



# The Galston Gumnut

Galston Public School Newsletter

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Week 10, Term 3

## Calendar Dates

<b>Week 10 Term 3</b>	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Jump Rope for Heart – Jump off day!
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	No Assembly
<b>Week 1 Term 4</b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Students resume K-6
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Silver Coin Drive 2pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	K-6 Assembly 2.05pm (15 minutes)

<b>Note</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Book Week – visiting illustrator Matthew Lin	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September

## From the Principal

As we wind down Week 10 and prepare to head off into the holidays, it is time once again to wonder where the time went! While this term (and indeed this year!) has not been as packed with the usual activities, time still flies when you're having fun. Our teachers, students and families have thankfully had a full term of learning at school and for that, I'm sure we are all grateful.

The absence of many of our usual excursions, activities and the like has certainly gifted our teachers with time spent solely focused on learning in class throughout Term 3. Our balancing act as life returns to the new normal will be to still provide our students with important extra-curricular activities and experiences once again, while reflecting on how we balance these with quality time in classrooms.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a relaxing couple of weeks. Whether you are staying at home or taking some time to travel NSW, please stay safe and enjoy this family time. I know our teachers are looking forward to a well-earned rest and as the weather warms up, we hope to enjoy an even busier and more productive Term 4!

## Jump Rope For Heart – Jump off day

What a fantastic afternoon we have had today!

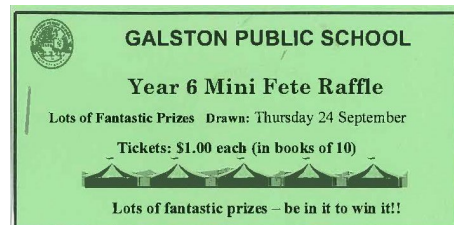
Congratulations to all of our students for their effort to dress in red today, raising awareness for the Heart Foundation while at the same time building their own fitness and love of physical activity. As I'm sure is the case with many of our parents, Jump Rope For Heart is one of my endearing memories from primary school, and I'm pleased to once again see that sometimes the simple pleasures in life are the greatest. It has been wonderful to witness our children improve their skills, work in small teams, and generally enjoy the simple activity of skipping throughout the term.

A special thanks to Miss Mifsud for her enthusiasm and organisation with this event. Hearing the music playing each lunch time and watching the children's genuine pride as they master new skills and build their skipping hours has been a highlight of the term. Congratulations also to our parent community for the huge amount of financial support you have thrown behind this event, with our sponsorship tally looking more and more impressive each day. Great job Team Galston!

## Fundraising ideas

As mentioned last week, our new P&C executive are brimming with enthusiasm and ideas, with fundraising no exception! As you would have noted, we have our silver coin drive Week 1 Term 4, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. This will be a fun way to get rid of all those unwanted coins, while at the same time supporting a great cause – our children. The major prize for the class with the longest line will be an afternoon of structured play with me, and as you know, I look forward to any opportunity to get out of the office and engage with our kids!

Moving into next term, our P&C, Student Representative Council and teachers look forward to working together on more fun activities for our students which will also benefit our learning community as well as those in need. Stay posted as we will have an outline of these organised for the remainder of 2020 early next term.



### Project Based Learning Goes Digital

In Semester 2 this year, our Stage 3 students are actively engaged in Project Based Learning. In all of our learning K-6 at GPS, we are striving to embed the general capabilities of the Australian Curriculum.

A short video explaining these capabilities can be found via the link below:


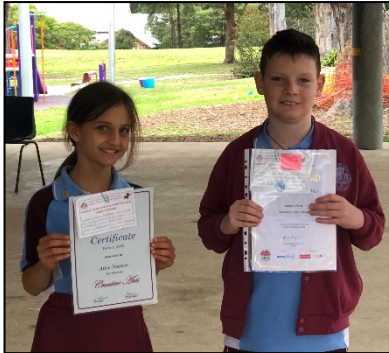


<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/general-capabilities/>

In 2020, however, Project Based Learning is providing our Stage 3 students the opportunity to develop these capabilities even further as they immerse themselves in designing 3 garden spaces in underdeveloped areas of our school. This type of learning provides our students with a sense of ownership and voice, building their general capabilities in real and practical settings.

Today it was my great pleasure to visit 5-6G and observe how our children had used Minecraft to research and design their space. They articulately described their vision/ideas and we cannot wait to share this learning with you, our community, as Term 4 progresses. Literally, watch this space for not only examples of this fantastic use of technology, but also for updates on how our senior students will transform some previously underutilised areas of our playground. We are extremely proud of their collaboration, creative and critical thinking to this point.

