

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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Newsletter—Week 8 of Term 1, March 17th 2022

Saint Mary MacKillop said, "Never See a Need Without Doing Something About It !" At St Joseph's We: Need to have a Positive Attitude Need to be Aware and Need to Take Action. Our next fortnight's Triple A Social Skill is <u>Assertiveness</u> Our focus within the three areas are as follows Attitude : Confident Without Being Bossy Awareness : Of the Needs to Stand Up For Oneself and Others Action : Positive Voice and Body Language

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Our Fun Run has come and gone for another year, having luckily dodged COVID restrictions for the previous two events. The day was another resounding success and was a true celebration of community and of good health and the fun we can have in coming together. We attracted a record field and unveiled our new Shade Area and Built-in Barbeques. This facility was as a direct result of the funds raised by the event in previous years. Thanks to the P&F for this huge contribution as well as congratulations to our Fun Run Committee for a brilliant day.

As we work through this time of Lent we can take time to reflect on our roles as parents, carers and teachers which are often difficult but certainly most rewarding in the long term. As we ask of our children, we can set our own personal goals in working to be better at what we do and being better at who we are. Our children follow our example, not always our advice!



COVID Restrictions

We had a little spike in student positives after the longweekend but otherwise, we continue to track well. Please keep testing until the end of term in working to maintain our good record. The daily tally is posted at 10am on PAM Daily Messages. (which means we don't have shutdowns) We will send home a RAT Kit with all children today. Dates to RememberMonday Mar 28: Pupil free dayFriday April 8:Last Day of Term 1
Early finish 2.15pmMonday April 25: ANZAC Day Public HolidayTuesday April 26: Start of Term 2

P&F 2022

Our P&F AGM was held recently. Its function is to serve the school community and organise fun and fundraising events. The executives for this year are: President – Bryan Schreenan Treasurer – Michelle McCracken Secretary – Wayne Dyson Ass Secretary – Helen Osborne We are seeking new members. All parents and carers are welcome!

School Advisory Council 2022

Our School Advisory Council AGM was held last night. We farewelled Ben Ruscoe, Carolyn Hooker and Maryanne Black after years of service and welcomed Helena Browning, Myles Martin and Heather Mason. They join ongoing members Bill Masters, Rach O'Dwyer and Travis Lukies. The P&F Rep is Bryan Schreenan, the Staff Rep is Mark Harmer while Paul Arnel, Dom Izzard and Gayle Watters are School Reps.

For reference, the Council deal with policy, finance, planning and big picture matters rather than operational detail. Rach O'Dwyer is now our Chairperson.





Our Afternoon Assembly : Mondays at 2:45 Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer March 21: Sienna L, Isabelle H & Hannah K; Jun S & N March 28: Pupil Free Day, No Assembly And you can watch it live by tuning into our YouTube channel which is a click on the Assembly Icon on our Home Page. The link can also be found on our school website and is the same link for ALL Assemblies ! Parents/Carers of students who are involved in the assembly are welcome to join us on-site in the MacKillop Centre.

Happy St Patrick's Day Today & St Joseph's Day Saturday

Office News

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

Next Fortnightly Debits: 25th March & 8th April

Monthly Debits 18th of each month.

If your circumstances have changed and you are now eligible for a Health Care Card, please complete a CSEF application if you haven't already done so.

The Term Planner can be viewed from the school website under news & events \ newsletters

If you have any queries, please ring Gayle or Donna at the office on 5862 1804

Bullying. No Way!

Planning for a safe and supportive school community

On Friday 18 March 2022, St Joseph's Primary School is participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for the 2022 NDA is Kindness Culture. St Joseph's Primary School will demonstrate Kindness Culture by promoting inclusiveness, respect and community belonging for all students.

Planning for a safe and supportive school community requires a whole-school community approach. Wholeschool responses to bullying prevention build positive and supportive school environments by incorporating strategies for intervention at all levels, inclusive of students, teachers, parents and carers.

Three key characteristics outlined in the national definition of bullying distinguish bullying behaviours from other forms of peer aggression behaviours which do not constitute bullying. The key characteristics of bullying include:

- 1. power imbalance
- 2. deliberate intent to cause harm, and
- 3. ongoing and repeated behaviour.

