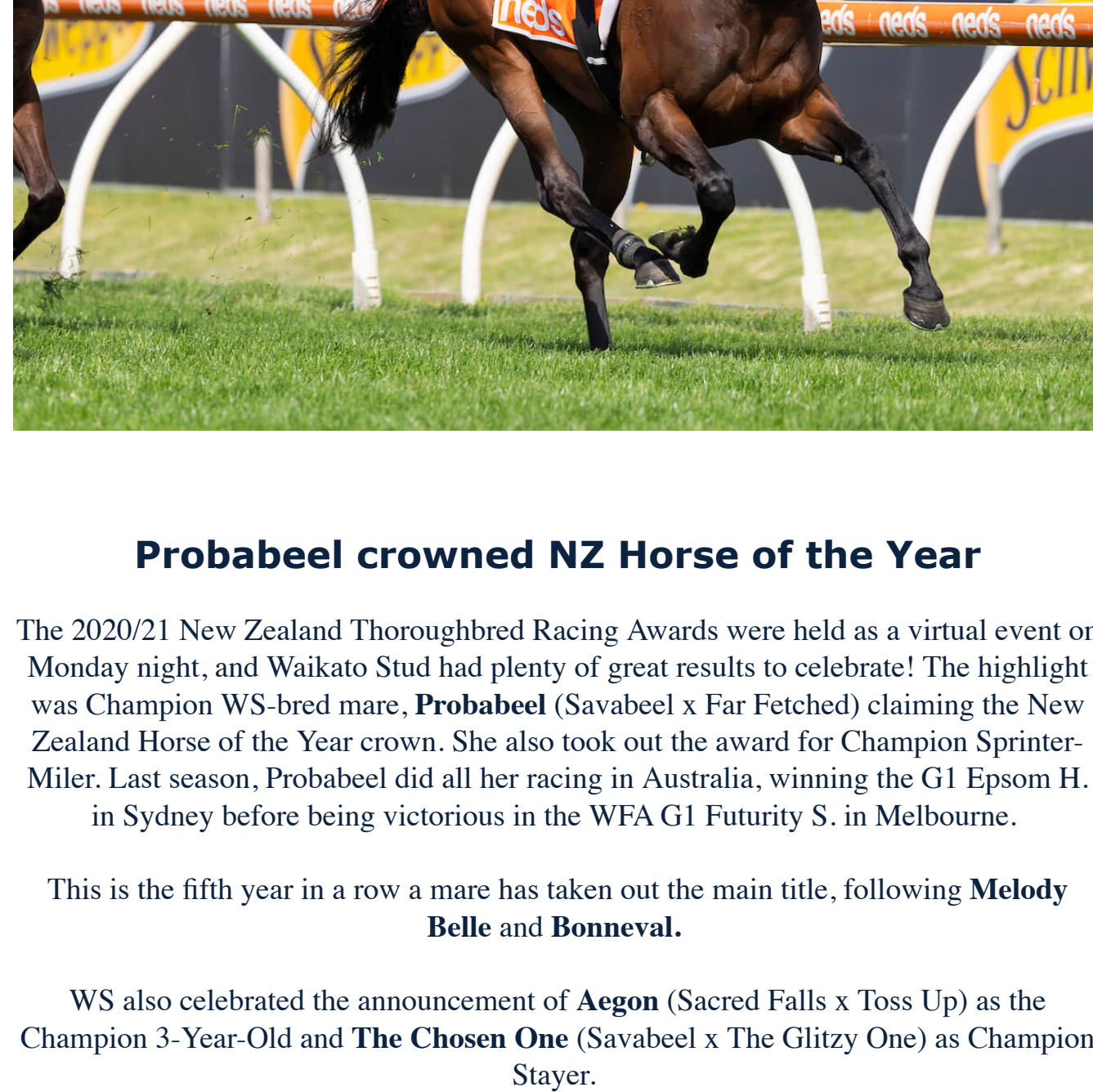
Mark's Mail



This week we catch up with Ava and Libby who take over Mark's Mail. The yearling team have been doing a fantastic job with the horses, who now go out for a month break over Christmas, before beginning their Karaka preparation ahead of the NZB Sale in March.