Mrs Muscat and our Stage 3 teachers are working extremely diligently on this learning journey and are very capably supported by Mr Finch in the technology space. Along the way, they have engaged with experts and mentors from other schools, and it is terrific to see not only our high levels of student engagement with Project Based Learning, but the teachers pushing their own professional learning boundaries to provide rich experiences for our children.

*Allan Ison*

Week 10 PBL Awards	
Bronze Award	Gold Pins
	
Term 3 Honour Certificates	
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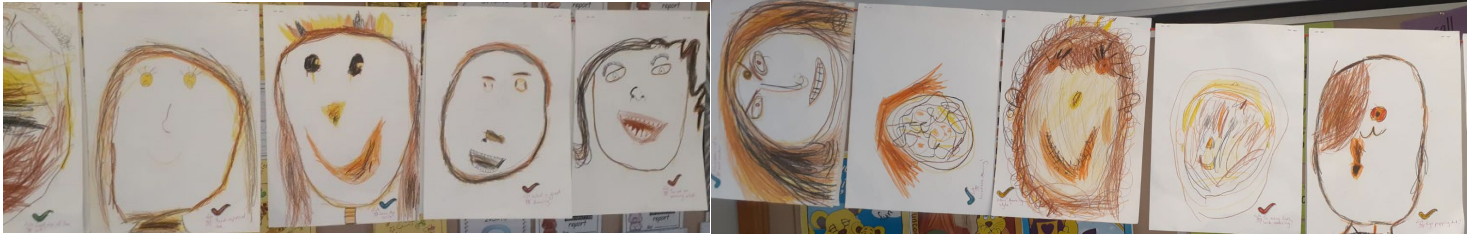
### Year 6 Mini Fete Raffle



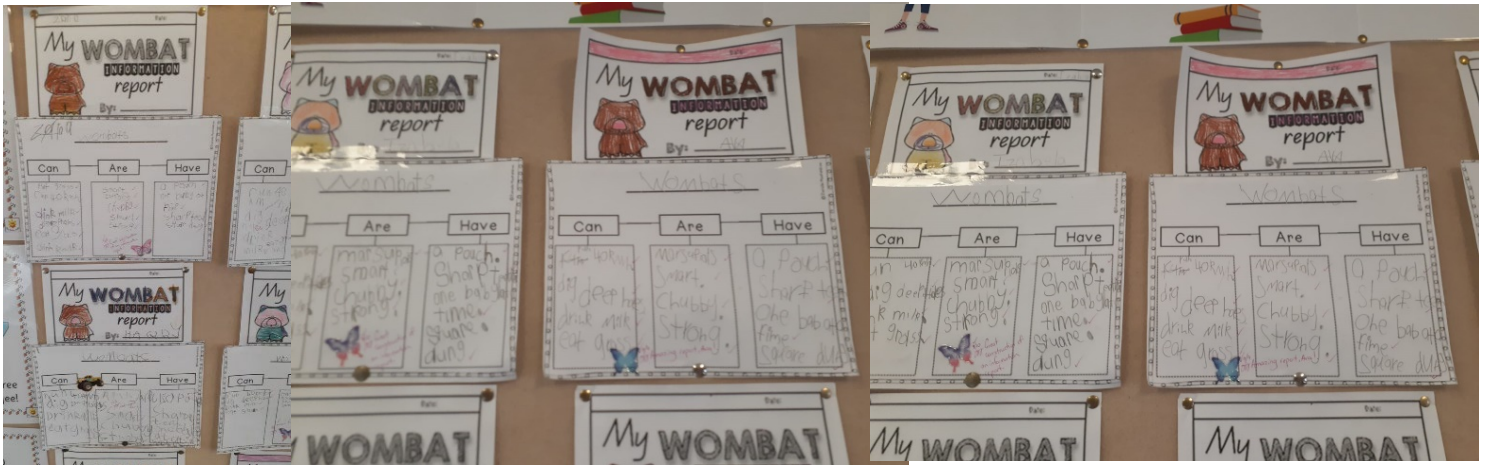
The Year 6 Mini Fete Raffle which was due to be drawn next week on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September has been extended into Term 4. The new draw date is yet to be finalised and will be confirmed early next term. Please support Year 6 by purchasing raffle tickets.

## News From KM

Wow!! KM have been so busy this term. We all love learning so much and really want to share it with you. We have been developing our critical literacy skills by responding, reading and viewing lots of different texts during English and combined it with Art to produce a portrait of the main character from the story *Tom Tom* by Rosemary Sullivan and Dee Huxley or of ourselves. We are all such budding artists!



