



# Kensington Junior Netball News

Autumn Season 2023 – April

Kensington Junior Netball Club

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## The North Melbourne Huddle



During the Easter break, the North Melbourne Football Club led a multi-sports event at North Melbourne Community Centre, giving 60 kids from diverse backgrounds aged from 3 to 13 a taste of many different sports.

Netball was proudly represented by Coach Violet Cowie from the Cockatoos and Coach Scott Maguire from the Cats, who spent two hours introducing the kids to the greatest sport of all.



## Price Rises for Spring Season (starting July)

The club will reluctantly raise prices next season, the 2023 Spring season beginning in July, due to various cost increases.

The club membership fee will now include GST and therefore rise from \$280 to \$308 – or, for a family registration, rise from \$520 to \$572.

We'll also start passing on Gate Fees for teams that play at Parkville. In the past, Parkville charged spectators a few bucks at the door – you may remember long lines snaking down the front steps! – before giving up on that and charging clubs directly.

The club absorbed this while we could, but from next season will charge \$48 per player for teams that play at Parkville. (That's almost all of them.) It comes out to around \$2.80 per game, and covers entry for all spectators to all games.

## Active Kids Vouchers

You might be eligible to save \$200 per child via the Active Kids program – see <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

This program has a strict and awkward timeline, which doesn't line up with netball's registration window. But eligible families can claim a refund of \$200 per child on fees you've already paid for the Autumn season by applying before the deadline of May 10.

Families facing financial hardship can also seek scholarships from [the Jean Cowan Bequest](#).

## Volunteers – We Want You!

KJNC is run by volunteers, and we need new ones to replace those whose children are growing out of the club.

You can pick up a small task – browse our [Club Task List](#) – or put your hand up for a larger role. All you need is enthusiasm and dedication! And it is terrifically rewarding. For info: [kjnc.president@gmail.com](mailto:kjnc.president@gmail.com)



## Uniforms: Shop Open May 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>



Our online store opens soon! Keep an eye out for updates, or check <https://www.kfjsc.com.au/netball/resources/>

Players take to the court in a **dress** or **singlet & shorts**, whichever they prefer.

Special recommendation for the new **hoodies**, which have received rave reviews – stylish, warm, and just in time for winter! They're not just for players, either.

The club also welcomes donations of **second-hand dresses**. These are used for loans, and will be offered for resale at pop-up shops in the first week of Term 3.

For info: [sue.williams.au@gmail.com](mailto:sue.williams.au@gmail.com)

## Term 2 Dev Squad

Another term, another Development Squad – our latest will start in Term 2 on Friday afternoons at Holy Rosary Primary School.

Dev Squads provide an introduction to netball for young players (typically aged 6-8) and those new to the sport. After a season or two, Dev Squads become full teams, with Parkville games on Saturdays mornings – and, of course, a mascot name!

For info, contact Leigh McHenry at [nsg.kfjnc@gmail.com](mailto:nsg.kfjnc@gmail.com), or register interest for a future Dev Squad [on our website](#).



## Training Venues – Now & the future

Since 2020, we've had to spread teams across different training venues – six at once, last year! – while waiting for the rebuilt Kensington Community Recreation Centre.

This year, we've managed to put a lot of teams into North Melbourne Recreation Centre. But everything is makeshift until the KCRC (to renamed **Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre**) reopens, which is now slated for early 2025. After a series of delays, the price tag has risen from \$25M to \$68M, which makes it a heck of a large expenditure for City of Melbourne.

The new Rec Centre will have three indoor multi-purpose courts, raising the exciting possibility of training six teams at once. Twelve in two hours! That could be the whole club in one place over two nights.

## KJNC Alumni vs the Coaches

There are now two Kensington Open teams (the Kites and Kestrels – not to be confused with our Junior versions) playing in the Parkville league. Some of these players had grown out of 17 & Under, and the rest wanted to stick together as a team!

The Kestrels found themselves in the same division as a team of KJNC coaches, the Blueys. In Round 5, youth faced off against experience, with the older, wiser heads prevailing... for now.

## Parkville Rep Team

Netball Victoria has over 180 affiliated associations and leagues, many running selective Representative programs to support and develop netball skills.

As a member of the Parkville Netball Association (PNA), Kensington players are eligible to trial for the Parkville Netball Representative Team. PNA offer an annual program, with selections held towards the end of the year.

We're very proud that three Kensington players were selected in the 11&U PNA



Rep team in 2023.

If you'd like information about high-performance pathways, contact Player Development Officer Naomi Smith at: [naomi\\_matthew@bigpond.com](mailto:naomi_matthew@bigpond.com)

## Junior Coaches & Umpires

The junior coaching & umpiring program has rapidly expanded! Welcome to our newest umpires Violet Cowie, Jeannie Weldon, Eadie Lutton, Sofie Hanafiah, and Clover Herbert. And special congratulations to Georgia Adams, who has been awarded her C badge.

Each match at Parkville requires two umpires, one provided by each club. Since 2018, KJNC has trained interested players into umpires, which provides them with a small income (\$20 per match) while developing their assertiveness, observational skills, and decision-making. Some of our older umpires even pick up work from clubs and leagues around Melbourne.

The umpiring pathway can also lead to coaching a young Kensington team of your own! For details, contact Naomi Fennell at: [naomi\\_fennell@hotmail.com](mailto:naomi_fennell@hotmail.com)

## Got a young netballer? Coaching Workshop for Parents

The club is planning a fun 1-hour workshop for parents on the basics of coaching young netballers, run by our NetSetGO Co-ordinator, Leigh McHenry.

The workshop is aimed at parents who might consider a coaching or assistant coaching role in the future. We want more volunteer parent coaches, especially those with very young netballers.

Coaching takes a couple of hours a week, and is a rewarding, active, and positive way to get involved with your local community! For info, contact Leigh McHenry: [nsg.kfjnc@gmail.com](mailto:nsg.kfjnc@gmail.com)



## Melbourne Vixens: Games & Memberships

KJNC members have access to discounted memberships and cheap group tickets (\$18 adult, \$10 junior)! Some Team Managers have already taken the opportunity to create a social outing. For info contact: [kjnc.president@gmail.com](mailto:kjnc.president@gmail.com)



## Child Safety

Everything we do rests on a foundation of providing a safe and supportive environment for children. KJNC is working towards achieving the new 11 Child Safety Standards, which require organisations involving children to have policies, procedures and practices in place to keep them safe. These are regulated by the Commission for Children and Young People.

We encourage you to [read about the 11 Child Safety Standards here](#).  
(Translated resources [are also available](#).)



## 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! Contact Max Barry at [kjnc.president@gmail.com](mailto:kjnc.president@gmail.com)

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Get involved!

### **Club Task List**