While the following behaviours of peer aggression do not constitute bullying, these behaviours may still be serious and require intervention at home and at school:

- arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- single acts of social rejection or meanness, or
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

It is important for our entire school community, including our staff, parents, carers and students to have a clear understanding of the definition of bullying to be able to distinguish these behaviours from peer aggression, and correctly identify and respond to incidents of bullying.



Knowing the <u>types of bullying behaviour</u> can also help you identify if the incident is bullying, or peer aggression. While neither of these behaviours are tolerated at St Joseph's Primary School, they do require different management strategies, and the first step for responding is to correctly identify the behaviour.

If you have concerns that your child is being bullied, please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance. You will be referred to the Principal if a satisfactory outcome is not achieved. If you believe the behaviour constitutes a crime, or is a serious incident of cyberbullying, please refer to the Bullying. No Way! website for information on <u>how to report</u> to other authorities and <u>gaining further help</u>.



For more information, please visit the <u>Bullying. No Way!</u> website for additional resources.

CARITAS

These are a few of the events that we have planned for raising money for Project Compassion this year. Specific information will be provided to the students closer to the date of each event and we encourage everyone to get involved in our fundraising efforts.

Weeks 8 - 11 (Prep/Junior School) Collection of Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Raffle The raffle will be drawn on April 4th - Monday Week 11

Week 10 (Friday 1st April) Senior School Cake Stall



Week 11 (All week) Middle School Caritas Stalls (A wide range of activities and competitions will run throughout this week)

Week 11 (Friday 8th - Last Day of Term 1)

Caritas K's - \$2 donation Casual Clothes Day (Purple or Red)

Your generous support can help to change the loves of some of the world's most vulnerable people. Join us this Lent to raise much needed funds for people living in poverty. Thanks Liam RE Coordinator

Preps

Wow isn't the term flying by! We have been so busy living and learning in the Prep room. The children are well and truly settled into our daily routines and are confident in our wonderful learning environment. There is always something exciting happening in Prep, so we will keep you updated through the SeeSaw App.

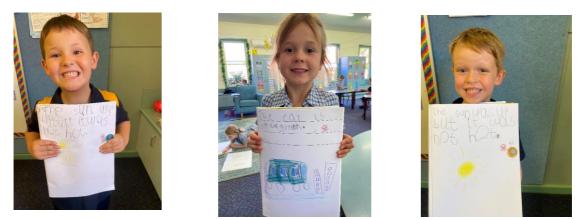
Home Reading Routine

On your child's reading day, they change their readers and read to their classroom teacher. This way the teacher gets to check in on their progress and make sure your child is taking home the correct readers.

We ask that you continue reading with your child at home each day and fill in their diaries as well as continue to practice their coloured words as often as possible.

Literacy

In Literacy, the children have been very enthusiastic about learning the SMART Spelling word and sentence of the week. The children are enjoying the learning experiences we do to support this. They are being provided with many reading and writing opportunities using the sounds and common words we have been focusing on as well as working on their handwriting skills and pencil grip.



Numeracy

In Numeracy, the children are mastering counting to 20 and beyond. It is so important at this young age that children gain a good understanding of numbers, how to read them, how to count them, and also how to create them using concrete materials such as counters or unifix blocks. Recently our students learnt all about Shapes, with a special focus on the circle, triangle, square and rectangle. They are on display in our classrooms and they look amazing as you can see below! Next week the students will begin learning about Measurement.

SHAPE MONSTERS:





Religion

In Religion, we have looked at how we can be more like Jesus during this period of Lent. Children have been exploring the significance of Lent and Easter and are developing an awareness of the signs and symbols associated with this time.

Caritas Fundraiser

Each year we promote 'almsgiving' as part of Lent. This is when we reach out to help others. To support this, the Preps and Juniors are raising money for Caritas – Project Compassion. We ask that each family donate an Easter egg for the raffle prizes which will be drawn in the last week of term. We have also sent home some raffle tickets for you to purchase/sell (\$1 each). If you would like extra tickets, please see Donna at the office.

