Welcome

**Student**: On this occasion, I would like to acknowledge the Awabakal people who are the traditional custodians of this land. I would also like to pay respect to the elders past and present of the Awabakal nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.

**Alec**

**My name is Alec Hanson from Valentine PS and I am the convener of today’s carnival and I will also be the Team Manager for the Eastlakes Zone Team at Hunter Athletics Championships on Friday 1st September 2023.**

I would like to welcome all Students, Teachers and Parents to Eastlake Macquarie Athletics Carnival.

**Mr Evan Finlay is the carnival referee.** Any enquiries are to be addressed through the teacher from your school who will then consult the Carnival Organiser. Please do not come directly to the me.

Your school has a copy of the program.

St Johns Ambulance is in attendance.

All events are following the guidelines of the EastLake Macquarie PSSA. Correct regulation size spikes are allowed in the 200m, 100m. They will not be allowed in the Relay events, 1500m or 800m.

Events will be called and children will need to listen as individual names are not called. Children will need to assemble in the middle of the field behind their school name. Students must listen to all announcements throughout the day.

Track and field events will be run simultaneously today. If you are at a field event and your track event is called, you must move to your race but you must let the officials at the field event know. Once you finish your race, please return you your field event.

Due to this being a one day carnival, we will be having timed finals. Depending on the time we may run finals for the 100m.

We will award ribbons to placegetters for today but we have students who submitted times from their school carnivals due to illness or school events, who may beat the times, heights or distances achieved today.

Teachers, a list of children who have qualified for Regional Athletics will be sent to schools. Regional Athletics are on Friday 1st September at Glendale.

Teachers and Students, can you please ensure your areas are left clean before leaving at the end of the day as if it is not clean, we will be charged an extra cleaning fee. Could two representatives from each school collect a garbage bag from the recording area please?

Good luck in all your events and enjoy your day.