

Papatoetoe Pony Club

The Pony Express

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LtoR: Penelope Morrissey, Valentina Pallin-Simmonds, Cameron McPhillips and Emelie Boyt (Photo Credit: Michelle Locke)

Great support for junior competition

The Auckland Area Junior Teams Show Jumping proved a huge success with 13 teams competing in the inaugural event.

Teams from as far as Thames and Warkworth travelled to compete in our fabulous ebb and flow arena on Saturday 6 April.

The event provided riders with a fantastic entry-level opportunity to experience show jumping in a

team environment with heights starting at 45cm upto 70cm.

Our Papatoetoe Panthers team consisted of Emelie Boyt, Cameron McPhillips, Penelope Morrissey and Valentina Pallin-Simmonds. We also had a fifth rider, Phoebe Sayer, who joined forces with Whitford PC and Waiuku to form a composite team.

Congratulations to the Panthers who finished in third place overall. Pointways Poniez were the overall winners with Thames Gold completing the top three.



Penelop Morrissey & Royal Dancer. (Photo Credit: Sarah Owen)

What's in the news?



*The PPC team support Emelie Boyt & Golden Willow Pandora
(Photo Credit: Sarah Owen)*

There was some fantastic riding on display and even when things may have not gone quite to plan you showed resilience and supported one another as a team.

Special mention of Cameron McPhillips for placing second in the 45cm x-bars and fifth in the 50cm classes whilst Penelope Morrissey secured an eighth place finish in the 60cm class. Our final class of the day, the 70cm, saw Emelie Boyt finish fourth.

Thank you to PPC Head Coach Kate Bull who together with Michelle Locke of Whitford PC pulled together a great event and one which we hope will appear on the 2025 equestrian calendar.

Thank you also to all of the help and support from other clubs for providing assistance on the ground, to the infamous Judge Judy Styles, to Auckland Area for providing the beautiful rosettes, and finally to Miequinz for some amazing grooming product prizes.



*Valentina Pallin-Simmonds & Panorama Spring Fleur
(Photo Credit: Michelle Locke)*

In-house mounted games

There were some speedy ponies and games fun on display when PPC held its in-house pony club mounted games competition recently.

Riders were split according to their age - Sub-Junior, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior before doing some bending between poles to warm up.



Ruby Worker

Once ponies and riders were briefed, they were ready for the start flags with coning, bending, mug race, balls socks, and all!



Acacia Brown

It's fair to say that the Intermediate riders were particularly speedy and competitive!

Thank you to Sky Notter for organising the games and to Salem for his support. It was definitely a lot of fun with lots of laughs and plenty of smiles.



Mackenzie Keeling

Final overall placings and trophies will be awarded at our prize-giving evening on 25 May at PPC.



Polly Hayton

Carry on camping

A small group of PPC riders had a fantastic couple of days in Hunua following the disappointing change of plan for camp at Ohaupo Equestrian Centre.

With last minute cancellations, it wasn't financially viable for camp to go ahead in its original form. Head coach Kate Bull came to the rescue going above and beyond to open up her home for the remaining campers.



Day one started with a trek through the Hunua ranges. Thank you to Cassandra Opie and Delta Forsyth for being our local guides on horseback.

A quick trip back to our base for the weekend and a spot of lunch before coach Dannie Lodder popped around for some show jumping sessions.



The rest of the afternoon was filled with horse treat making & baking, a feed bag fashion show, and farm animal antics - jumping with miniature ponies, dogs, and goats!



Pizza, a trivia quiz, marshmallow toasting and spotlight rounded off a fun-filled day.

After a good night's sleep, everyone was up bright and early, ready to get stuck into day two's activities. Firstly was 'mini turnout'. Kate's minis Keith and Kylie were the perfect models for our teams as they were preened and plaited to perfection.



Next up was 'capture the flag' where mums and riders were pitched against one another in territory turf wars! The mums were seriously underestimated with the game ending in a stalemate!



A quick lunch stop before camp was packed up and the group headed to Springbush for some cross country training. Dannie put the riders through their paces, and building confidence.



To Kate Bull...thank you, the kids had a blast. Kids...you were awesome and the parents had a fun time too. It's fair to say there were memories made that will last forever.

Coach spotlight



This month The Pony Express gets to know a little more about Hannah Simons who not only coaches at PPC but also works behind the scenes supporting Head Coach Kate Bull with our rally programme.

At what age did you start to ride and how did it come about?

I started riding when I was 8 years old out at Sonshine Ranch, fell in love with a pony called Duke and eventually after lots and lots of begging my parents bought my first pony, Santana when I was 12 years old.