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New Zealand Breeder of the Year Awards



We are honoured to be named the 2020/21 New Zealand Breeder of the Year, sponsored by **Sir Patrick** and **Lady Justine Hogan**. It is the eighth time that WS have received this prestigious award and we are once again humbled by the honour.

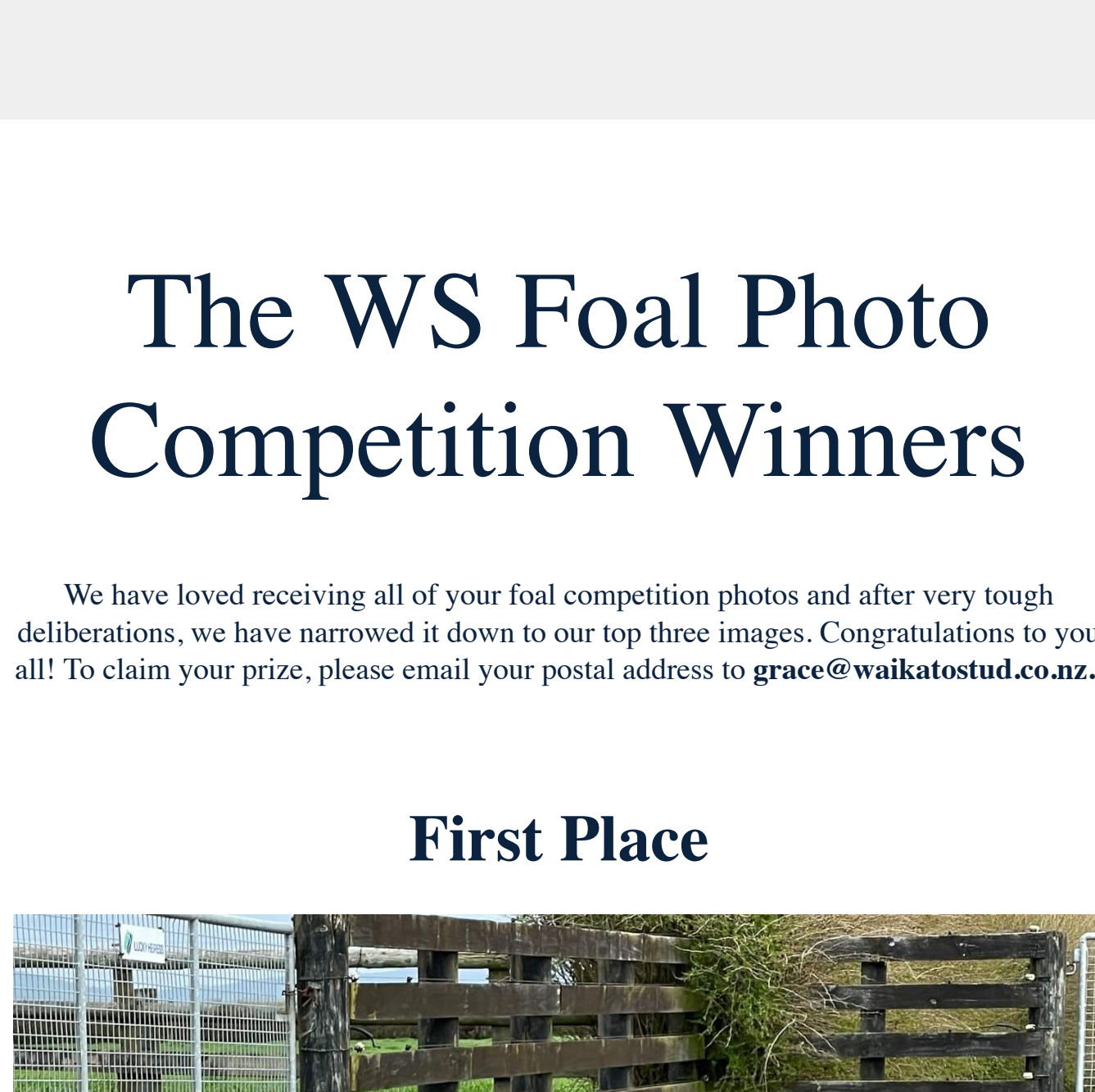
As well as the huge support we receive from breeders, buyers and staff, we owe much of our breeding success to our seven-time Champion Sire, **Savabeel** who was also awarded the **Centine Award**, **Grovesnor Award** and the **Dewar Award**.