<u>Inquiry</u>

In Inquiry, we have been learning about 'Fairness and Friendship.' We are looking at how we can work well together and appropriately manage conflict with our peers. This week Healthy Harold came to visit us and further taught us how to build friendships and care for others. We also explored our feelings and emotions and discussed people we can turn to for help.

Specialist

Art/Library/Sport/Music – Tuesday Sport – Friday We ask that children continue to wear their sports uniform to school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Buddies

The Preps have been introduced to their Grade 6 Buddies. Our Buddies will assist us in the playground if we need help and will organise fun activities with us once a fortnight. We encourage them to build a positive, friendly relationship with their Prep buddy so that we as Preps feel safe and happy at school and they, as Senior students, continue to grow to be responsible, nurturing people.



Thank you for your support, The Prep Team - Rach, Dave and Jane.

Juniors

Flying Start!

How fast the Term has flown which is a true indication that we are loving being back together without interruption. We wish Jordy a restful break and look forward to her return in the last week of Term. We have Tim Arnel joining our team during this time.

Writing

We are developing our Writing skills by using Plans to help sort out our ideas. We are using rich words and creating sentences which have more than one piece of information. We do this by using words such asbecause, so, and, while, but, therefore, if, however. We are also studying different Genres, focusing on Recounts and Narratives, Fact versus Fiction.



Writing in Focus Groups and Writing "From the Heart'- free choice writing.

Reading

We ask that all students please read to an adult every night. Once completed please write the title and a small comment in their reader diary. Students will also be required to read every morning when they arrive at school before they go outside to play.

When reading at home together, before reading, predict the story, look through the illustrations using the language in the book, stop half way and share what you think might happen next, check your predictions at the end. Finally ask your child to retell the story checking comprehension.

This is what our Literacy Block looks like!

Busy Learners!







SMART Spelling

We are finding that many children are not completing their Spelling homework. We are only asking for children to do 2 nights a week. We check on Fridays. We congratulate those children who regularly complete their work. We continue to challenge all children.

Numeracy

In Maths we have completed our Addition unit and have now moved onto Subtraction. We are continuing with our counting practise at the beginning of each lesson, counting by 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's both forwards and backwards, finding the number that is 10 more or less.

Religion-Lent/Easter

In Religion we are learning all about Lent. On Shrove Tuesday we shared pancakes and learnt about the importance of this day. The following day, Ash Wednesday we shared a special prayer together. We continue to discuss Caritas and the importance of raising money for those less fortunate.

Easter Egg Raffle

As part of the Junior and Foundation area fundraiser for Caritas, we are holding an Easter Egg Raffle. We are asking for Easter Egg donations and raffle tickets have been sent home. Please ask your child's classroom teacher if you would like more tickets. Raffles will be drawn in the last week of Term 1, good luck!

Assembly

Junior East will be presenting Assembly Prayer on Monday 21st March. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us in the MacKillop Centre at 2.45pm.

Inquiry – "Healthy Harold" Visit

As part of our Inquiry topic we were lucky enough to have a visit from Healthy Harold. During this visit we learnt about what makes a good friend. We will continue this work for the rest of the term focusing on friendships and what keeps us safe and healthy.



Specialist

Students continue to have specialist classes on <u>Wednesdays</u>. Children need to wear their <u>Sports uniform</u> every Wednesday and Friday. Junior West also need to bring their Library bag each Wednesday. Those children not having Library can change books on Fridays with their class teacher. These next few weeks will be Junior East.

Next Monday and the last Monday of Term, children will be involved in a Football Clinic. This is a great way to include all children in this form of Sport. So please ask children to wear their Sports uniform on these days as well. Thanks Shane for providing us with this opportunity.

Weeks 6-11 (Wednesday) Junior West: PE/LIBRARY Junior East: LOTE/ART

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. Jordyn, Joanie, Sara, Tan, Tim, Ally, Bern, Georgia and Elli.

Middles

We have worked hard to establish routines, which are so important to the learning experiences of each of our students. To know and understand the structure of the day, what is happening and where / what they are going to do, allows students to be confident and comfortable to go about their Living and Learning at St Josephs.