We also created and composed visuals and information reports to make connections between texts and ourselves, texts and other texts, and between texts and the world. We loved learning about so many different animals and all the things they can do.



Maths continues to keep us all curious about numerals, objects, pictures and words. We are getting really good at using our maths language to explain our learning by describing various 2 and 3 dimensional shapes and how to tell time... Do you like our cool watches??? (picture next page)



A highlight of the term was the fun and exciting basketball clinics where we could really work on our hand-eye co-ordination and our brilliant sportsmanship skills. Thanks to the amazing team at Hornsby Spiders!





Raising awareness for very important causes is something new we are learning this year too. Here we are wearing yellow for R U OK? Day, and then skipping as much as we can to help raise funds for Jump Rope for Heart.

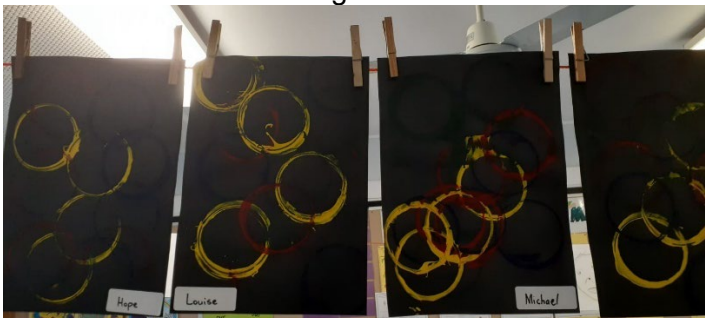


We were so lucky to be appreciating different artists and to use some of their techniques during Creative Arts:

Wassily Kandinsky – Concentric Circles



Circle Art – Understanding circular form and the use of primary colours.





Line Sculptures – Learning about and using lines with paper to form sculptures.

We have had such an amazing term and can't wait for next term. We wonder what we will all learn??!!

Have a safe and relaxing break .....

Melinda McRae – KM



## *P&C News*

A big thanks to everyone who has reached out over the past couple of weeks with ideas and feedback. We've got lots of suggestions for Term 4 and beyond. In order to capture the creativity and enthusiasm in our school community, we've planned an informal meeting tomorrow afternoon - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please feel free to come along if you can. Details are below:

**P&C Brainstorm:** this Thursday 3:15pm at Galston Recreation Reserve, next to Galston Aquatic Centre and Skate Park. Everyone is welcome. The kids can play while we chat about ideas for our amazing school. No ideas are too big or small! Hope to see you there.

Don't forget to start saving your spare silver coins for the much-anticipated Silver Coin Drive!

### **Silver Coin Drive Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

The P&C fundraising committee are planning a fun Silver Coin Drive for the students on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. For details see the ad later in the newsletter.

Sue Downing – P&C President, [sedowning88@gmail.com](mailto:sedowning88@gmail.com) (0487 601 925)

## *Canteen News:*

### **Week ending Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our canteen this term.

### **Menu Changes**

Chill J – Apple Coola – Out of stock

Juice Bomb – Apple Raspberry – Out of Stock

The flavours we currently have available for the Juice Bombs are Blackcurrant and Watermelon, these changes will be reflected in Flexischools. We are hoping that the Chill J and Juice Bomb Apple Raspberry will be back in stock early next term.

I'm currently finalising our Term 4 Summer Menu which will be sent out prior to the commencement of Term 4.

### **Please sign up for Term 4 Monday Roster**

Below is the SignUp Genius for our Term 4 Monday Roster. We are asking for an additional volunteer next term on Mondays to help with counter sales at recess from 10.55-11.15am. Monday counter sales are busy and as the children only have a limited amount of time available to purchase from the canteen then go off to play, we like to try and make sure that this is a quick process for them, hence why we are asking for additional help. If you are free on a Monday and are able to come up to the school for this short period of time, your help would be greatly appreciated! This is also a great introduction for parents who might like to help in the canteen but feel unsure about it. To volunteer for a short time is the perfect stepping stone.

Please sign up today so our Monday canteen can start up Day One of Term 4 (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October):

**We are still looking for volunteers for our first day back for Term 4, so if you are free please sign up today for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.**

Also, I would like to thank all those volunteers that have signed up for our Term 4 Friday Roster. The Friday Roster for Term 4 is complete, so every Friday in Term 4 our wonderful canteen will be open.