We had NZTBA President John Thompson present the Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan Breeder of the Year trophy for the 2020-2021 season and NZTBA CEO Justine Sclater present the prestigious Grovesnor, Centaine and Dewar trophies for the 2020-2021 season.

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Winner's Celebration



Probabeel crowned NZ Horse of the Year

The 2020/21 New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Awards were held as a virtual event on Monday night, and Waikato Stud had plenty of great results to celebrate! The highlight was Champion WS-bred mare, **Probabeel** (Savabeel x Far Fetched) claiming the New Zealand Horse of the Year crown. She also took out the award for Champion Sprinter-Miler. Last season, Probabeel did all her racing in Australia, winning the G1 Epsom H. in Sydney before being victorious in the WFA G1 Futurity S. in Melbourne.

This is the fifth year in a row a mare has taken out the main title, following **Melody Belle** and **Bonneval**.

WS also celebrated the announcement of **Aegon** (Sacred Falls x Toss Up) as the Champion 3-Year-Old and **The Chosen One** (Savabeel x The Glitzzy One) as Champion Stayer.

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The Corner with Garry Chittick



This week on Garry's Corner

Hi Denise, I have added you to my list of followers! It is a big responsibility now having five confirmed readers, but I am privileged to have your support.

I can only continue to marvel at the achievements of **Savabeel**, his Sandown Guineas winner is his eleventh stakes winner for this season. Five Group 1 winners is more than most sires achieve, let alone in a season.

The great thing about this business is how much your knowledge is enhanced by the winners you breed. Many years ago, when **Centine** was in his prime, I was interviewed by a journalist for the first time over lunch. When I was unaware she was recording, I made the point "How my intellect had advanced with the deeds of my horse." You can imagine the shock when I opened the publication and in big bold print was, "Stud master's IQ increased on the back of horse."

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The WS Foal Photo Competition Winners

We have loved receiving all of your foal competition photos and after very tough deliberations, we have narrowed it down to our top three images. Congratulations to you all! To claim your prize, please email your postal address to grace@waikatostud.co.nz.