NUMERACY

The focus of Term 1 is consolidating core numeracy knowledge, skills and strategies. This is focused on identifying numbers, ordering / rearranging numbers to make them bigger or smaller, place value, number patterns, and addition and subtraction strategies. It is important to consolidate this core knowledge, as it is necessary to apply it in other areas of Maths, such as Operations (Multiplication Division, Addition, Subtraction) Measurement and Statistics and Probability.

LITERACY

Our focus in Reading is exploring Narratives; the theme, characters, settings, complication and how the story ends. Our Reading is connected to our Writing, through developing our own Narratives, using familiar themes found in our reading. Theme's we have looked at are; action, adventure, fantasy, teamwork, achievements and friendships. We use our whole school "Writing Process" to guide our work in writing, allowing for structured learning experiences. Other areas we have focused on are handwriting, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.

INQUIRY

In our Inquiry Learning, we are focusing on who we are and how our emotions, feelings, reactions and words can be positive and also negative. We have learnt a lot about ourselves, so we can be aware of others.

SCIENCE

It has been very exciting to venture outside and explore our beautiful school!! Our focus for Science is "Living and Non-Living Things". We have been looking at our school environment discussing what we discover and are quite often surprised at what we can see!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Lent is our focus for the remainder of Term 1. Lent is a time for preparing for Easter. In Lent we can be more giving, prayerful and fasting. We have looked at the symbols of Lent and how we can best prepare for Easter.

In the Middle School, we have a real focus on the values of St Mary MacKillop, which guide us in all aspects of our daily lives;

"NEVER SEE A NEED WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT" At St Joseph's we.. Need to have a Positive Attitude Need to be Active. Need to take Action.

HOMEWORK

Reading - Students should **read for 15 - 20 minutes each night** to develop confidence, accuracy, fluency, expression and use of reading and literacy strategies. Home reading is also vital in helping students to build vocabulary and comprehension. A parent / carer signature is required each night, as returning Student Diaries each morning to the teacher is an important part of the morning routine, as well as monitoring student progress.

SMART Spelling - At St Joseph's we have a P-6 focus on spelling using the SMART Spelling Program. Students will have a list of spelling words to learn each week, which will focus on a particular sound. Students are encouraged to spend time practising these words at home and completing their tasks, to assist with their spelling development. It is also beneficial for students to regularly revise words they have previously learnt.

Maths - There are a number of ways that you can help and assist with your child's learning at home. Your child can practise counting in patterns, using lego to count various collections, playing board games, cutting and sorting food into equal groups or portions etc. Promoting a positive experience will help your child to develop confidence and build on their strategies.

Thank you,

Mark, Ebony, Virginia, Kelly, Makayla, Deb, Clayton and Amanda.





Photos from February 17th Excursion to Murray Life Adventures.

Seniors

"We are the standard!"

Literacy

We continue to focus on our SMART Spelling each week and expect our students to practise their words each night. In Reading we are working on comprehension strategies identified in our testing earlier in the year. In writing we are about to begin our biographies on someone we admire. So far we have interviewed our admired person and look ahead to writing a biography and presenting this to the class. We continue to encourage our Seniors to read each night and have their diary signed. We also expect everyone to read for 5 minutes each morning before school begins or read to their teacher.

Numeracy

Over the next few weeks we will continue our focus on Addition and Subtraction. In class, we have been learning different computation strategies, such as chunking, compensating, and the vertical algorithm to help us work out different types of problems. As well, several of our Senior students will be participating in our first Maths Olympiad next Wednesday. They have been practising their problem solving skills and we can't wait to see how they go!

Inquiry

We have been revamping our school Triple A by presenting them via a Slides presentation. We will be beginning a new unit about Ethics and Emotions to finish off our term.

COVID

We continue to encourage healthy practices in our classes by sanitising, wearing masks and maintaining good ventilation. More RAT Kits were sent home with students today.

eLearning webinar

Today our Senior students participated in a live virtual classroom webinar, which looked at how our actions and words can make the online world a better place for everyone. It was a great opportunity to hone our skills and knowledge in the area of cyber safety, especially about how to deal with cyberbullying.

Specialist Updates

As we have passed the half-way point in our term, we have swapped our specialist activities. Students are able to wear their Sport Uniforms on days when they have PE lessons (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).

