



Weekly Newsletter

12th November, 2016

We are not having much luck with the weather at the moment. Last Saturday we were only just able to compete in tricky conditions - wind, rain and cold. We had to adjust the schedule by removing hurdles and high jump as it would have been dangerous to run these events in the wet. Even in the tough conditions, many PB's were obtained and 1 club record fell (see below). A huge thank you to all the parents who braved the morning, to those who arrived early for set up, and those that hung around to help pack up. We have an amazing community spirit within our club, and without your contribution, our club wouldn't be what it is today! Unfortunately, bad weather is again forecast for this week, including thunderstorms. We will try to make a decision by 8am if we need to cancel, and this will be communicated via our webpage, our Facebook page and on Team App.

Chris Crewther, our Dunkley MP, is going to attempt to drop in again this Saturday (weather permitting!) to talk to us about the all-weather track funding he has promised. He will be arriving around 8.45am, so could everyone please try to be there beforehand to welcome him.

Relays, relays, relays!! Mentone Open Day is this Sunday the 13th of November. Those who are competing have been sent the teams and the draft timetable. If any further information is sent us, we will email it to you. Training is Friday night (the 11th) from 5.30-6.30pm and next week it is Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7pm. Regional Relays is Saturday the 19th of November. **Please note that we don't have normal competition at Mace Oval on this day as most of the committee are attending relays.** For those competing at Regionals, a final email will be sent early next week with the timetable, the parent duty roster and any further information you need. **Please check your child has the correct club singlet/tshirt. If you have any queries, come and see us at the Registration/Merchandise tent.** Good luck to all competing and HAVE FUN!!

We'd like to put out the call for some parents to learn how to operate the equipment in the timing tent on Saturdays. We'd like to have a roster of parents rotating through the timing tent so it's not the same people every week. We all like to watch our kids compete, and our kids like to have us watch them compete. It's not too hard to learn. If you'd like to help out, please email Lisa Henry to register your interest. lhenry@morningtonlittleleaths.org

Please don't forget to pay your registration fees if you haven't already. There are 91 athletes registered that are yet to pay. The 2 week trial period for most new members is now over. You can log back in to Little Aths Victoria and pay online, or pay us Saturday morning at the Registration/Merchandise tent. We take cash and cards. If you have paid online and not received your registration pack, come and see us at the Registration/Merchandise tent to pick one up. **If you have decided not to return, please email the club to let us know.** This will stop you from receiving emails from us each week.

On Saturday 5th of November we had 1 club record broken. Sarai Hughes broke the U10 Girls Long Jump record with a distance of 3.90m. Well done Sarai!!

The key points to note this week are:

- Duty Roster
- Jetstar U6-U8 State Carnival
- Christmas Raffle
- **Amart 20% off full price this Saturday**
- Ritchies Community Benefits card
- Uniforms
- Results HQ

- Parking
- Wet Weather
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Duty Roster for Saturday 12th November, 2016

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 : **U6 Boys** and **Open Girls** (*please arrive by 7.30am*)

BBQ : **U9 Girls** and **U10 Boys** (*from set up of the BBQ at 8.45 to pack-up and clean at the day's end*)

Pack Up : **Under 12 Girls** and **Under 7 Boys** (*concludes once the containers are locked up*)

Jetstar U6-U8 State Carnival

PLEASE NOTE: Places are now limited in all age groups, so if you wish to attend this event, please register ASAP!!

The Jetstar U6-U8 State Carnival is being held on the 21th of November at the Tom Kelly Athletics Track, Doncaster. It's the only State-wide event for our Under 6 to Under 8 athletes. It's a fun day with a carnival atmosphere which includes face painting, jumping castles and giveaways. Athletes will enjoy an educational experience with a focus on skills and technique development under the guidance of LAVic coaches. **Parents are encouraged to follow their children to each event. Places are restricted to 50 children in each age group and gender.** If you wish to register your child, or find out more information, click [here](#). Registrations close on November 21st at 11.59pm.

Christmas Raffle

We are holding a Christmas Raffle this year to be drawn on December 10th at our Christmas Handicap. There will be three prizes, each worth around \$250. While yet to be confirmed, we are thinking of getting a Fitbit, a bike or air hockey table, and a \$250 voucher for Amart Sports. The prizes are being purchased from Amart Sports, using credit we have accumulated from our member's purchases. All money raised will be going towards the new athletics track facility at Dunns Road. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be purchased from the Registration/Merchandise tent until the 10th of December. This leads on to our next point...

Amart 20% Off Sale This Saturday

Amart Sports Mornington have 20% off storewide (on all full priced items & not in conjunction with any other offer) this Saturday the 12th of November only. They are open from 8am-8pm. If you have an Amart Sports loyalty card linked to our club (if you don't have one, what are you waiting for?!?!), 5% of all sales come directly back to our club! This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping, and help out our club at the same time. Amart is located in the Peninsula Home Centre, next door to the new Aldi store, Bungower Road, Mornington.



Ritchies Community Benefits Card

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, Riches 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/Merch tent, but please note the Mt Martha store IS NOT on the list), please stop by the Registration tent at Mace Oval 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. According to the Ritchies [website](#), Dromana Primary School received \$692.93 for the month of September!! We have had 3 monthly donations since we started this in February, totalling \$43.41. This is \$43 we didn't have that is going straight towards the new track!!

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Where the Community Benefits

Uniforms

Uniforms and other club merchandise will be available for sale only at Mace Oval on each competition day at the big orange Registration/Merchandise tent. This year we are also selling Little Aths Victoria branded shorts. These will be compulsory for all athletes competing at Regional and State events from next season. With this in mind, we have limited sizes in stock for those athletes in the U9+ age groups. Tshirts - \$45, Singlets - \$45, Crop Tops - \$50, LA Vic shorts - \$25.

Please remember that ALL club singlets should have a Little Athletics Victoria logo, and a Jetstar patch (orange) or printed logo on the top right hand side. All white Jetstar patches and red IGA patches need to be removed.

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 tent.

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

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



Parking

Please note the following parking and drop-off guidelines which we have put in place for safety reasons:

- If you are dropping your child(ren) off in the car park, please **do not** stop just inside the gates. Drive around the car park circuit back towards the entrance and drop off on the car park side closest to the road. This avoids congestion at the entrance to Mace.
- **Do not park on Nepean Highway outside the entrance to Mace Oval.** It is a safety issue for cars turning out of the car park.
- The grass areas in the car park can be used for parking. If you have a 4WD vehicle, we ask you to park on the grass if possible to leave parks available for non 4WD cars.
- Once the Mace car park is full, please park up the hill, off street, beside Balcombe Grammar School. There is a pathway from there down the steps to the oval.

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.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 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 lhenny@morningtonlittleaths.org. She will endeavour to ensure your child's photos are never published.



Weekly Program

This week's program is Program 5 and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) or find it 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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