



# PONY TALES

LEARN TO RIDE OR REVIVE YOUR RIDING



## What a Team!..

This has been an awesome year. I feel the Riding School has grown into something much larger than me. And that is thanks to all of you for supporting our vision to make Pony Tales a safe, fun place to learn to ride or revive your riding.

I am really proud our team. Firstly, Trudy our enthusiastic instructor. She is now taking the reins, giving me time to organise more opportunities for you - like new jumps and events! Secondly, Nick and all our wee apprentices - the ponies are happy and their paddocks and tack is well cared for. Thirdly, Linda for her expertise and assistance with Pony Club theory.



Then of course all the ponies - they are soooo

good. And a special thank you to Tui Morgan Stud for the loan of Tui, Monique and Mardi.

Erika, Andi's mum also needs praise. She has spurred me on to hold our 5th birthday in April, enlarge the sign at the gate (also thank you to Emme's parents Insign Out) AND to create a fantastic website [www.ponytalesriding.com](http://www.ponytalesriding.com). Plus she revamped our newsletter (isn't it fantastic), created the business cards and is chomping at the bit to continue to ease our communication. Awesome Erika!

**Safety first** is our goal and I would like to take this opportunity to thank two local businesses for sponsoring

safer riding at Pony Tales. Gallaghers for sponsoring the automatic gate and Easy Set Ltd for supplying breakaway systems for our jump stands.

Many more helpers spring to mind and your co-operation IS Pony Tales as "none of us are as good as all of us together."



*The new Pony Tales fences*

## FROM THE HORSES MOUTH...

This term is charging ahead full tilt, the yard is bustling with activity as we gear up for our One Day Event, Christmas Gymkhana and Pony Club Examinations. I should also be busy in the office as Jane is helping rid me of my nightmare computer mess. Prepare to be amazed!

14 Pony Club riders are picking up the pace to sit their certificates: Chantelle, Taylah,

Maia, Esme are chomping at the bit to sit D. Jess, Holly, Hannah, Andi and Eve are charging ahead for D+ and Olivia, Victoria, Abby, Nick and Lucy are on the home straight for C. Good luck riders - you are all up to scratch and ready to run!

We have been asked to have a Holiday Program before Xmas to give those busy mums time to shop and prepare. We will open from the 19th - 22nd

December for Adopt-a-Pony and our gymkhana. Reopening after Christmas for the last 2 weeks of the holidays (see over page).

We have some great Christmas gifts for those pony mad children (see over page).

**Trudy and I would like to wish you a safe and relaxing festive season Merry Christmas!**



# PONY TALES ODE



ODE = One Day Event consists of 3 disciplines: Dressage, Show Jumping (SJ), and Cross Country (XC)  
Restricted to the first 25 entries

**Saturday  
3rd December 2011  
10.00am Start**

Pony Tales Riding School  
SH1, Cambridge  
\$75 Pony Tales Pony - \$35 Own Pony  
Entries Close next Friday 2 Dec



## Classes:

### 1./JUNIOR RIDERS

(first ridden, lead rein and nervous riders)  
Dressage: NZPCA Beginner RT B  
SJ: Ground Poles. XC: Ground Poles.

### 2./INTERMEDIATE RIDERS

(walk & trot independently)  
Dressage: NZPCA Beginner RT B  
SJ: Up to 35cm. XC: Up to 35cm.

### 3./SENIOR RIDERS

(canter and jump independently)  
Dressage: NZPCA Beginner RT C  
SJ: Up to 60cm. XC: Up to 60cm.

### 4./OPEN RIDERS

(riders ready for open competition)  
Dressage: NZPCA Beginner RT D  
SJ: Up to 80cm. XC: Up to 80cm.

## Conditions:

No entries on the day.

Payment of entry secures your booking. First in first served.

Correct footwear & Safety approved hard hats must be worn while mounted.

Parental supervision is required at all times.

Pony Tales reserves the right to alter, delete or combine classes.

Pony Tales reserves the right to disqualify any riders who are not as described.