Murray Life Excursion

We enjoyed an adventurous day out at Murray Life on Friday the 18th of February. Our students enjoyed the Giant swing, archery, bush surfing, flying fox, rock climbing and obstacle course. We commend our students on their impeccable behaviour; this was also noted by the Murray Life staff members. Well done everyone!





Specialist Weeks 7 - 11

<u>Tuesday</u> Senior S & Senior B - PE Senior K/I & Senior T - LOTE

<u>Wednesday</u> Senior S & Senior B - Art & LOTE Senior K/I & Senior T - PE & Library



Project Compassion

This term we have been learning about the work that Caritas does for the less fortunate all around the world. We have been hearing stories of people who they've helped and creating profiles on their countries, including Anatercia from Mozambique. As a way to raise awareness for the work that Caritas do, we will be holding a Cake Stall to raise money for Caritas and Project Compassion. We will be hosting it at the end of Week 10, and more details will come out closer to the date. We are excited to do our part to help make the world a better place.

Thank you, Senior School Staff

Adam, Liam, Loreena, Dom, Jeremy, Karlene, Sue and Ray.

Sports News



Sporting Schools Funding

Over the last 6 years we have been extremely fortunate to receive ongoing funding as part of the Sporting Schools grants program. The money has been used to run a variety of sporting programs as well as purchase sporting equipment.

In Term 4 2021 and Term 1 2022 our funding has been used to provide Grade 5/6 and Grade 3/4 students with a Tennis Program conducted by Keystone Tennis.



The students have been able to improve their skills and gain an understanding of a popular Australian Sport. Hopefully this exposure will give them the confidence to continue playing into the future.

Zone & Regional Swimming. We sent 4 students to Shepparton for the recent Zone Swimming Championships. Our kids performed to the best of their ability with Georgia Robertson progressing to the

Regional Championships after a first place in her Backstroke Event.

Unfortunately, she missed out on qualifying for the

State Championships after finishing in second place within an arm length of the winner in her Backstroke Race.

Thanks again to the students for their continued support of our Swimming Carnival and Zone/Regional races in Shepparton.

Library

I'd like to remind everyone that all orders for issue #2 Bookclub are due back at school by tomorrow, Friday 18th March. Ordering can be made by filling out the end sheet of the Bookclub pamphlet and sending it back to school with the appropriate amount of money. Please remember to include your child's name and grade on the sheet. You can also order online via LOOP- information below. Thank you,

Mary





St John's Parish OSHC News

We are nearly up to the end of Term 1. Our number have been increasing so we welcome Matilda to After School Care. Matilda brings a wealth of experience and knowledge having lead other OSHC programs, and is currently continuing her studies. We hope everyone has had the chance to say Hi, as the children are making sure that she has their attention.

The children are enjoying themselves with colouring in, bead making sports & lot of other fun activities. We have started our Easter Craft with bunnies, sand art and cards. There is also an Easter colouring competition that the children can enter.

VACATION CARE

Vacation Care shall be running again during the next school holidays, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 8am to 5pm. Bookings are now open. The cost shall remain the same, \$60.00 per day with Child Care subsidies also provided.

If you are current users of the program, then you can book via the My Family Lounge App, or contact the school office.

If you wish to start using the program, please contact the office for enrolment information.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Sue, Ash & Matilda







Student of the Week

<u>Sen S</u> Cadell Black

For always being a positive and friendly classmate, who is always willing to help others. Keep it up Cadell!

<u>Sen B</u> Myla Stuart

For setting a fantastic example each and every day and always offering to help anyone in need.

<u>Sen K</u> Kayleesha Parravicini

For making such a positive start to 2022. It is lovely getting to know the kind and creative person you are!

<u>Sen T</u> Zac Gawne

For always bringing in his diary and always being polite.

<u>Mid H</u> Addi Stuart

For her kind and considerate nature, always willing to help others.

<u>Mid M</u> Ash Curtis

For sharing his passion of drawing with the class and being a friendly class member.

<u>Mid N</u> Isla Culton

For the effort she is putting into her learning. Well done Isla.