Do you still ride and what is your favoured discipline?

I still ride, my job is quite full on at times so I love coming home and plodding around the farm on my 28 year old pony Comet. I also really enjoy a bit of eventing on Xu, my 10 year old mare.

What do you like about coaching?

I'm quite new to the coaching scene, but I am loving getting to know the kids and see them gain confidence and make so much progress with their sometimes challenging ponies.



Favourite holiday destination?

I love a camping trip with my husband and the dogs, my recent favourite spot is Russell.

Favourite Ice Cream Flavour?

Orange choc chip!

What song is guaranteed to get you on the dance floor?

Anything country

If you had to leave home in a hurry, what three things could you not leave without?

Penn, Huxley and Winston (My three dogs) because they don't let me go anywhere without them easily!

What is on your bucket list?
Backpacking through Canada

What would your perfect day look like?
Staying home with the animals, brushing our pet highland cows and hanging out with the ponies. Love a day at home with the animals!

What fictional character would you most like to be friends with?
Donkey, off Shrek

Who is your hero?
My mum, definitely!

NZPCA Eventing Champs

The team from Waitemata Rodney Area has been on site over the past couple weeks, gearing up for Champs which is taking place this weekend.

The grounds are looking fantastic and Chris Lever is working his magic to put together some challenging cross-country tracks for both Championship and non-Champs classes - Rode to Champs.



We wish our only Auckland Area rider and Papatoetoe PC member Delta Forsyth all the very best as she competes in the MT 95cm class with two entries. - *Showtym Falcon* and *Drums n Roses*. This is Delta's second time at Champs having competed last year at the event held in Taupo aged 11 years,

Good luck to those PPC riders who are competing in the Rode to Champs classes!



Photo credit: Julia Murch Photography

Asia & Pacific Cup

Congratulations to PPC member Kate McKeen who has secured a spot on the upcoming NZPCA 2024 China Pony Club "Asia & Pacific Cup" Showjumping Challenge.



Kate and her teammates will head to Bojun Equestrian Centre in Hangzhou City towards the end of May before heading to their second stop at My Horse Equestrian Academy in Xi'an City.

During their visit, the International teams will take part in two competitions with different Chinese competitors and also attend exchanges in the two cities. They will also experience cultural visits, sightseeing, and interactive activities with Chinese local riders.

Out & About



Well done to those PPC riders who have been out and about competing over the past month. We love to see and hear about your travels so please send news and photos via our PPC FaceBook Messenger.

Congratulations to the following riders for placing at their respective events.

Delta Forsyth & Georgia McPherson - WECT Horse Trial

Jessica Sutherland - Dressage Waitemata Autumn Championships

Rebecca Dickens, Ariella Grant, Petra Grant - NI Secondary Schools Dressage Carnival

eva Brunt, Phoebe Sayer & Lucia Sullivan - Pegasus Cup Secondary Schools SJ

Jayne Camenzind, Poppy Illston, Piper Lodder & Scout Lodder - SJ Waitemata GP & Derby Show

Geneva McLean - AMDG Autumn Dressage Series

Olivia Owen, Phoebe Sayer & Ellie Strachan - Veterinary Associates Equine Mini ODE

Rebecca Dickens & Geneva McLean - AMDG Autumn Dressage Series Day 1

Delta Forsyth & Scout Lodder - Kihikihi Horse Trials
Harriette Giltrap - Shelley Bridgeman Show Hunter Autumn Series

Maryann Hawkeswood, Ruby Hawkeswood, Isabelle Hawkins & Scarlett Styles - Show Jumping Waitemata Autumn Series

Sophia Fulford & Harriette Giltrap - Show Hunter Waitemata

Preparing for Winter

With the shorter days and colder temperatures of winter on the way, it's time to start thinking about how your horses' daily nutritional requirements will change in the winter, and how you can be sure that he or she stays in tip-top condition right through until spring.

Consistent consumption of quality fibre ensures optimum digestive tract health and helps to keep the horse warm. If pastures are low then supplementary hay will be required. Good doers will require a mature grass hay with lower sugar content, while horses requiring more calories could receive legume blends such as grass combined with clover or lucerne. Chaff varieties and ensiled forages are also ideal to increase fibre.

