



Weekly Newsletter

4th February, 2017

RELAYTHON

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9am to 12noon

This week is the annual Relaython! Our athletes, parents and siblings will run a relay baton continuously around our track between 9am-12pm to help raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital [Good Friday Appeal](#). Donations can be placed in the collection tin that will be moving around the ground on Saturday, or you can make an online donation via the club's [Everyday Hero donation page](#). We've only had 2 donations so far - the money goes directly to fund vital equipment purchases and ongoing research. Donate as little or as much as possible. As for the actual event, can those athletes in between events marshal at the 3 marshalling areas: The Start/Finish line outside The Cottage on the back straight, the 100m mark, and the 200m mark from this Start/Finish line. Younger athletes will only need to run 100 or 200m, while our older athletes and parents can run 200m or 400m. We need to keep the baton constantly moving so we can try to beat our distance of 43.6 km from last year. It would be nice to start the event off with either an U11/12 boy or girl, as they don't have an event at the very start of the day's schedule. So can we have them marshal first at any of the 3 marshalling points straight after warm up.

Well done to our athletes who competed at the State Multi Event last weekend. Conditions were very hot in Bendigo over the 2 days. We had 1 podium finish - Sebastian Farrelly won silver in the U10 boys, with an equal club record for the 100m! Our next best finish was Declyn Tanner who placed 6th overall in the U10 girls. Declyn also obtained a club record, running 5 seconds faster in the 800m than the previous club record! There were quite a few PB's obtained over the event, so congratulations to all those athletes who gave this hard event a go. And thank you to the parents who travelled and stayed in Bendigo, and completed parent duties. GO MLAC!

The Australia Day parade was another success this year. Many smiling faces were seen strolling down Main Street in orange, waving flags and handing out club silicon bands. We look forward to participating in this event again next year. There are some photos of the parade on our [Facebook](#) page. Thanks again to Mark O'Donnell for the use of his car and trailer.

Regional Track & Field registrations are now closed. Information about this event will be sent out once SMR have finalised things their end. This leads on to the club still hoping someone will assist Paul Davies, our Out of Centre Team Manager, in his role at the Regional and State Track & Field events this year. We are looking for someone to take on the job next season, and we suggest you be Paul's assistant Team Manager for Regionals and States so you can see what the job entails. Ideally, we'd love to have 2 people in this role next season to share the load. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Henry ASAP for more information or talk to Paul about what the role involves. (lhenry@morningtonlittleleaths.org).

Nitro Aths starts this Saturday. If you haven't bought tickets to attend at Lakeside Stadium, Channel 7 are delay broadcasting the event at 9.45pm Saturday night. It will be live on 7Mate next Thursday the 9th of Feb and delayed again the following Saturday the 11th on Channel 7 at 9.45pm. This exciting event will hopefully raise the profile of athletics in this country - maybe once the new track is built at Civic Reserve, we can host our own Nitro program!

Finally, there were 5 club records broken/equalled last week. The Open girls went to town on the javelin records:

- **Josie Reichelt broke the U13 girls javelin club record with a throw of 21.24m**
- **Erin Heard broke the U14 girls javelin club record with a throw of 22.42**
- **Laura Barret broke the U15 girls javelin club record (previously held by her sister Olivia) with a throw of 20.86m**
- **Declyn Tanner broke the U10 girls 800m club record with a time of 2:40.14s at the State Multi Event in Bendigo**
- **Sebastian Farrelly equalled the U10 boys 100m club record with a time of 14.33s also at the State Multi Event in Bendigo.**

The key points to note this week are:

- Duty Roster
- Parking
- Regional Track & Field
- Results HQ
- Wet Weather
- Team App
- Facebook
- Weekly Program



Duty Roster for Saturday 4th February, 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 : **U6 Girls** and **Open Boys** (*please arrive by 7.30am*)

BBQ : **U11 Girls** and **U8 Boys** (*from set up of the BBQ at 8.30 to pack-up and clean at the day's end*)

Pack Up : **U8 Girls** and **U11 Boys** (*concludes once the containers are locked up*)

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!!**

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



Weekly Program

This week's program is Program 10 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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