



Weekly Newsletter

14th January, 2017

We hope all those who attended last Saturday's interclub meet at Ballam Park had a good time. The conditions were hot and so participation levels were down. Although no club records were broken last week, of the 41 MLAC athletes that attended, 46 PB's were broken, so well done to all!

This Saturday marks an exciting new phase in the club's history. We have completed the move to Mornington Secondary College! MSC will be our temporary home until the new track is built at Civic Reserve, Mornington. The school are very excited to host our club, and we are grateful and pleased to be here. Please read on below to find out about parking, toilets, etc.

We are extremely appreciative to local company Charlton Degg, land development consultants, who have conducted the track line marking survey for us for FREE!! This could have potentially cost our club a few thousand dollars, so we thank them profusely for donating their services to the club. Read on further to find out more about this company.

Line marking was completed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week - huge thanks to Todd Martin, James Barrett & Mark Henry (and to Ben Barrett and Tom Henry for pitching in as well). Kate Pratt has documented some of this process, we will upload photos soon. Club merchandise has been moved into The Cottage and all the shipping containers have been relocated to the area behind The Cottage. We ask that those rostered on to set up please arrive at 7.30am this week as we don't know how long set up will take at our new location. We are hoping the morning runs smoothly, and we are running a shortened program of only 4 events just in case there are any hiccups. We will all need to get used to travelling around a 400m track, but having extra space for all the field events will be amazing! Please be aware that our front straight is the one nearest to Nepean Hwy.

Good luck to our athletes competing this Saturday at the Rye Gift and Rye Junior Gift. Have fun and Go MLAC!!

Next week is our Peninsula Challenge, our annual interclub meet against Westernport and Southern Peninsula LAC's. We are hosting this year - more information in next week's newsletter.

The key points to note this week are:

- Duty Roster
- Charlton Degg
- MSC
- BBQ
- Parking
- State Multi Event
- Regional Track & Field
- Results HQ
- Wet Weather
- Team App
- Facebook
- Weekly Program

Duty Roster for Saturday 14th 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 : **U10 Girls** and **U9 Boys** (*please arrive by 7.30am*)

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

Pack Up : **Under 11 Girls** and **Under 8 Boys** (*concludes once the containers are locked up*)

Charlton Degg

We would like to formally thank those at Charlton Degg who have donated their time and expertise to conduct the line marking survey of the track at MSC. This was going to be one of the hardest and potentially expensive parts of us moving to the school. They have expertly marked for us where to place our track lines, and the line marking was finished Thursday afternoon.

Charlton Degg are Land Development Consultants that specialize in surveying, engineering and project management. Based in Mt Eliza, their team of professionals have served the Mornington Peninsula and Frankston region for many years, providing expertise to assist with the smallest of home renovation projects through to multi lot developments. Should you be considering a subdivision or require any surveying and engineering service they are the locals that can help.

Visit their website at charltondegg.com.au



Mornington Secondary College

This is a small list of some of the changes we will experience with our new location at MSC. If we have forgotten any, please don't hesitate to email us or ask one of the committee members on Saturday:

- The Registration/Merchandise tent will now operate out of The Cottage at the north end of the track. If you have any queries or need to purchase a club singlet or hoodie, come in to The Cottage and find Lisa and Marie.
- The toilets the school are allowing us to use are those on the outside of the old Gym, within the school grounds. We will put up signage to direct you where to go. Please escort young children to and from the toilets as they are a fair distance from the track. We also ask that older children don't loiter in the school grounds once they have used the toilets.
- Cafe2U will be situated next to The Cottage.
- First Aid will be based in The Cottage. If any injuries occur, please come to The Cottage and the First Aid Officer will be contacted.
- The age group trolleys should be set up in the morning on the track just outside of The Cottage, so make your way here when you first arrive.

BBQ

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. When you pay for your sausage in bread inside, you will be given a slice of bread and serviette. Take this outside to the BBQ to get your sausage. In the coming weeks we hope to offer bacon & egg rolls as well. We are also able to sell a few pre-packaged confectionery items.

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!!**

State Multi Event

Registrations for the State Multi Event are now closed. Good luck to all our athletes who are making the trek to Bendigo for this event. We will need a parent or two to act as Team Manager for this event. If you are willing to take on this easy role, please email the club.

Regional Track & Field

Registrations are also 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](#).

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 lhenry@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 7 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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