



Weekly Newsletter

28th January, 2017

The Peninsula Challenge last week didn't run as smoothly as anticipated, but it was well attended by MLAC athletes and there were many smiling faces from all 3 clubs. The results of the challenge will be announced during Regional Track & Field (the weekend of the 18th and 19th of February) as all 3 centres will be present. Fingers crossed we will win back the Shield!

We have normal competition this weekend. Please bear with us as we all get used to the new location, and try to help out wherever you can. Attending parent duties is vital to the smooth running of the club, so please check the roster for this week (first key point after the introduction) and help when you can. With the introduction of bacon & egg rolls last week, we really need parents to help at the BBQ. Our revenue last week was through the roof!!

This weekend is also the State Multi Event in Bendigo. We have 12 athletes competing over the two days. We wish them luck and remember - Be Your Best and GO MLAC!!

Regional Track & Field registrations for U9-U15's close **this Monday the 30th of January at 11.59pm.** There are **absolutely no late entries allowed**, so if your child intends to compete at Ballam Park this February, make sure you sign up before the deadline.

The Relaython is on again this year, on Saturday February 4th. This event raises money for the Royal Children's Hospital and involves our athletes (and parents!) running around the inside lane of our track carrying a relay baton from 9am to 12pm. We will use the same baton as last year, which is a commemorative 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games baton. Our online donation site is up and running [here](#), and we have our donation tin positioned at the BBQ sales table. You are also able to set up a family donation page, and link it to our page. The top 3 families who raise the most funds by 12pm on February 4th will win Jetstar vouchers. This year, we are asking for a few people to help coordinate the Relaython on the day. We want to run further than we did last year - 109 laps, which is 43.6km. To do this, we will have the younger athletes only run 100m, and the older kids run 200m or 400m. We will need parents to man the start/finish line, and the 100m and 200m positions to help wrangle those waiting to carry the baton, and to help with the smooth change of the baton. If you are prepared to help, please contact Lisa Henry ASAP. (lhenny@morningtonlittleleaths.org).

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.

Paul Davies, our Out of Centre Team Manager, has indicated that this will be his last season in this role. We are looking for someone to take on the job next season. We suggest you be Paul's assistant Team Manager for Regional and State Track & Field, so you can see what the job entails. Ideally, we'd love to have 2 people in this role to share the load. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Henry ASAP for more information. (lhenny@morningtonlittleleaths.org).

Finally, there were no club records broken last week.

The key points to note this week are:

- Duty Roster
- Australia Day Parade
- Parking
- Regional Track & Field

- Results HQ
- Wet Weather
- Team App
- Facebook
- Weekly Program

Duty Roster for Saturday 28th 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 : **U12 Girls** and **U7 Boys** (*please arrive by 7.30am*)

BBQ : **U7 Girls** and **U12 Boys** (*from set up of the BBQ at 8.30 to pack-up and clean at the day's end*)

Pack Up : **U10 Girls** and **U9 Boys** (*concludes once the containers are locked up*)

Australia Day Parade

Once again MLAC participated in Mornington's annual Australia Day. Photos have been added to our Facebook page, and if you have any more you'd like to add, please email them to the club.

Parking

Please Note: There is NO PARKING available for us in the basketball stadium car park. This car park 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 almost closed 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 a SportsTG 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@morningtonlittleaths.org. She will endeavour to ensure your child's photos are never published.



Weekly Program

This week's program is Program 9 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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