



Weekly Newsletter

4th March, 2017

Well, another summer season of Little Athletics is finished, it seems to have flown by this year! The move to Mornington Secondary College feels like only yesterday, but it has been over 2 months. We'd like to thank the school for hosting us, and we look forward to getting back on to the track in October.

This Saturday we celebrate the season with presentations of our age group championship awards, boy and girl club champions, PB awards and attendance awards. There will be prizes to be won again this year for a lucky few. Please email the club if you are unable to attend this Saturday. Good luck to our 39 athletes attending State Track & Field next weekend.

We have been blessed again this year with the tremendous support from our parents, both completing duties and especially those who step in as Team Managers week in, week out, making it possible for us to seamlessly run our program. Thank you to all. We would really appreciate knowing if our Team Managers are prepared to come back next season - if you are yet to let Lisa Henry know if you can help out or not, please do so at your earliest convenience. We will also need people to step in to the Team Manager roles for the U6 groups too. If you have a younger child starting next season, please consider taking on the role. The Introduction to Coaching Courses will start up again in September - the club is happy to reimburse our parents the cost of this course if you are prepared to take on the role of a Team Manager.

Kate Pratt's photos have again been a huge hit this season, and are helping raise the club's profile. We've raised \$22.50 from parents purchasing hi-res copies of her amazing pictures. Kate donates this money straight to the club. Thank you to Kate for her time and effort - it is very much appreciated!! And thank you to those parents who have purchased images. This weekend is your final chance to order any of the pictures Kate has taken over the season.

Thanks again to our committee members who donate a huge amount of time behind the scenes to ensure that the club operates smoothly: from line marking to BBQ and merchandising management, pre-season preparations to end of season championships, region events to state events, early morning set-ups to finalising the recording sheets. The committee this year has been a great bunch of people. We always welcome new members - please consider attending our AGM mid year and/or joining the committee. Many hands make light work! We will be on the lookout for someone to coordinate the BBQ next season, and will also be asking for someone to take on a new role as Assistant Secretary. We always welcome more volunteers and welcome any feedback which will make the centre a better place for our children, so if you have any feedback, good or bad, as always, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Our biggest thanks have to go to our athletes. We hope you've enjoyed the season. We hope to see you all back next year. It is great to see everyone out there week in, week out trying hard and most of all enjoying themselves. You are credit to yourselves and your parents and we're all very proud of each and every one of you.

Please read on below as we again thank all the local businesses who have helped the club this season, and there are details for you to donate to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal if you wish to do so.

Finally, to club records. Only 1 was broken last Saturday the 25th of February:

- **Connor Yates equalled his previous U15 boys Long Jump club record with a jump of 5.62m.**

We have a few new points of interest below, so please read on:

- Duty Roster

- Cafe2U
- Club Sponsors
- Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal
- Kid's Fun Run with K163
- Cross Country Season
- Stawell Gift - **Registrations close March 7th!!**
- Ritchies
- Parking
- Results HQ
- Team App
- Facebook
- Weekly Program

Duty Roster for Saturday 4th March, 2017

Please note that we have 2 age groups rostered on to ensure that each duty is suitably attended.

Set up takes more than an hour and we really do need those rostered on to be there as required. The committee are always on hand but as we all know many hands make light work and it makes a world of difference to how the whole day runs when we can set-up on-time for the program to start, especially on the first morning of the season!

The following Age Groups are rostered on this weekend:

Setup : **U11 Girls and U8 Boys** (*please arrive by 7.30am*)

BBQ : **U8 Girls and U11 Boys** (*from set up of the BBQ at 8.30 to pack-up and clean at the day's end*)

Pack Up : **Open Girls and U6 Boys** (*concludes once the containers are locked up*)

Cafe2U

Damien and Elizabeth have been supplying us with early morning coffees for 4 seasons now, and will be back next season. They are donating a hamper this Saturday that one lucky person will win. For every barista made drink that is purchased on the day, you will receive a complimentary raffle ticket. The draw will be made later in the morning, along with the presentation of their donation to the club for the season.

We thank Damien and Elizabeth for their support these past 4 seasons, and look forward to your support in the years to come.

Club Sponsors

We'd like to again thank and acknowledge all the local businesses that have helped our club in any way this season:

- [Charlton Degg Land Development Consultants](#)
- [Moorooduc Timber and Hardware](#)
- [Cafe2U](#)
- [MP Sports Physicians](#)
- [The Sphere Group](#)
- [Forward Thinker](#)
- [Amart Sports](#)
- [Ritchies](#)



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Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Easter is getting closer, which means it's almost time for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The recent Relaython we held aims to raise money for the hospital. The collection tin will be at the BBQ table for the last time this weekend, and the [online donation portal](#) will be active until Saturday the 31st of March. We are currently running third on the [Centres Leaderboard](#).



Kid's Fun Run with K163

The Mt Eliza Rotary Kid's Fun Run with K163 is on again this year on Sunday the 19th of March. This is a chance for kids to race against the Tourist train at Moorooduc Railway Station, Moorooduc Highway, Moorooduc. Runners are encouraged to gain sponsorship for their run efforts to help raise money for the Paediatric department at Frankston Hospital. Kids running for kids! We had a number of MLAC athletes attend this event last year in uniform, and they had a great time. Registration is \$22 and is open to all children aged from 3-12. Distances are from 150m-1200m. There are showbags for all registered runners, and there will be train rides, food and other activities on the day. Online registrations close Friday the 17th of March, and you can register at the event on the day. More information is available on the website [here](#).