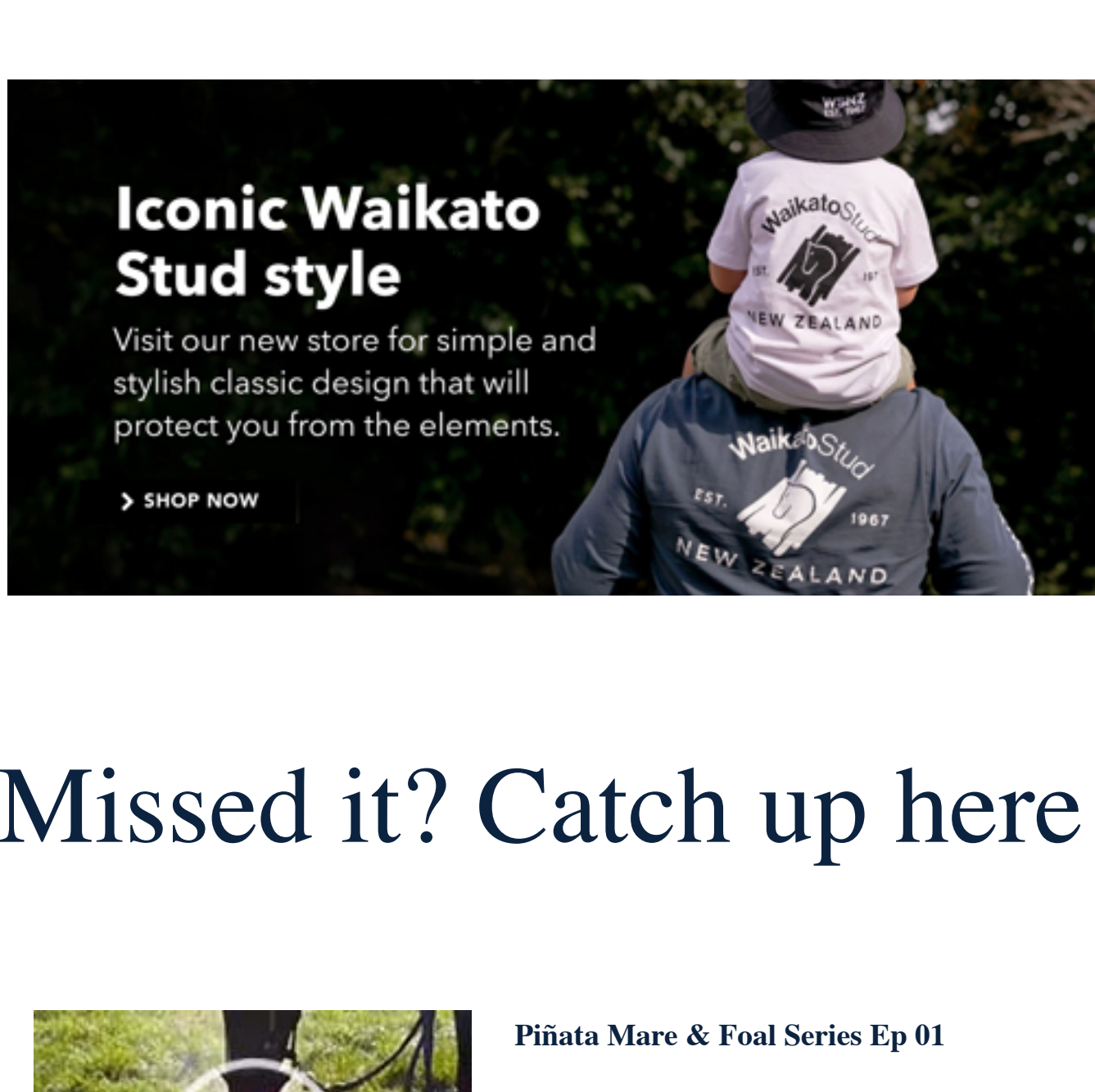
First Place



Ocean Park x Pico Turquino filly

Pico Turquino (Teofilo) has a strong pedigree, she is from the same family as **My Boy Charlie** as well as many other Group winners featuring on the page.
Photo taken by Butch and Tess Castles.