### Monday Roster

Below is the roster for the start of Term 4:

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>10.45am – 1.45pm</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>Recess: 10.55am-11.15am</b>	Leanne Kennedy	
<b>12.30pm – 2.30pm</b>		<b>TBA</b>

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>10.45am – 1.45pm</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>Recess: 10.55am-11.15am</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>12.30pm – 2.30pm</b>		Farah Miles

### Friday Roster

Below is the roster for this Friday and the start of Term 4:

<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Helper</b>	<b>Helper</b>	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
<b>9.30am – 12pm</b>	Sjaan Perlowski			
<b>12pm – 3pm</b>		Edyta Lynch		
<b>9am – 3pm</b>			Jenni Bohman	
<b>9am – 3pm</b>				Pamela Ferris

<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Helper</b>	<b>Helper</b>	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
<b>9.30am – 12pm</b>	Sjaan Perlowski			
<b>12pm – 3pm</b>		Katrina Milne		
<b>9am – 3pm</b>			Jessica Margules	
<b>9am – 3pm</b>				Pamela Ferris

Once again, thank you to the wonderful parents that have volunteered for our Term 3 Monday and Friday rosters. Your continued support of our canteen is very much appreciated!

Pamela Ferris – *Canteen Manager*, [canteen@galstonpandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@galstonpandc.org.au) (0413 048 028)

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be filling uniform orders placed through Flexischools weekly. If you do not have a Flexischools account, please contact the Uniform Shop so that other arrangements can be made. Orders will be packed and sent home with students at the start and end of each week.

Any enquiries please contact us via [uniformshop@galstonpandc.org.au](mailto:uniformshop@galstonpandc.org.au).

Kristie Chambers – *Uniform Shop Coordinator*



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# Galston OOSH Vacation Care

<p><b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September \$60</b>  <b>Fagan Park Excursion</b>          Join us for a day at the park, let's keep our fingers and toes crossed that this one does not get rained out.</p>	<p><b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>CLOSED Public Holiday</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September \$60</b>  <b>Circus Day</b>          A day of all things circus related.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October \$60</b>  <b>Skate Park Excursion</b>          Bring your wheels and helmets and come with us to the skate park for a big day of tricks!</p> 
<p><b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September \$60</b>  <b>Wheels Day</b>          The popular day of riding our wheels around the school during the holidays. Make sure you wear closed in shoes and have your helmet packed!</p> 	<p><b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October \$80</b>  <b>Martial Arts Incursion</b>          Today we are having a visit from Kenthurst Vacation Care for a Martial Arts Class.</p> 
<p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October \$60</b>  <b>When I grow up day</b>          We would love it if you could dress up as who you would like to be when you grow up.</p> 	<p><b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October \$60</b>  <b>Superhero Day</b>          Dress as your favourite Superhero to take part in our superhero day.</p> 
<p><b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>          Sadly, we are <b>CLOSED</b> as Fridays before a long weekend we aren't very popular.</p> 	<p><b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October \$60</b>  <b>Technology Day</b>          Bring your devices for a day of controlled gaming (PG and G Rated Games ONLY)</p> 

Children are to wear closed in shoes. Please ensure allergen free food is provided daily for your children. Afternoon Tea is provided by us every day. Please book online at <https://galstonoosh.fullybookedccms.com.au/family>

Phone: 0467 563 533 or email [galstonoosh@gmail.com](mailto:galstonoosh@gmail.com) for any queries.



# SILVER COIN DRIVE!!!

**The Galston PS P&C Fundraising Committee have organised a SILVER COIN DRIVE to be held at school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.**

Students are to bring in as many silver coins as they would like and will compete in classes to see who can form the longest line of silver coins on the ground. The only rules are that the line has to be straight and the coins have to be touching each other.

The class with the longest line wins! Prize will be some kind of sweet treats, maybe ice creams, lollies etc AND an afternoon of structured play with Mr Ison and their classroom teacher.

This is a great chance to get rid of those annoying 5c & 10c pieces lying around and will be a FUN activity for the kids to carry out at school with their peers. All funds will go to the P&C.

Please let the kids know to START COLLECTING!

Any questions please contact me via email or phone.

Farah Miles  
Fundraising Coordinator  
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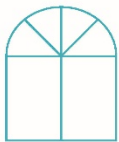
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\*Conditions apply

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS EVENTS

# OCTOBER



## VIRTUAL MAKERSPACE

### STAINED GLASS WINDOW CRAFT

10am Tuesday 29th September, via Facebook  
[facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries](https://facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries)

Join Elleni and Lani in our virtual makerspace to create your own stunning window décor. You can come into the library to collect a craft pack from September 28th onwards, supplies are limited! Suitable for pre-schoolers and kindergarteners.



## ONLINE VIDEO

### JOEL HOWLETT: MAGICIAN

10am Wednesday 30th September, via Facebook  
[facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries](https://facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries)

For children of all ages and those who are young of heart, Hornsby Shire Libraries proudly presents Joel Howlett: Magician.



