

REGISTRATIONS

We are seeing fantastic growth in the number of athletes coming to Casey each year and this year is no exception. As I write this we currently have 440 athletes registered with another 65 using last week as a one week trial. It looks like we will top the 500 mark this week. Thank you to all parents for their patience last week as we registered 125 children between 7.30am & 8.30am. This week looks like being just as busy.

PHOTOS READY TO ORDER

What a fantastic day it was for photos last week. We managed to get around a few age groups with some great snapshots now available to order on the website.



The photos will be available for purchase each week on the website www.caseylittleaths.org.au under the 'Photo Gallery' link. This part of the website is password protected for privacy so only parents with a user name & password can access the photos. The user name & password for the first few weeks of the season is printed in the Newsletter. When this no longer works checkout the next copy of the newsletter for the new password. Photos can be ordered in a range of sizes at very reasonable prices. All funds raised will go towards special projects at the centre. More details on this soon.

Did you know there is space in your Little Athletics magazines to record and keep all you achievement tags for the year? Not only that if you checkout www.littleathletics.com.au/main.asp?Page_ID=52 you can setup a page for yourself and record all performances on your own webpage!

TROPHIES FROM 2005/2006 SEASON

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If there are any athletes who did not collect their trophies from last season's AGM, check out the table next week in the pavilion. We have lots and lots of trophies looking for homes!

OPEN DAYS

Other Centres invite other athletes to compete with them in Open Days. Information on when these days are being held and entry forms can be found in the folder near the family filing boxes outside the canteen area.

RELAY TRAINING STARTS

The relay season will be upon us very quickly. For the new families please ask one of our friendly Committee members for further information regarding relays. Mentone Little Athletics Centre will be hosting the 24th Annual Relay Open Day, on Sunday 12th November. Athletes in Under 9 to Under 15 can participate. Anyone interested in joining a team should give your name to your age group manager or one of the committee members at the pavilion. Chris Nelson will be running relay training this week on Wednesday nights at 5.30pm



TRAINING TIMES

Whilst not compulsory, training is a great time for your kids to learn the basics of the events coming up before competing on Saturday.

Training is from 5.30 – 6.30pm. U6 to U9's train on Tuesday and U10 – U15's train on Thursday. Parents with children in each training night may prefer to attend the Thursday night training session. We always appreciate any assistance with training nights. Just ask one of the coaches and they will advise you on how to assist.

UNIFORM REQUIRMENTS

It is important to wear your blue t-shirt, blue shorts and 2006/07 registration tag to each Casey meeting. It is essential for the recorders to complete your performance tickets to have your correct number seen on the tag.

As a special service we have a sewing lady setup in the pavilion to sew on tags for the first few weeks. The cost is \$3 per tag, a percentage of which supports the centre.



As the star awards start to appear in your family folders these can also be sewn on the day saving you Mums some precious time ☺

VENUE HELPERS NEEDED

Thanks to the many parents who volunteered last week to help run the program. Each week we need at least 100 parents to volunteer as venue helpers so we can finish on time. You do not have to have a history in athletics, understand the rules or even be fit yourself. We have positions for everyone in every discipline.



EXAMPLE OF HELPERS NEEDED AT SHOTPUT

1. Recorder to write down length of each child's throw
2. Retriever to return the shotput to the ring for the next competitor
3. Raker to smooth & prepare the surface for the next throw
4. Measurer to hold the tape where the shotput landed
5. Tape reader to check the distance of the throw from the ring.
6. Age group manager for crowd control!

We have up to 4 shotput rings we can run concurrently which would require 24 parent helpers.

As you can see these jobs are very easy and are important to ensure the proper running of the program. If we don't get enough helpers each week we either run late, cut events for the children from 5 to 4, or they may only get 2 shotput throws instead of 3. If we get enough volunteers, your duty allocation may become once every three weeks.

All 'Duty Roster' parents need to be available at 8.15 am to be allocated a duty for the day. Committee members are available to assist any parents who are not sure of their 'job' for the day.

Please see our Chief of Officials David Werner at his table just inside the arena each Saturday morning to collect your helper tag.

SMR COACHING CAMP

This year's camp will be held at Merricks on the weekend, 24th to 26th November. This camp is a special coaching camp aimed at athletes Under 9 to Under 15. For further information, and registration forms, please see the folder near the family boxes outside the canteen.

TOILET CLEANERS REQUIRED

Our toilet facilities need to be cleaned each week which is not a long job but an important one. If any parent would like to volunteer for this very necessary job please see David Werner at his table just inside the arena.

This would exempt you from other duties!

One final word. If you are not a volunteer with a venue helper tag then you need to be outside the fence to ensure minimum confusion on the track. If you would like to be closer to the action the only way is to volunteer as a venue helper and help us help the kids have fun.