Working horses or particularly poor doers will be unable to maintain condition on forage alone at this time of the year and will therefore require calories from hard feed. Complete feeds such as the range of high-quality feeds in the NRM and McMillan ranges, are a convenient option as they provide all required protein, nutrients, and extra calories. McMillan Grain Free is a fantastic high fibre option that is an ideal base feed and can be soaked in warm water for those especially chilly days. Feeds containing high quality fat sources such as KER Equi-Jewel® such as NRM Low GI, UIQmate Sport and the new NRM Muscle Relieve, are a real advantage for preventing weight loss.

For assistance with feeding plans for all types of horses, consult with an experienced equine nutritionist.

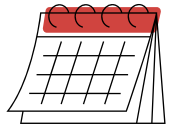
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What's on



Keep your eye on your email inbox and the PPC Facebook pages for lots of action and activities happening at the Club.

Here's a look ahead to what's coming up in the next few weeks out and about.

April

19th-21st - NZPCA Eventing Championship @ PPC

20th - Grass Roots Showjumping Series @ Woodhill

20th - Autumn In Hand Robbon Day @ Woodhill

21st - GJ Gardner Show Jumping Autumn Series @ Woodhill

21st - Dressage Waikato Autumn Show - WEC

25th - Auckland Area Pony Club Teams Show Jumping @ Showfields

25th - Show Jumping Waitemata Autumn Series @ Woodhill

27th - Show Hunter Rally @ PPC

27th - Veterinary Associates Grass Roots Dressage @ Woodhill

27/28th - Riverdale Horse Trial - Rotorua A&P Showgrounds

27/28th - AMDG Amateur, Pony & Young Rider Championships @ Clevedon

28th - Veterinary Associates Equine Mini ODE @ Woodhill

May

4th - Shelley Bridgeman Show Hunter Autumn Series @ Woodhill

4th - Fibre Fresh Grass Roots Show Jumping @ Woodhill

4th - Show Hunter In-House Competition @ PPC

5th - North Island Secondary Schools Dressage Championship @ St Peters

5th - Mangere Pony Club Show Cross

5th - GJ Gardner Show Jumping @ Woodhill

9th/12th - New Zealand National Three-Day Event Championships @ Taupo NEC

11th - Closing Rally @ PPC

12th - Dressage Waitemata @ Woodhill

18th - Veterinary Associates Equine Mini ODE @ Woodhill

18/19th - North Island Secondary Schools 2 Day Event @ Taupo NEC

19th - AMDG Autumn Dressage Series @ Clevedon

19th - Show Jumping Waitemata @ Woodhill

25th - Fibre Fresh Grass Roots Show Jumping @ Woodhill

25th - Shelley Bridgeman Show Hunter @ Woodhill

25th - Season Prize Giving @ PPC

26th - Veterinary Associates Pointways PC Show Hunter

26th - GJ Gardner Show Jumping @ Woodhill



WINTER SHOWJUMPING

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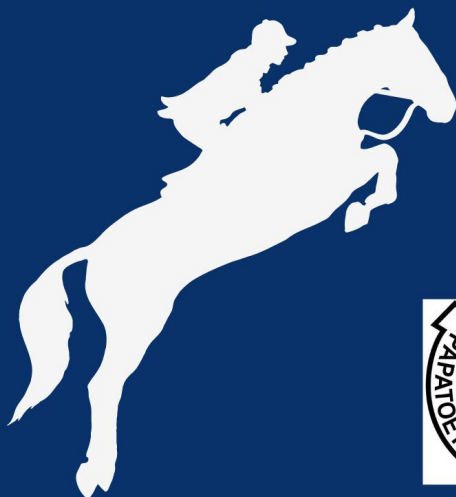
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16TH JUNE

21ST JULY

17TH AUGUST

21ST SEPTEMBER



ENTRIES VIA EVO EVENTS - TO BE ANNOUNCED

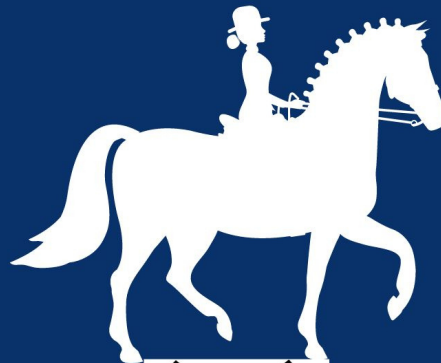
WINTER DRESSAGE

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PAPATOETOE PONY CLUB

7TH JULY

4TH AUGUST



ENTRIES VIA EVO EVENTS - TO BE ANNOUNCED



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be proud to be here**

Make sure your unicorns are happy

Give newcomers a leg up

Rein in rubbish behaviour

Be a good person

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without our amazing volunteers and officials so
give them a great big smile and thank them!

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