



Weekly Newsletter

21st January, 2017

Our first competition day at Mornington Secondary College ran rather smoothly. MSC Principal Linda Stanton was in attendance early in the morning, and was very impressed with us. A huge thank you to everyone who turned up early for set up. However, the BBQ was very poorly attended by parents last week - even bigger thank you's to Dom Dawe, the 2 parents who spent most of their morning manning the BBQ, and to Claire Dawe for stepping up (once again) to help out. Parents should spend no more than 45 minutes helping at the BBQ. We all want to watch our children compete, so if your child's age group is rostered on this week (see the first key below), please tag team with each other over the morning to help out. We are introducing bacon and egg rolls from Saturday, so we will need 2 parents cooking at the BBQ from this week on, plus people to help inside The Cottage handling the money.

This week we welcome the Westernport and Southern Peninsula LAC's to our track for the annual Peninsula Challenge!! This is a points based competition to see who will win the coveted Peninsula Shield. Please make those athletes from the other clubs feel welcome. Good luck to our MLAC athletes, Be Your Best!!

The Relaython is on again this year, on February 4th. More information will be available in next week's newsletter, including how to set up your own online donation page that can be linked to the club's donation page.

Don't forget you are able to purchase high resolution digital copies of Kate Pratt's great photos of our competition days for a gold coin donation from the Cottage. The photos are posted on Facebook each weekend, and we also choose a [Photo of the Week](#) that is placed on the home page of our website. All money raised will be put towards the new club rooms that are to be built alongside the new track at Civic Reserve, Mornington.

Finally, we are again participating in this year's Mornington Australia Day Parade next Thursday afternoon. We'd love as many MLAC athletes as possible to attend, in uniform, as we walk down Main Street. For more information, please read on below.

On Saturday the 14th of January we had 2 club records broken. Congratulations to the following athletes:

- **U16 boy Corey Hough broke the 70m club record with a time of 8.93s, and**
- **U14 boy Oscar Berryman broke the shot put club record with a distance of 13.06m.**

The key points to note this week are:

- Duty Roster
 - Australia Day Parade
 - BBQ
 - Parking
 - Regional Track & Field
 - Results HQ
 - Wet Weather
 - Team App
 - Facebook
 - Weekly Program
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Duty Roster for Saturday 21st January, 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 : **U8 Girls** and **U11 Boys** (*please arrive by 7.30am*)

BBQ : **Open Girls** and **U6 Boys** (*from set up of the BBQ at 8.45 to pack-up and clean at the day's end*)

Pack Up : **Under 9 Girls** and **Under 10 Boys** (*concludes once the containers are locked up*)

Australia Day Parade

Once again MLAC have been given the opportunity to march in Mornington's annual Australia Day Parade on Thursday the 26th of January. We will be in position 22 behind the Make a Wish Foundation and in front of Mornington Junior Football Club, near the corner of Barkly and Queen Streets. We'd like as many MLAC athletes as possible to join us **in uniform** (and any Australia Day paraphernalia) at the Barkly Street marshalling point to walk down Main Street behind the MLAC banner. Children will be supervised along the march by committee members, and will need to be picked up at the end of the march in Flinders Drive, at the back of Mornington Park. The park will be host to a Fair with food stalls, carnival attractions, free performances and rides.

MARSHALLING

Marshalling arrangements in Barkly Street are between 4:00pm and 4:45pm ready for a prompt 5:00 pm start. All parade vehicles must enter Barkly Street from The Esplanade.

DISPERSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Dispersal will only be in Flinders Drive. In the interest of safety and also to keep the parade moving, Mornington Police has instructed that the parade cross The Esplanade into Schnapper Point Drive and then turn left at Flinders Drive and disperse at the Esplanade. Please collect your children from this area. Committee members will stay with all the children until they have been collected.

We hope to see you there!!

BBQ

This week we see the introduction of bacon & egg rolls to the menu of our BBQ! Come and have breakfast with us and watch your kids run, jump and throw!! The BBQ will be operating slightly differently at MSC. It will be situated on the verandah outside The Cottage, but sales will be conducted just inside The Cottage entrance. Pay for your sausage or bacon & egg roll inside the Cottage. You will be given a slice of bread or a bread roll. Take this outside to the BBQ to get your sausage or bacon and egg. We are also selling a few pre-packaged confectionery items too.

Parking

Please Note: There is NO PARKING available for us in the basketball stadium carpark. This carpark 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!!**

Regional Track & Field

Registrations are open for Regional Track & Field. This event is being held in Frankston at Ballam Park on the weekend of 18th and 19th of February, 2017. This is open to all U9-U15 registered athletes **who have competed in a minimum of 4 competition days by the time registrations close (this is NOT negotiable with LA Vic)**. Athletes can choose to compete in up to 4 events over the 2 days. Those who do well might qualify for State Track & Field in March. The venue for this event is Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.

Entry costs \$10 **per event**, and there is an IMG processing fee payable on top of this amount. **Entries close on Monday the 30th of January, 2017 at 11.59pm. No late entries are permitted.**

For more information and a link to online registrations, click [here](#), or have a chat to Lisa Henry in The Cottage on Saturdays.

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 at the Registration tent.

If you have any problems logging in, please contact Lisa Henry lhenny@morningtonlittleaths.org

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



What happens in the event of extreme weather

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.morningtonlittleaths.org
Facebook	www.facebook.com/mlac82
Twitter	@mlac82
Team App	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.

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 Program 8 - Peninsula Challenge and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) or on the [club website](#).

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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