



### Weekly Newsletter

**21st October, 2017**

We had another perfect Melbourne spring day last weekend for our second session of the season. There were 243 athletes this week, up significantly from last week. We have new athletes joining each week, so can we ask all our returning members, athletes and parents alike, to be welcoming and encouraging to our new families? It can be very overwhelming on Saturdays by what appears to be organised chaos - if you see someone looking lost, please ask if they need some help or explain how things operate. The morning's schedule is on our noticeboard outside the Cottage, on our website, and in each age group folder.

Please remember that if you are new to the club and haven't presented your child's birth certificate, could you please bring it to the Registration desk in the Cottage on a Saturday morning. And a reminder to those new to the club, once registration fees are paid, your child will receive a registration pack, which can be collected inside the Cottage.

As our boys and girls U11 age groups are so large, we made the decision late last week to disband the U11/12 groups, and have each group operating independently. We have bought another trolley for the U11 girls who didn't have one last week - sorry about that! This means the weekly schedules have been changed to accommodate another group of athletes competing each week. And this week we move to 5 events for the older age groups - please be patient waiting for your next event if there is a hold up. Age group managers can use the time to go over skills with their group. And can parents help out with kid wrangling during these times too please?

Thank you to everyone who helped out in their duties last week. Set up wasn't well attended, but attendance at the BBQ was fantastic! This week we have the **U11 boys & U8 girls on set up, the U6 boys and Open girls on the BBQ and the U10 boys and U9 girls on pack up**. Please remember that no one should spend more than 45 minutes helping out at the BBQ. We need help cooking, and inside serving, a minimum of 4 people at any one time.

Our second hand shoe stall is going well. We made 5 sales last week, everyone was very happy! If you have any old waffles and spikes at home that your children have outgrown, please consider donating them to our stall - all proceeds go to the club. The stock is changing weekly, so keep checking each week to see if there is something there that fits. We'd also appreciate any spare spike keys and shoe bags you might have lying around too. Pop in and see Karen between 8.30-9.30am and at the end of the day's session. The club is going to be actively fundraising in the next couple of seasons to help raise money to contribute to the new track facility, and this is one of those efforts.

And speaking of the new track, we had information through from the council this week about timelines. Residents immediately adjoining Civic Reserve will be notified about the development by this Friday. An information sign will be installed at the reserve on Monday. There will be 2 community drop-in sessions held at the Civic Reserve Recreation Centre on Tuesday the 14th of November from 3-7pm and Saturday the 18th of November from 10am - 2pm. We assume they will have plans available at these sessions. The overall comment period for residents will be from the 30th of October to the 24th of November. We've been told that the build will hopefully start by the end of this financial year, assuming there are no hold ups to the planning process. If it does start at this time, we should be on the track by the 2019-20 season - something to really look forward too!!

The first of our weekly banana donations from Coles will be turning up this week. Make sure your child collects a banana from the BBQ table inside the Cottage. Thank you to Coles! In the next few weeks, the new Coles patch for uniforms will be arriving. All club singlets, tshirts and crop tops will

need to have a patch sewn on to it. We will distribute them and explain where they need to go when they arrive.

As at time of writing, our first training session of the season will occur this Tuesday the 24th of October from 5-6pm at Mornington Secondary College. This is open to all our U8 and older athletes and is not compulsory. If the session is cancelled, the club will email all our members.

A reminder that only those athletes who have paid their registration fees by Thursday evening each week will have a chest patch in the age group folder. Please remember to leave it in the folder when you leave each week. If your 2 week trial is up, could you please arrange payment of your child's fees - either log back in and pay or pay us on Saturdays. If your child has decided not to continue, could you please [email the club](#) to let us know.

Regional Relays are coming up in November - we will have more information about how to nominate your child for teams next week. In the meantime, please try to ensure your child runs at least 1 x 100m, 200m and 400m race so we have times to use to choose the teams.

Finally, the first of Kate Pratt's awesome photos hit Facebook this week. Kate kindly spends the morning cruising around snapping photos of our Little Athletes competing. We will dispense with the ordering of high resolution copies this season. If you really love one of her photos, feel free to copy it and if you feel so inclined, you can leave a gold coin donation at the Registration desk. Again, all money raised will go towards contributing to the new track.

