**DATE: Tuesday 28th May 2019**

**VENUE: Eastern Gardens GEELONG (Melways 452 F 4)**

***The marshalling area is near the ‘permanent’ rotunda on the Corio Bay side of the Botanical Gardens***

**PROGRAM**

* ***Competitors can expect to be called to the marshalling area 10 minutes prior to the starting time for their event.***
* ***Presentations to the first three placegetters and the distribution of the ‘Region Information Sheet’ for those who qualify (the first 12 from each race) for the Region Cross Country Championships will follow as soon as the results for each race are finalised.***

10:15 GEELONG NORTH Boys 9/10 Year Old event and the combined Divisions Boys Multiclass (students with a disability) event (2 kilometres)

10:20 BELLARINE Girls 9/10 Year Old event and the combined Divisions Girls Multiclass (students with a disability) event (2 kilometres)

10:35 BELLARINE Boys 9/10 Year Old event (2 kilometres)

10:40 GEELONG NORTH Girls 9/10 Year Old event (2 kilometres)

10:55 GEELONG NORTH Boys 11 Year Old event (3 kilometres)

11:00 BELLARINE Girls 11 Year Old event (3 kilometres)

11:20 BELLARINE Boys 11 Year Old event (3 kilometres)

11:25 GEELONG NORTH Girls 11 Year Old event (3 kilometres)

11:45 GEELONG NORTH Boys 12/13 Year Old event (3 kilometres)

11:50 BELLARINE Girls 12/13 Year Old event (3 kilometres)

12:10 BELLARINE Boys 12/13 Year Old event (3 kilometres)

12:15 GEELONG NORTH Girls 12/13 Year Old event (3 kilometres)

The ages for the events are calculated at 31st December 2019 (i.e. the age they turn this year is the group they run in.) SSV rules state that children must be born in 2009 or 2010 to run in the 9/10 year old event. **The events are in the 9/10, 11 and 12/13 age groups, NOT UNDER 10, 11 12 or 13 as many people incorrectly call them.**

All competitors must have their competition number clearly marked and underlined on the back of the right hand. *The right hand is because the person reading the number at the recording tent will be on the right hand side of the competitor.* It is the responsibility of the competitor’s ‘supervisor’ to ensure the child has the number written on his/her hand **before** reporting to the marshalling area. *A copy of the competitors’ numbers will be on display.*

Children suffering from asthma or other respiratory problems must carry their medication (inhaler) with them while running and are expected to know how to self administer their medication.

**Students who are unwell or recovering from an illness - especially any flu like illnesses - or injury should not compete unless they have a medical clearance and their parent/guardian is extremely confident their child can complete the course at a pace that this compatible with their ‘best’ without becoming distressed or reinjuring themselves.**

*Schools are responsible for ensuring the competitors from their school are supervised by a responsible adult at all times. No child is to be left unsupervised at any time.*

***GENERAL INFORMATION***

* For all races except the Multiclass (athletes with a disability) races, competitors are not to have direct contact with parents, coaches, teachers, etc from when they enter the marshalling area until after finishing the race.
* Following the rules of the State event: “*Athletes being paced are subject to disqualification. Checkpoint officials have the power to disqualify competitors who deviate from the course to gain an advantage or who are not putting in a reasonable effort (who are walking) or who are being ‘paced’ by a coach/spectator.”*
* The next level of competition, the Western Metropolitan Region event, is a combined Primary and Secondary sector event. It will be held on at Brimbank Park Keilor on Thursday 20th June 2019.The primary sector events are run in the morning session.
* Invitations to compete in the Western Metropolitan Region Championships will be given to the first twelve placegetters in all events.
* **If a child qualifies for the Region event and knows he/she will be unable to compete on 20th June, the student/teacher/parent is to inform the official presenting the ribbons prior to the Presentation Ceremony so the replacement can be advised on the day and given the information at the Presentation Ceremony.**
* Competitors must wear their school sports uniform or school polo top/windcheater when competing.
* The first, second and third placegetters will receive a ribbon.
* The placings of all competitors, and the times of most competitors, will be posted as soon as possible after each event.
* It is highly unlikely that the decision to postpone the Championship will be made on the day of the event. If the forecast weather or track conditions are expected to be too bad to conduct the event, the decision to postpone the event, or change the venue, will be made no later than lunchtime on the day prior to the event. Once the event commences, the remaining races will not be postponed to another day unless there are very exceptional circumstances. If the weather turns ‘bad’, it can be expected that the remaining races will commence earlier than advertised time or the program stopped until the weather improves.
* Competitors are advised to arrive at the venue at least 20 minutes prior to the marshalling time in case the race starts earlier than advertised and to ensure they have sufficient time to warm up properly.
* ‘Legal’ parking close to the marshalling area is limited so parents are advised to ensure they read the CoGG signs (indicating whether or not parking is permitted) before parking and leaving the car.
* A qualified First Aid person will be in attendance to treat any injuries suffered by competitors during the race. Their role does not include preventative strapping and should not be expected to provide an asthma inhaler, or a similar type of medication, for students who are known to have a respiratory condition.
* As photos may be taken for publicity purposes or at presentation ceremonies, all competitors and their parents/guardians will be considered to have agreed to abide by the SSV Privacy Policy unless the Event Manager is otherwise advised, in writing, by the parent/guardian at least 48 hours prior to the event.

*For further information about the event, your first contact should be your school’s Sport Coordinator. If he/she is unable to answer the question, contact your Division Coordinator.*

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