Please notify scatchings within 7 days of event. 80% refund with doctor, vets certificate.

The event may be postponed due to weather until..... Ring 827 6030 after 7.30am for Rearrangements.

This is a fun event & Trudy's word is final!



## HOW TO ENTER:

See Juliet or Trudy or phone Juliet 07 827 6030.

### Email and Direct Credit:

Email your info to:  
ponytales@xtra.co.nz.  
Direct Credit:  
06 0301 0156375 00  
(use riders name for reference)

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

### Before Christmas ADOPT-A-PONY

Mon 16th - Wed 21st Dec

**PONY TALES GYMKHANA**  
Thurs 22 Dec - Come Prepare  
12.30 - 5.30pm \$80  
Gymkhana Only  
3.30 - 5.30pm \$40

### After Christmas

Mon 16th - Fri 20th Jan 2012  
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Jan 2012



## Christmas Made Easy...

Create life long memories with a Christmas Gift Voucher from Pony Tales. Ordering is easy. Vouchers are available at the riding school, or email ponytales@xtra.co.nz. Tell us your order and we will post your voucher to you, the last post date is 21st December!



### School Term Riding Lessons Vouchers

Great present for those Pony Mad children (Term 1 starts 30th Jan)

5 x Group/Private ONLY \$200 (save \$20)

10 x Group/Private ONLY \$350 (save \$20)

### School Holiday Adopt-a-Pony Vouchers

1/2 day \$50 (save \$25) Full Day \$100 (save \$25)

### Pony Tales T-Shirts

Printed with Pony Tales logo \$25



# DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 3 DEC PONY TALES ODE
- 17 DEC TERM 4 ENDS
- 19-21 DEC ADOPT-A-PONY  
School Holiday Activities  
Before Christmas
- 22 DEC PONY TALES  
Gymkhana
- 16-20 JAN SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMME
- 23-27 JAN SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMME
- 30 JAN TERM 1 STARTS

COMING IN JANUARY.....

**PONY TALES 6TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!** keep watching for details in next newsletter...

I'm due  
7 December!



Kalinka - Barefoot & Pregnant!

## Congratulations!!

To Vicki Ware & Strawberry for getting into our Parenga Pony Club team for the North Island Show Jumping Champs



## TREKKING FUN!

Our farm has had a major overhaul, new tracks have been made, old tracks have been improved and loads of fencing removed, making the trekking even better! \$85 for two hours - make the most of the beautiful summer weather **call 827 6030**



## Madness

Why do I like horses?  
I reckon I must be mad,  
My mother wasn't horsey  
And neither was my dad.  
But the madness hit me early  
And it hit me like a curse.  
And I've never gotten better,  
In fact I've gotten worse!

My stables are immaculate.  
My house - I'm rarely there.  
Last year for Christmas,  
I got more horse gear.  
I hardly read a paper,  
But I know who has sold their horse.  
And I wouldn't watch the news,  
unless Mr Ed was on - of course.

One eye is always on the heavens,  
But my washing waves in vain.  
As I rush to get the horses in,  
In case it's going to rain.  
And though they are wearing water-  
proof rugs,  
The best you can get.  
I bring them in to keep them dry,  
While I get soaking wet.

I spend every penny I've got,  
On horses that's for sure.  
I buy fancy rugs and fancy rugs  
And then I buy some more.  
I should have had that hair cut,  
Or bought that nice blue shirt.  
At least I wouldn't be now  
Ripped to shreds and in the dirt.

I couldn't make a dress,  
I don't even try.  
But I can back a car and trailer,  
In a twinkling of an eye.  
Its jeans and jody boots  
That I live in night and day.  
My truck smells of horses  
And I'm always covered in hay.

But after lessons when all is still  
And I've gone to give them hay  
I touch their velvet noses  
and my worries float away.  
They give a gentle nicker  
And they nuzzle through my hair.  
And I know it's where my heart is  
More than anywhere.



**Pony Tales Riding School**

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