We will publish a full list of any club records broken so far this season next week.

The key points to note this week are:

- Duty Roster
- Uniforms/Merchandise
- Results HQ
- Parking
- Dog policy
- Wet Weather
- Website
- Team App
- Facebook
- Weekly Program

And finally, just a reminder to everyone - when crossing the track, please remember to check if there is a race in progress, and cross safely and quickly. Also, keep young children close to you so they don't get barrelled over by kids running, or hit by a discus or shot put!

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### **Duty Roster for Saturday 21st October 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** : **Under 11 Boys** and **Under 8 Girls** (*please arrive by 7.30am*)
- BBQ** : **U6 Boys** and **Open Girls** (*from set up of the BBQ at 8.00am to pack-up and clean at the day's end*)
- Pack Up** : **Under 10 Boys** and **Under 9 Girls** (*concludes once the containers are locked up*)

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## **Uniforms/Merchandise**

Uniforms and other club merchandise will be available for sale only at Mornington Secondary College on each competition day in the Cottage. Club t-shirts/singlets/crop tops, MLAC hoodies, and LA Vic branded shorts are all available for purchase. This year we are also selling orange compression socks. There are only limited numbers available, so if you are interested, come take a look. T-shirts - \$45, Singlets - \$45, Crop Tops - \$50, LA Vic shorts - \$25, Compression socks (small/large) - \$20.

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## **Results HQ**

To view your child's results, 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 keep. We endeavour to have the results available by Sunday evening.

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

If you have any problems logging in, please contact Lisa Henry [lhenry@morningtonlittleleaths.org](mailto:lhenry@morningtonlittleleaths.org)

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



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## **Parking**

**Please Note:** There is **NO PARKING** available for us in the basketball stadium car park, as this area is for the exclusive use of those attending the basketball stadium. We have also been asked not to park near the swim centre. 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. 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. We have been asked to advise that there is to be **STRICTLY NO PARKING ALONG NEPEAN HWY!!**

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## **Dog Policy**

Please note that we have a strict **NO DOGS** policy on competition days. There have been a number of incidents and near misses over the past few years, plus we have a few athletes with dog allergies and those who are scared of dogs. We would greatly appreciate if you left your dogs at home.

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## **What happens in the event of Wet Weather/Extreme Heat**

When the weather forecast does not look great, the committee makes a decision by 8:00 a.m. on the morning of competition whether the competition day will go ahead or be cancelled. In the event of cancellation a notice will be posted on the following sites by 8:00 am:

**Website**      [www.morningtonlittleleaths.org](http://www.morningtonlittleleaths.org)  
**Facebook**    [www.facebook.com/mlac82](http://www.facebook.com/mlac82)  
**Twitter**      @mlac82  
**Team App**    [www.teamapp.com](http://www.teamapp.com)

We communicate with our members almost exclusively via electronic means. We will always email you important information, but it is also distributed via our Facebook page and Team App.

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## Website

Our [website](#) was updated last season and has had a lot of wonderful feedback. Most club information can be found here - if there is anything important missing, please let us know.

## 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 also 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 [lhenry@morningtonlittleaths.org](mailto:lhenry@morningtonlittleaths.org). She will endeavour to ensure your child's photos are never published.



## Weekly Program

This week's program is Program 3 and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) or find it on the club [website](#).

## BBQ

Our humble BBQ raises much needed funds for the club. Thank you to Tim Lambourne for taking on the role of BBQ coordinator this season - it's a big job and the club appreciates you taking it on. The BBQ is set up under the Cottage verandah. Pay for your sausage in bread or egg and bacon roll inside the Cottage, then head out to the BBQ for your goodies. Each week, 2 age groups are rostered on to help at the BBQ. We need 3-4 people there at all times over the morning to have it run smoothly. We don't expect parents to spend longer than 45 minutes helping out. So if your age group is rostered on, please work out a schedule with the other parents and make sure people are relieved as the morning goes on. We all want to watch our kids compete, and those kids want a sausage at the end of the session! **This week the U6 Boys are Open girls are on the BBQ.**

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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