



Weekly Newsletter

13th January, 2019

Frankston LAC ran their Twilight Meet last Saturday and it was great to see so many MLAC athletes in attendance in what was a beautiful Summer's night (compared to the scorchers of the last few years anyway!). We had over 40 MLAC members in attendance. If you can't see your child's results in Results HQ, please contact us ASAP.

Combined Event Open Day – THIS SUNDAY the 13th of January

Todd, Mark and James have remarked the track this week in readiness for our first competition day this **SUNDAY** with our **OPEN DAY**. We have more than 80 athletes from other Centres registered to attend our Open Day, so it promises to be a great day with lots of healthy competition; we look forward to welcoming those athletes and families. Whilst this is a normal competition day for MLAC athletes, the first event kicks off at 9.30am so please arrive by 9am to give your athletes plenty of time to find their age-group trollies (unlike last year's event, sign-in is not necessary this year) and warm up. Many of our age-groups will be managed on Sunday by a 'fill-in' parent (thank-you to the Mayhew-Sharp, Luff, McCluskey, Norris, Arias, Skelton, Adelia, Browne, Kendall, Argus, Short, Reichelt, Bryce and Caller families, your briefing will be at 9.15am), so please be patient and offer to help out if possible. Our BBQ will be running as always and parents can get their morning caffeine fix from Pete at Café Gringo. We also have Adrian from AJ's Wonder Whippy attending as an extra treat for our athletes (and parents too!). Don't forget, medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each age group (Under 15 and 16's will be combined). The program is available [here](#).

Duty Roster for SUNDAY 13th December, 2019

The following Age Groups are rostered on for our Open Day this SUNDAY:

Set Up: **U11 Boys** and **U8 Girls** (please arrive by 8am)

BBQ: **U6 Boys** and **Open Girls** (from set up of the BBQ at 8am to pack-up and clean at the day's end)

Pack Up: **U8 Boys** and **U11 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!

Peninsula Challenge – 19th January

Our annual Peninsula Challenge event is scheduled for Saturday 19th January, where we compete with Westernport and Southern Peninsula Centres for the Peninsula Challenge Shield. We are just awaiting confirmation of event details, however as follows at this stage:

Where: behind Westernport Secondary College, 215 High Street Hastings

When: Saturday 19th January, 2019

Time: 8.45 a.m. (first event starts)
Program: To be advised

State Combined Event (formerly known as State Multi Event)

Registrations are now open for the State Combined Event, to be held at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd of February, 2019. Registrations close at 11.59pm on January 16th. Please refer the following link to register and for further details:

<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=29835&OrgID=1370>

Region Track and Field Carnival

Registrations are also open for the Region Track and Field Event. Meet will be held at Caulfield Little Athletics Centre, Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena over the weekend of 16th and 17th February, 2019. Athletes can enter a maximum of 4 events and the entry fee is \$10 per event. Please note entries close on Monday 28th January, 2019. Please refer the following link to register and for further details

<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=30523&OrgID=3838>

New Zealand Nationals champ!

While most of us have been recovering after a busy Christmas/New Year, our U12s MLAC athlete Sebastian Farrelly has been competing at the New Zealand Nationals (Colgate Games) competition, while visiting his extended family. Sebastian competed in his orange MLAC singlet which helped him come home with gold medals for the 1500m, 800m and 400m and a silver in the long-jump (pushing the Kiwi athletes to get their own PBs as well as a couple of his own PBs in very windy conditions). He had a fantastic 3 days of competing against very welcoming Kiwi kids and made lots of new friends. (The first three NZers across the line also get 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings).



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](#)

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.

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!!**

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.

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
Facebook www.facebook.com/mlac82
Instagram www.instagram.com/morningtonlac
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 email [Little Athletics Victoria](mailto:jfischer@morningtonlittleaths.org) to notify them, and send an email to our secretary Jodie Fischer 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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