Cross Country

The 2017 Cross Country season will commence at some stage in April and continue through until September. Please be aware that your registration payment for the 2016/17 athletics season covers your child for the 2017 season. If you know of a child who wishes to participate in Cross Country this season, but hasn't done Little Aths over the summer, they can sign up for just the Cross Country season for around \$65 (which covers the Little Athletics Victoria insurances). There is also a \$2 payment each time your child runs to cover end of season medals. More information to come.

Stawell Gift

**** Please Note: Registrations close next Tuesday the 7th of March ****

As part of the 2017 Stawell Gift Carnival, Little Athletics Victoria in conjunction with their new partner Telstra, will return to Central Park for their 7th consecutive year and will be conducting five handicap events. Little Athletes will again be provided with the opportunity to run at the home of the historic Stawell Gift Carnival, Central Park during the 100m Semi's and final events. This is an excellent opportunity for our athletes to get up close to some of the best professional runners on the circuit. The event is the inspiration for our own Christmas Handicap.

Events for our Little Athletes this year include:

- **100m Boys** (Heats SUNDAY 16th APRIL) and Semis / Finals MONDAY 17th APRIL)
- **100m Girls** (Heats SUNDAY 16th APRIL) and Semis / Finals MONDAY 17th APRIL)
- **400m** (Heats SUNDAY 16th APRIL / Final MONDAY 17th APRIL)
- **800m** (Heats & Finals SATURDAY 15th APRIL)
- **1600m U11 - U15 athletes ONLY** (MONDAY 17th APRIL)

Registrations and more information can be found [here](#). Please read all the Entry Requirements and Finer Details before signing up.



Ritchies Community Benefits Card

For those new to the club, we still have some Ritchies Community Benefits cards pre-linked to our club for members to use at Ritchies and IGA stores that run the Community Benefits program. Once our monthly spend reaches \$2000, Ritchies will donate to the club 0.5% of all subsequent sales. We really need to inject as much money into the club as possible over the next couple of years so we can contribute financially to the new track. The more money we contribute will hopefully help speed the process along. So if you shop regularly at the Mt Eliza, Towerhill Frankston, Somerville, Hastings, Rosebud and Dromana IGA and/or Ritchies stores (there is a full list of all participating stores at the Rego/Merchandise in The Cottage, but please note the Mt Martha store IS NOT on the list), please stop by The Cottage this Saturday and pick up a card. There is nothing to fill in, the cards are already linked to us and ready to use. Or you can pick a card up from any store and link it to Mornington Little Athletics. Our CB number is **91989**. Please ask extended family members who shop at these stores to consider helping us with this too. In the past year, we have received a total of \$91.10. This is money we didn't have that is going straight towards the new club rooms at Civic Reserve!!

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Where the Community Benefits

Parking

Please Note: There is **NO PARKING** available for us in the basketball stadium car park. This car park is for the exclusive use of those attending the basketball stadium.

We are to use the land at the north end of the school for parking. Access to this land is from Eagle Street, which is at the set of traffic lights at the Bata intersection with Nepean Hwy. There will be people directing the traffic first thing in the morning as not all of this land is suitable for parking. If this area fills up, there is minimal parking within the school grounds - along the driveway at the front of the school, the fenced basketball courts just past the bus bays, and the staff car park. Please try to leave parking near the swimming pool for those attending swim classes. We have been asked to advise that there is to be **STRICTLY NO PARKING ALONG NEPEAN HWY!!**

Results HQ

To view results this year, you will need to log in to Results HQ. You will need to have paid the club registration fee to have access. The login details are a little confusing:

Username: Your family username is the email address you used to register your primary member with (usually your oldest child)

Password: Your password is the Login ID of your primary member when you log in to LA Vic.

You can view your whole family's results on one page, and also view all MLAC results. Tickets can be printed out to paste into the Achievement book that comes with your registration pack when the registration fee has been paid. James is still tweaking the results portal, so if a feature isn't present yet, it will be there in time.

If you have registered and paid by Thursday evening and there is no bib for your child, please talk to someone in The Cottage.

If you have any problems logging in, please contact Lisa Henry lhenry@morningtonlitleaths.org

<https://www.resultshq.com.au/login>



Team App

As with previous years, we will be utilising Team App to get information out to our members and their families about news and events around the centre. Download Team App (it's free!) from iTunes or the Play Store and search for Mornington Little Athletics.



Facebook

We have a Facebook page filled with news and photos of our athletes. Make sure you "Like" it to see posts in your Newsfeed. If you do not wish to have your child's photo published, please send an email to our secretary Lisa Henry lhenny@morningtonlittleleaths.org. She will endeavour to ensure your child's photos are never published.



Weekly Program

This week's program is our Championship Day with awards and fun activities!!

If unsure of what to do on the day, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or by speaking to one of the committee members on Saturday mornings. They are easily identified in their bright orange polo shirts

Regards,

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