

# Kensington Junior Netball News

Autumn Season 2024 – March



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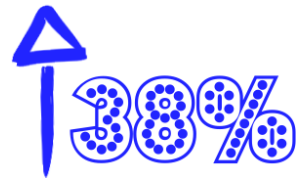
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## They Grow Up So Fast

Your kids aren't the only ones growing. Compared to just over 12 months ago, the club has 38% more player registrations, and has jumped from 22 teams to 30.

That's a lot! We're almost twice as big as three years ago.



It means your netball committee volunteers have been working harder than ever. And we need more! Including:

- NetSetGO Co-ordinator: Work with Leigh McHenry to manage our program for young players
- Umpire Co-ordinator: Work with Naomi Fennell to develop and assign games to our junior umpires
- Secretary: Work with Michelle Foster to help organise club admin
- Venue Manager: Organise court bookings for training

Get involved!

**[Club Task List](#)**



## New Development Squad: Starting Soon

And it keeps going! Our next Development Squad, for **girls & boys aged 6-10**, starts very soon. Sign up now for a *Come & Play* trial session!

# START PLAYING NETBALL

LEARN THE NETBALL BASICS, FIND YOUR FEET AND MAKE A BUNCH OF NEW FRIENDS.

**Kensington Junior Netball Club** is hosting a 'Come & Play' trial session for 6 -10 yr old boys and girls

**When:** Friday 15 March & Friday 22 March

**Time:** 4.00 – 5.00pm

**Where:** Holy Rosary Primary School  
Gower Street, Kensington

SCAN TO INQUIRE

Scan to register your interest and receive more information about the Term 2 Development Squad.



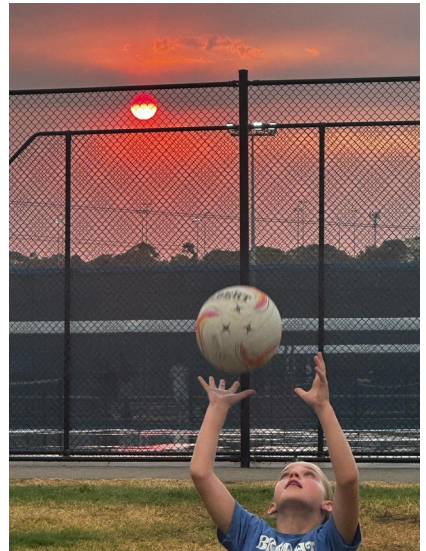
## New Nights, New Leagues

Behind our growth are many kids playing two (or even three!) games per week.

Previously, pretty much everyone trained once a week, played once a week, and that was it. But we've begun offering opportunities to play a second game per week, and the response has been huge. And feedback is positive, with kids generally loving the extra play time, and coaches reporting that it's delivering developmental benefits.

The club worked hard over the summer to create synergies in training wherever possible, so kids playing multiple games can mostly train with the same squad.

- **11 & Under:** We were all set to launch the Kensington Firebirds on Thursday nights at Riverside (Ascot Vale), but the league cancelled on us at the last minute. We hope to get going soon!
- **13 & Under:** The Kensington Foxes and Kensington Falcons compete on Thursday nights at Riverside in the Essendon District Netball Association – a tough competition that includes rep sides.
- **14 & Under:** Since last year, Kensington Yellow and Kensington Blue have competed in the Merri-bek Summer comp. Some of these kids also play Thursdays and Saturdays, making each week a glorious trifecta of netball!
- **15 & Under:** As well as our six Saturday teams, four play on Thursday nights in Parkville's high-level Riverside league.
- **17 & Under:** While the regular league plays on Tuesday nights, players



can also do Opens at Parkville on Thursdays with our new big sister, Kensington Open Netball Club.



## Uniforms – On Sale in May

Don't get FOMOOAU! (Fear Of Missing Out On A Uniform)

Some families were caught out this season as their netballer shot up over the summer. And most spectators would be familiar with the sight of a Kensington netball bib gently floating to the court floor, surrendered by the age-wearied grip of Velcro long past its use-by date.

The club holds only limited amounts of gear for sale mid-season, and we've already run dry in some older sizes.

Your next opportunity for purchase will be in May – don't miss out!

[More Uniforms Info – on our website!](#)

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## Child Safety

Safety is fundamental to what we do. All volunteers are required to pass Working With Children Checks, and undergo online Child Safety training.

It's important all kids and families know who they can talk to, should they ever have an issue or concern:

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Child Safety Officer

Keryn Coster

[keryncoster@me.com](mailto:keryncoster@me.com)

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Complaints Officer

Rachel Thomson

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KJNC recently advocated to Parkville Stadium for better Child Safety signage, to help spread a visible culture of child-safe conduct.



## Wrapping Up 2023

In our first newsletter since Presentation Day, let us thank everyone for the fantastic turnout. It was a terrific day of fun and celebration – well done! And congratulations again to everyone on a year of great accomplishments, both on and off the court.

## Courtside Conduct

You might know all about this. Or you might be new to the whole sport. Either way, let's talk spectator conduct!

KJNC is a positive, inclusive community netball club. We want to win games, but that's not our primary mission.

Our leagues have strict conduct rules—perhaps stricter than most sports. They do report report teams for spectator conduct breaches, and penalise them points.

Spectators should always feel free to **positively support and encourage** their team. But never:

- Call out to or approach an opposition player, umpire or official
- Audibly criticise players, umpires or officials

Please also allow your coach to coach! If you have feedback about how they're doing, send it to the club, rather than the team group chat or the coach themselves. You can also speak privately to your Team Manager.

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Complaints Officer

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## Sponsors

Know a business that wants to show off its community connections to hundreds of local families? Maybe they'd like to become a sponsor! Let us know.

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# Key Dates



## NETBALL KEY DATES AUTUMN 2024

### SATURDAY @ PARKVILLE

REGULAR ROUNDS: FEB 3 – JUN 15  
FINALS (13&U, 15&U): JUN 22, 29  
EXTRA 2 ROUNDS (11&U, NSG)

BREAKS: MAR 9, 30, APR 6, 13, JUN 8

### TUESDAY NIGHT 17&U @ RIVERSIDE

REGULAR ROUNDS: JAN 30 – JUN 4  
FINALS: JUN 11, 18, 25  
BREAKS: APR 2, 9



### THURSDAY NIGHT 15&U @ RIVERSIDE

REGULAR ROUNDS:  
FEB 1 – JUN 6  
FINALS: JUN 13, 20, 27  
BREAKS: APR 4, 11, 25

### THURSDAY NIGHT 13&U @ RIVERSIDE

ROUNDS: FEB 8 – JUN 27  
BREAKS: APR 4, 11, 25

## Kensington Junior Netball Club

We're run by parents who volunteer their time.

We follow a code of conduct, extending respect and positivity to every player, umpire, opponent and official.

Our core values:

- RESPECT   INCLUSION   FAIR PLAY   POSITIVITY   IMPROVEMENT

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## KJNC Committee & Operations

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Get involved!

### Club Task List

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