



### Weekly Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019

And just like that our season is over.

A massive thanks to Mornington Secondary College for hosting us over the past 2 ½ seasons, the support of our club has been greatly appreciated. We also extend our thanks to Mornington Holden and Café Gringo for their ongoing support of our Club.

This Saturday we celebrate the season with presentations of our age group championship awards, boy and girl club champions, centre records, PB awards and attendance awards. There will be prizes to be won for a lucky few, plus a few surprise guests. Please email the club if you are unable to attend this Saturday. Start time is 9am and the schedule for the morning can be found [here](#).

Good luck to our 27 athletes competing at the State Track & Field Championships over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March. Go MLAC!

We have been blessed again this year with the tremendous support from our parents, both completing duties and especially those who step in as Age Group 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 Age Group Managers are prepared to come back next season - if you are yet to let Jo Fischer know if you can help out or not, please do so at your earliest convenience (mob: 0488 685 656). We will also need people to step in to the Age Group 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 Age Group Manager.

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. We always welcome new members - please consider attending our AGM mid year and/or joining the committee. Many hands make light work! We always welcome more volunteers and welcome any feedback to 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.

The 2019 Cross Country season will begin in April. The schedule is yet to be finalised. Once everything is arranged we will contact members. Please remember that if your child has a friend that likes Cross Country, they can sign up just for the Cross Country season for the price of \$55.



#### COMMITTEE 2019/20

We have a number of Committee members stepping down from their roles next season (or whose children will not be returning).

Please consider volunteering as a Committee member – the Club cannot run without your help and new faces are always welcome.

*In particular, we will need to fill the following roles:*

- Assistant Secretary
- Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinator
- On Track Coordinator

To find out more, email: [mornington@lavic.com.au](mailto:mornington@lavic.com.au)

## **Fun Run: Sunday, March 17**

Keep up your fitness before our Cross Season starts and support this local cause: the MY Mt Eliza Fun Run on Sunday, March 17.



Come down to the Mount Eliza Regional Park, on Two Bays Road, to be part of Mt Eliza's only trail run event. Challenge your fitness on a 4km or 8km course and engage with community while fundraising for a worthwhile cause.

Run in your orange and help Mt Eliza local Geoff raise awareness of the terminal blood cancer Multiple Myeloma and raise \$80k to fund two part-time nurses for Myeloma Australia. Details and to register: [www.mymounteliza.org.au](http://www.mymounteliza.org.au)

## **Duty Roster for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019**

The following Age Groups are rostered on for this SATURDAY:

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

**BBQ:** U11 Boys and U8 Girls (from set up of the BBQ at 8am to pack-up and clean at the day's end)

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

Please note: 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. Committee members 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 BBQ is our major fundraiser for the club and 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 45-60 minutes help out. Please head to the Cottage while the athletes are warming up to add your name to the roster. We all want to watch our kids compete and those kids want a sausage at the end of the session!

## **Taking Photographs**

During the season there may be athletes at the Centre who are unable to be photographed at their parents request, so please ensure that you are only photographing and/or sharing images of your own children and or those where you have parent permission. The safety of children is paramount and we appreciate you respecting and understanding this request.

## **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 as follows:

**Website:** [Results HQ](http://ResultsHQ)



**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.

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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 HIGHWAY!!**

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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. Can you please communicate this to any extended family members or friends who come down to watch during the morning.

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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:

**Website**            [www.morningtonlittleaths.org](http://www.morningtonlittleaths.org)  
**Facebook**        [www.facebook.com/mlac82](https://www.facebook.com/mlac82)  
**Instagram**       [www.instagram.com/morningtonlac](https://www.instagram.com/morningtonlac)  
**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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### **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.



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### **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 email [Little Athletics Victoria](mailto:Little Athletics Victoria) to notify them, and send an email to our secretary Jodie Fischer [jfischer@morningtonlittleaths.org](mailto:jfischer@morningtonlittleaths.org). She will endeavour to ensure your child's photos are never published



Remember that if you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to approach one of our committee members. We are the ones wearing the orange polo shirts.

Regards,

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