## ONLINE STORYTIME

### THE TERRIBLE PLOP READ BY PENNY AND CATH

10am Thursday 1st October, via Facebook  
[facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries](https://facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries)

Join Penny and Cath for a hilarious and energetic storytime as they read 'The Terrible Plop' by Ursula Dubosarsky.

## VIRTUAL MAKERSPACE

### DREAMCATCHER CRAFT

10am Tuesday 6th October, via Facebook  
[facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries](https://facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries)

Join Elleni and Lani these school holidays in our virtual makerspace to create your own dreamcatcher. You can come into the library to collect a craft pack from September 28th onwards, supplies are limited! Suitable for primary school aged kids or younger teens.



## ONLINE VIDEO

### JOEL HOWLETT: MAGICIAN

10am Wednesday 7th October, via Facebook  
[facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries](https://facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries)

Join us on Facebook for another display of magic and trickery with magician Joel Howlett.



## ONLINE STORYTIME

### ELLENI AND LANI WITH NAO THE HUMANOID ROBOT

10am Thursday 8th October, via Facebook  
[facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries](https://facebook.com/HornsbyShireLibraries)

Join Elleni and Lani and for an exciting online session filled with songs, storytelling, and giggles. We can't wait for you to meet our special guest Nao the robot for his first ever storytime!

## READING CHALLENGE

### BOOKWORMS

Monday 28th September – Friday 9th October, via Beanstack  
[hornsby.beanstack.com](https://hornsby.beanstack.com)

Feed your mind by tracking the books you read these holidays and earn new badges. This reading challenge is suitable for children aged 6-12 and will encourage kids to read a variety of genres. The first 50 to complete the challenge will win a magic colour change silk from our magic show with Joel Howlett.

To sign up, register for a free Beanstack account online.



## READING CHALLENGE

### GRAPHIC NOVEL

Monday 28th September – Friday 9th October, via Beanstack  
[hornsby.beanstack.com](https://hornsby.beanstack.com)

These school holidays why not join our Graphic Novel Reading Challenge and work your way up to becoming a Graphic Novel Master! Each level encourages you to read a variety of graphic novels and to step outside of your comfort zone. This challenge is open to teens aged 12-18.

To sign up, register for a free Beanstack account online.



For booking details and further information on these events and more events in your library visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)





# NetSetGo Clinics

Starting Thursday the 15th of October 2020

***Thought about playing netball? Join our 6 week netball skills sessions!***

**Who can play?**

**ALL** 5-10 year old children keen for an introduction to the basic skills of netball, to make new friends and have FUN!

**Do I need to be a member of Galston Netball Club?**

No - this program is open to anyone! New players are very welcome!

***The term 4 NSG clinics are free for any participant of the term 1 NSG clinics that were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please email us to enrol your child.***

**When and where?**

**When:** Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm for 6 weeks from 15th of October

**Where:** Galston Netball Courts (rear of Galston Recreation Reserve)

**Cost:** \$60 per player (Includes a NSG ball & t-shirt for all new 2020 participants!)

***Don't forget to use your Active Kids Voucher!***

**Register now!**

**email:** [rego.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:rego.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com)



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## Thought about playing netball?

**Join our 8 week netball NSG skills & drills clinics commencing Term 4, Thursday 15th October!**

### ***Who can join?***

- **ALL** 5-10 year old girls & boys
- From any netball club
- Current players or new to netball
- Everyone welcome!

### ***What do I learn?***

- Players grouped on age & experience
- Friends grouped together
- Basic skills to drills & game tactics
- Build off-season fitness
- Get ready for playing in 2021!
- ***Make new friends and have FUN!***

### ***When does it start?***

- 8 week program
- Starts Thursday, 15th October (Term 4)
- 4.30pm - 5.30pm
- Qualified NSW Netball coaches

### ***Where is it?***

- The #1 place for indoor netball!
- ***The Centre, Dural - 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural***
- Indoor courts - no weather cancellations
- Convenient facilities
- COVID-19 safety protocols in place
- 1 spectator per player allowed

### ***Do I need to be a member of Oakhill Drive Netball Club?***

No! This program is open to all 2020 players and NSG program attendees AND "new to netball" players too! Come play netball with us!

### ***Pricing:***

#### **New to netball:**

- 8 week program
- \$120 (includes Netball NSW fee)
- Includes an ODNC/The Centre training shirt PLUS a NSG shirt & netball!

#### **2020 registered players & Netball NSW NSG program participants:**

- 8 week program
- \$100
- Includes an ODNC/The Centre training shirt

## Fun, fitness & friends!



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