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KENSINGTON FLEMINGTON JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Junior Sports Club

Welcome to the Spring 2018 issue of the KFJSC newsletter

In this issue you will find what our codes — basketball, cricket, footy, netball and soccer — have been up to.

Another Spring has sprung and the summer codes are gearing up for their seasons. KFJSC continues to grow — every code has experienced a surge in membership this year — which means that volunteers are as important as ever. Parents, why not join the operations committee, pop down to training or help out on match days? You don't have to be 'sporty' to be a volunteer! KFJSC is a proud community-based junior sports club run primarily by parents for the development and enjoyment of our young players.

KFJSC's growth has also put pressure on the usage of Holland Park and Newmarket Reserve, and highlighted the need for dedicated basketball and netball courts. These issues were raised at a recent meeting with the City of Melbourne's new Lord Mayor Sally Capp. KFJSC attended a Lord Mayor's Community Conversation, held at the Kensington Town Hall on Wednesday August 15. The Lord Mayor listened to what KFJSC had to say, asked many questions, took notes, and left us with a positive vibe for the future of junior sport in 3031. We made KFJSC's infrastructure wish list clear:

- Resurfacing of Oval no.2, Holland Park
- Lights for Newmarket Reserve
- Lights for Oval no 2, Holland Park
- Netball/basketball courts in the redevelopment of the Kensington Recreation Centre

Fingers crossed!

Ever wondered where KFJSC registration fees go? Our fees (modest in comparison with other clubs) go towards a wide range of expenses: match and umpire fees, City of Melbourne ground usage fees, practice court costs, training support, coaching accreditation, insurance and league/association fees, and the purchase of equipment and uniforms. Fees don't cover everything, however, we often apply for government grants and actively seek sponsors. Big thanks to our principal sponsor [Nelson Alexander](#) and gold sponsor [Grounded House](#). KFJSC would also like to gratefully acknowledge the following: Can Design, Pilates and Yoga Shed, Bendigo Bank, Fix and Fasten, 1565, Zigzag Salads and Burgers, Kensington Fish and Chips, Local Folk Café, Kensington Food Hall, Construct Traffic, Mr Piccolo, Il Gambero, Abey Australia, Clause 1, and Floorcom.

Basketball

The Westgate Basketball Association winter season concluded in August; we had two teams make the finals - U18 Boys Division 1 team and the U12 Girls team. Well done!

The 2018 summer season is almost underway and we have fifteen teams (up from thirteen last season) ranging from U10 to U18. The number of female players is steadily growing, and this season we have two girls teams (U12 and U14).

We've had some success finding more training venues; this season we will be using the Kensington YMCA Recreation Centre. We would love more participation from parents, especially to manage and coach teams.

For more information about basketball please contact basketball president Mick Bramich mickbram555@gmail.com Check out the 2018/19 [fixtures](#) and the Westgate Basketball Association [Facebook](#) page.

Cricket

We have been busy creating boys and girls team lists for the 2018/2019 season, from U10 to U17; boys will play in the Western Region Cricket Association, girls in the North Western Metropolitan Cricket Association. One of our talented former juniors Michael Healey will be in charge of Woolies Junior Blasters (formerly Milo Cricket) on Friday nights, while elder statesman blaster and coach in four countries Peter O'Neill will provide general support for all levels across the club.

Welcome to new committee members Nick Harford, David Campbell, Andrew Hollow and Paul Posar. To keep up to date with fixtures (the opening rounds are in October) go to our [MyCricket](#) page, for general information go to our [KFJSC](#) website, and for social news check out our new [Facebook](#) page.

For more information contact Richard Frazer (President of the Junior Cricket Club) on 0408 308 984 or rfrazer.hamb@gmail.com

Netball

2018 has been an exciting year. KJNC continues to grow and now has 85 girls playing in 9 competition teams at the Parkville Netball Centre. We successfully negotiated with the Kensington Rec Centre for extra training slots, which will supplement the KPS and Holy Rosary courts for practice.

We would like to thank Netball Victoria for their guidance as we evolve from primary school based teams to a netball club with graded teams over a wider range of age groups.

Netball's popularity in 3031 has underlined the need for more volunteers - KJNC would welcome parents to the operations committee. For 2019 we aim to introduce an umpire and helper coordinator (or one for each). We also need to recruit coaches for the U15 teams next year. Interested parents can contact netball president Richard Harper rlharper@iinet.net.au for further details.

Football

The 2018 season has wrapped up with 7 out of 8 teams playing in the finals series. We had young guns playing in interleague, polling exceptionally well in the WRFL best and fairest, and being selected for the Calder Cannons AFL development squads. Well done Colts! Our presentations days were highly successful, and the Kensington Town Hall for the senior presentation (a first) was a winner. Thanks to all parents, coaches, managers and volunteers who made the season so enjoyable. The 2018 Wes Gibson Award for the FJFC volunteer of the year went to Dave Hegan.

One of the highlights for us was receiving the North Melbourne Football Club [Shinboners Award](#) that recognises clubs who engage with under-represented groups and in doing so, increases grassroots participation and social cohesion. Incoming footy club president Alicia Thompson (see below) accepted a signed North Melbourne jumper and \$1000 towards participation initiatives.

We've had a few changes on the committee with Luke Hopman, Brendan Harbert and Nick Weeks stepping down and a host of new recruits joining.

For 2019 we will be focussing on women's footy and diversity, continuing the strong work with North Melbourne Football Club. Our goals are to increase female participation and player recruitment from more diverse communities.

For more info about footy in 2019 (pre-season commences in Feb 2019) you can contact football president Alicia Thompson on alicia.jane.thompson@gmail.com, or follow us on our [Facebook](#) page.



Soccer

Kensington Junior Soccer Club wound up its 2018 season with a presentation day on Sunday September 16 at the Bill Vanina Pavilion. It was the first presentation day for boys soccer, the 65 boys and 6 teams having had a successful inaugural season. We said goodbye to more than twenty girls who turned 16 in 2018, but hope to see them playing locally for Kensington City Senior Women's team.

The club also started a Soccer Mums program, running on Tuesday evenings alongside U14/16 training. It attracted a total of 12 participants (not all mothers of soccer players) and we hope to continue it in summer.

Special mention to those who helped during the season: all our coaches and team managers, but particularly Andrew Hollow who made boys soccer happen, at last; to Louise and David Aiton who drove the project to update our girl's uniforms and to Nancy Cover who designed them; to Bronwyn Jefferson who stepped up to run a fundraiser for us next year – many thanks!

Peter Higgs is this year's recipient of the Greg Moloney Perpetual Trophy, which recognises those who have gone above and beyond their duties as a parent. It is awarded to someone who exemplifies the Kensington Soccer Club spirit and has contributed with all round sustained excellence.

For more information about soccer in 2019 please contact Susan Rushworth (girls soccer) on susankjgsc@gmail.com or Andrew Hollow (boys soccer) on andrewkjbsc@gmail.com

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