



The Akaroa Cooking School

What's New or in the News

October 2009 News

October has been a very busy month ... we have relocated to Akaroa and got the family all settled in to our new abode. We are loving living over here and our walks down to the sea with the kids are becoming a part of everyday life.

Our meyer lemon tree is dripping with bright yellow ripe fruit so there have been a lot of lemon based recipes in our house over the past month - not to mention everyone who comes to visit leaving with a bag full. The apricot tree is smothered in young fruit so we should have a bumper crop if the sun plays its part this summer. And the vege garden is now dug over and ready to plant so busy times ahead in the garden.

On Tuesday our new kitchen was installed in the cooking school. It was a huge job but thanks to a lot of the local tradesmen mucking in it has all come together quickly. We still have some interior painting to do but apart from that is is very nearly complete. So by the end of the month we should be up and running and testing it out all ready for our grand opening night on the 14th November.

We have had a stall at the Canterbury Farmers Market at Riccarton House every Saturday throughout October and we did a cooking demonstration yesterday which drew a big crowd. We made some delicious Smoked Salmon and Horseradish Crostini which are a perfect canapé for passing around when guests drop in with a chilled glass of bubbly. We then demonstrated a delicious yet simple Asparagus Carpaccio with Gruff Junctions Waihora Goats Feta. A fabulous entree or light lunch dish and superb served with a fruity sauvignon blanc (see our recipes page). We will be demonstrating some more dishes at next weekend's market and there will be a draw for all of those

present for two free tickets to our opening class on November 14th.
Hopefully we will see you all there!

Keep tuned for more news as we lead up to our opening.

Happy cooking

Ant.



Cooking demonstration at the Canterbury Farmers Market at Riccarton House Oct 24th 2009