Mid O Kael Arho

For giving 100% when working with Mrs Lukies. Well done Kael, keep up your positive attitude.

Jun S Caleb Campbell

For giving all tasks his best and making good learning choices. Keep up the fantastic work Caleb!

Jun N Henry Bau

For having a positive attitude towards his school work, especially reading, we are so proud of you Henry!

Jun A Flynn Keane

For being a kind and friendly classmate who is always volunteering to take on extra responsibility. You are such fun to be around Flynn!

Jun W Parker Patching

For his commitment to his morning reading routine and being a fabulous role model. Keep up the good work Parker!

<u>Prep M</u> Harper Gledhill

For having a positive attitude towards school and always trying her best. You are a star Harper!

<u>Prep J</u> Asten Wilson

For trying his best, listening carefully and working hard on his reading skills. Well done Asten!

Triple A Social Skill Award

This is awarded to students in each class who display excellence in the Triple A Social Skill that we focus on each week. At St Joseph's we need to have a positive Attitude, need to have Awareness & need to take Action.

Congratulations to the following students who received the social skill award in Week 7 Assertiveness:

Olive Trimble, Leo Martin, Zarliah Collins, Nate Duffett, Zoe Altoft, Mikayla Penny, Peyton Lee, Jess Green, Sophia McPherson, Tess McCracken, Sol Frost, Konnar Stell, Harry Oswald and Remi Storer.

Canteen

March

18th Julia Campbell

- 21st Volunteer
- 22nd Volunteer
- 23rd Volunteer
- 24th Rachel Robertson
- 25th Kim Thompson
- 28th Pupil Free Day
- 29th Volunteer
- 30th Kate McGregor

31st Volunteer

April

- 1st Sheree Lawless
- 4th Volunteer
- 5th Kirsty O'Meara
- 6th Volunteer
- 7th Sarah Burkitt
- 8th Kimberly McPherson

If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as last resort let Marcella know in advance, so she is aware that she has no helper that day. **Can you spare 1-2 hours**

once a month? Please let Marcella or the office know if you would like to join her in the canteen.

Community Notices

Numurkah FNC Junior Footy



This year our Junior Age Divisions for our youngest footballers are Auskick then Under 9s and Under 11s. Our Auskick will continue at the Showgrounds under the guidance of Clayton Patching. Mark O'Callaghan will coach the U9s with Greg Rogers coaching the 11s. Training will commence soon so stay tuned. Please contact Rob Smith or Paul Arnel for more information. To join or renew your membership...

At the Numurkah Town Hall 6.30pm on Saturday 19th February (Movie night). Please note we do <u>not</u> have eftpos facilities so please pay with cash.

Alternatively ...Complete our Membership form ... (attached within this MailChimp email plus via our Facebook) and make a direct transfer of funds. Please don't forget to put your 'surname' as the reference.

You must be fully vaccinated to attend and proof is required

Thanks to all our loyal members for hanging in there with us you will be pleased to hear that we have reduced our fees for 2022 due to the disruption to our program during the last 2 seasons. Families/Couple \$40 and Singles \$20

'See you at the movies'





2022 MEMBERSHIP

2022 NET SET GO at Numurkah Football Netball Club

The purpose of Net-Set-Go is to learn and develop basic fundamental skills required in Netball.



5 - 10 years of age * children that turn 5 years of age this year are eligible to participate

Cost: Netball registration \$68

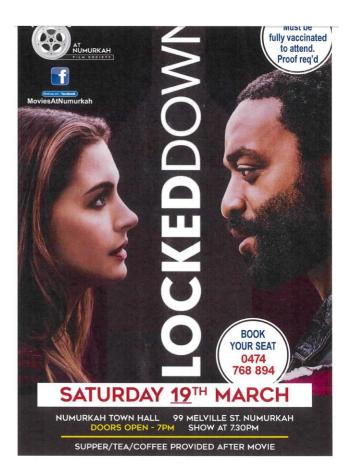
Registrations: Please register your child online (Netball Results Vault) before the first Friday Training

https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/login

Contact person: Leanne Rawson - 0429 729 766

If possible, please join this Facebook page: Net-Set-Go 2020 Numurkah Football Netball Club

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