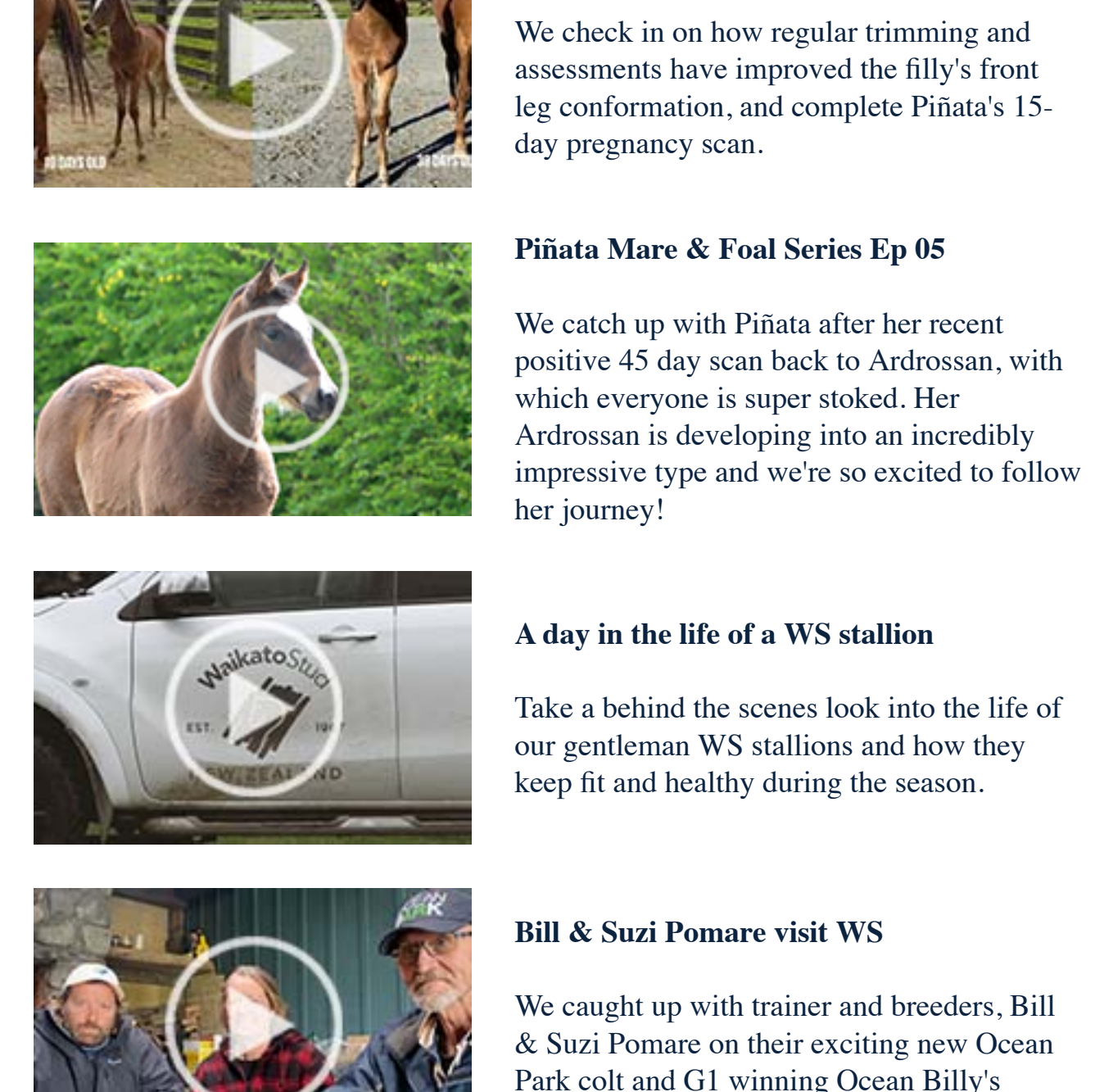
Second Place



Ocean Park x Chanel's Choice colt

Little Avondale Stud's, **Chanel's Choice** (Redoute's Choice) is the dam of Group 3 winner **Whimsical**; she is also related to influential WS mares such as **Escada**.
Photo taken by Kirsty Percy.

Third Place



Ocean Park x Chilled Out filly

Dam of Group 3 winner **Savacoal**, **Chilled Out** has produced a lovely **Ocean Park** filly.
Photo taken by Hazel Treymann, Waikato Stud.

The King's ONES TO Watch

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.

The King's Tips

WS BRED: WOLVERINE

Wolverine (2019 Tivaci x Knew It filly)
Jockey: Lisa Allpress
Trainer: Roydon Bergerson
Recent: Won on debut and also won her first trial
Upcoming Race: Saturday 4th December, Trentham, G2 Pete's Joinery Wakefield Challenge S. 1100m, Race 4

OUTSIDER: DARK DESTROYER

Dark Destroyer (2018 Proisir x All Can Party gelding)
Jockey: Sam Weatherley
Trainer: Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott
Recent: 5th in the 2000 Guineas in most recent start, he is also Group 2-placed and looks to be one to beat
Upcoming Race: Saturday 4th December, Matamata, G3 Mitchell Family Bonecrusher 3YO Stakes, 1400m, Race 7

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Foal Handling

Last week, we began trucking the mares with older foals down to our Centaine farm. This is where foal handling and branding takes place, in our purpose built facility. Monique and Karyn started the first of the handling this week, introducing covers and teaching them to pick up their feet and lead beside the handler.

Racing News

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