

Newsletter 2026

We are excited to announce that from 1 November Bronwyn Pruett will be taking over the management of Sun Valley Stables. Bron has been involved with Sun Valley Stables for 30 years, first as a student and later as a coach, rider and manager. Bron coaches extensively, supports riders through their Inter Schools (SANESA) journey and rides competitively herself.



Leigh will be remaining on the Sun Valley property in a caretaker role. Leigh has additional commitments next year which means she is not able to sustain her current level of input at Sun Valley Stables. Leigh has done an amazing job at Sun Valley Stables, we thank her for all her knowledge and dedication over the past two years.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 10 October @ 2pm	SANESA 2027 talk in the Sun Valley Office
Saturday 17 October	Certificate Day (fun day of horse care and learning for all)
Saturday 31 Oct and Sunday 1 November	Halloween Pony Camp
Sunday 29 November	Sun Valley Stables Championship show
Wednesday 2 December (afternoon)	make up lessons
Tuesday 8 December (afternoon)	make up lessons
Friday 11 December (morning)	make up lessons
Sunday 13 to Tuesday 15 December	Pony Camp
Saturday 19 December	Close for the year
Tuesday 12 January	Open for a fantastic 2027

Congratulations To Aarika & Karen

Both Aarika and Karen have enjoyed a successful year at SANESA Inter Schools.

They have both made us proud as we have watched their progress and growth through the year. Beautiful ribbons and happy smiles made the year special for these riders. Well done!



AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS CERTIFICATE DAY

All horses in South Africa must by law be vaccinated annually for African Horse Sickness. This is a severe disease with a high mortality rate. The horses can feel unwell during the second week after vaccination, therefore we do not ride during this week but offer a morning of horse care and theory in place of the weeks lessons.

Certificates are awarded to all riders after completing the horse care component. There will be no lessons on 13,14,15 &16 October.

Date: Saturday 17 October

Time: 9am to 12pm

Cost: No cost - replaces lessons for this week, all riders should attend.

HALLOWEEN PONY CAMP



Join us for two days of Halloween fun, sleep over at the stables or come for the day!

Are you ready for a Halloween fancy dress out ride, trick & treating in the stable yard and the all time favourite, Stalk the Lantern (pumpkin) ! Don't miss out on the best fun this year.

Date: Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November

Start 2pm Saturday and finish at 4.30 pm Sunday

Cost: R1050 for the whole camp (choice to sleep over or not)



CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



Fun for everyone! Everyone can ride and everyone will take home a rosette.

Date: Sunday 29 November

Time: 8.30 am to 1pm

Cost: R600 (3 classes)

Classes - Jump for Joy, Working Riding, Equitation & Christmas games



CHRISTMAS PONY CAMP



Spend an unforgettable 3 days with friends, horses and the Sun Valley team!

Ride twice a day, enjoy traditional games like squashed sardines, stalk the lantern, stuck in the mud and Fly. No screens just happy smiles, lots of exercise and pony time. Spend time learning to care for a pony, wake up for morning feed time, build friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

Date: Sunday 13 to Tuesday 15 December

Cost: R800 per day or R2 200 for the whole camp (sleep over or not)



MAKE UP LESSONS

Make up lessons cannot be carried to the new year. We offer plenty of opportunity to catch up any missed lessons before the year ends.

Wednesday 2 December (afternoon) - make up lessons

Tuesday 8 December (afternoon) - make up lessons

Friday 11 December (morning) - make up lessons

CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 19 December will be the last day of lessons for 2026. The staff and horses will have a well deserved break and the horses will have their second African Horse Sickness vaccines. Sun Valley Stables will reopen on Tuesday 12 January 2027.

A reminder that lessons are billed as usual over December and January (4 lessons per month). There are 3 months in the year when the month will have 5 lesson days, these lessons are not charges and are given as the make up lessons for the closed time in December.

Happy riding, and thank you for being part of the Sun Valley Family.

