



Marcellin Technical College Principal Jim Fenoughty with Jordan Frew. Photo courtesy Atkins Photography.

Tillie Neve after winning the first heat of the Marcellin Technical College Apprentice Series. Photo courtesy Atkins Photography.



**MARCELLIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPRENTICE SERIES**

Following several meetings with Marcellin Technical College Principal/CEO Jim Fenoughty, the Thoroughbred Racing SA Apprentice Academy has formed a partnership with the College which will prove beneficial to the apprentice group.

The first of those initiatives is the Marcellin Technical College Apprentice Series which incorporates three Apprentice Riders Only races to be held at the Strathalbyn racetrack on February 2 (just run), February 23 and March 9.

The series will be decided on a points based system with the leading apprentice receiving a technology package to the value of \$2,000 courtesy of Marcellin Technical College.

Following tremendous nominations for the first heat the race was divided into two divisions of twelve with the first two winners being Savvy Smokin' (Tillie Neve) and Not So Chunky (Jordan Frew).

At the time of writing the leading points scores are:  
Jordan Frew 7 points  
Tillie Neve 7 Points  
Claudia Lions 5 points  
Scott Westover 5 points

Many thanks to Sharon Cimarosti, Executive Director of the Strathalbyn Racing Club, for her help and assistance in coordinating the Series.

Another valuable benefit for the apprentices attending the Academy is that they can undertake SACE studies through Marcellin College in a partnership that is designed to enhance the academic profile of the apprentice.

Through their involvement with Tafe SA the apprentices complete many VET hours which can be recognised for VET direct accreditation for SACE. Under the guidance of Gianni Petrucci, who is the SACE Coordinator at Marcellin Technical College, the apprentices will complete their studies which will include a Research Project on a given topic. Some additional work that the apprentices undertake at the Academy can also be recognised for SACE points.

It is anticipated that the apprentices will complete the SACE in a self paced way with the biggest proportion of the work being completed on line. This is to acknowledge the busy lifestyle of the apprentices and the work/study balance required.

Whilst the undertaking of the studies is not compulsory it is encouraging that eight of the apprentices recently attended an enrolment meeting with Jim Fenoughty and Gianni Petrucci. This is in addition to Libby Hopwood and Lauren Stojakovic who commenced their courses last year.

**NATIONAL APPRENTICE SERIES**

Dates for the 2011 National Apprentice Series have just been announced and are as follows:

4 March	Victoria	Moonee Valley (Friday night)
16 March	Queensland	Doomben (Wednesday)
31 March	Tasmania	Launceston (Thursday night)
14 April	New South Wales	Hawkesbury (Thursday)
27 April	Western Australia	Ascot (Wednesday)
2 May	Northern Territory	Alice Springs (Monday)
12 May	South Australia	Morphettville Parks (Thursday)

**Bill Forrestal**, Training Supervisor



Krystal Bishop returns to the winners stall after being sidelined since the middle of last year. Photo courtesy Lyndelle Connor Photography.