

BRONTE

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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 10



After a holiday hiatus....the newsletter returns! We hope you stayed warm and dry during stormageddon last week. Here's to the remaining school holidays being filled with fun, relaxation and plenty of sunshine!

Some of our kids are gearing up for the final carnivals of the season and our training groups have resumed for all those enrolled.

SHARK ACTIVITY

We have been shaken by the recent bull shark attacks and upset for all those affected. We expect that our Nippers families may feel a range of emotions about getting back into the water following these events.

At Nippers this Sunday, we will do what we do every week: make a thorough risk assessment with the Waverley Council Lifeguards prior to, and during, Nippers about all aspects of water safety: conditions, wave size, swell direction, tides, water quality, visibility and any marine creature activity.

If the flags are up and our assessment allows the Nippers water program to go ahead, we will be staying close to shore and will not be doing any long-distance paddles. As advised by SLS Sydney Branch, we will also have the IRB in the water with its engine running throughout Nippers as engine noise provides an additional deterrent to marine animals. Please feel free to raise any concerns. No Nipper is required to participate in water activities if they are uncomfortable to do so.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU STU WERNER!

We wish Stu Werner and his family the very best with their move to NZ! Stu has been Age Managing the U12 boys with so much care and such a sense of fun since the beginning. We will miss you!

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your diaries with all of the below that is relevant to your family:

- Saturday 31 January: Dippers commences with weekly sessions until 21 March.
- Saturday 31 January (beach runs/U9 & U10 beach) and Sunday 8 February (all other events): Sydney Branch Champs (entries closed – more info below).

- Sunday 1 February: Club Champs Round 2 (diarise 7am start for full program). Officials required!
- Thursday 19 February – Sunday 22 February: State Championships (Entries closed – alert nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au to any changes asap / [all event info here](#)).
- Sunday 15 March: last day for the season and U14 graduation.
- For more, see the [Bronte Nippers calendar here](#).

MERMAID SWIM NIPPER CAMPS: <https://www.mermaidswim.com.au/session-category/surf-sports/>

Jo Mermaid's Nipper camps are a brilliant way to develop and advance skills, keep fit and have a heap of fun over summer. There is 1 more week of camp. Click above for all the details – HIGHLY recommend!

SYDNEY BRANCH CARNIVAL – Saturday 31 January @ South Maroubra (beach runs/U9 &10 beach events) and Sunday 8 February @ Elouera/Wanda (all other events). Entries closed.

Best of luck to Team Bronte, heading to the Sydney Branch carnival! A reminder that the family of each competing nipper is required to volunteer, and that our kids cannot compete without our required quotas of Officials, Water Safety, IRB and First Aid.

Carnival information: all [published information re the Carnival is here](#) and the current programs are here: [p13-14 for 31 January](#) / [p19-20 for 8 February](#).

Commitment! registrations have closed. If you have signed up your Nipper to Branch or State, the commitment you made on behalf of your child is important to their fellow teammates and to the Club. Teams have been formed, based on your registrations, volunteer quotas are set based on these same registrations, and the Club has paid a significant entry fee bill for Branch. Nippers and volunteers are expected to attend. So...blank the diary, collate your gear, tell the school if your child needs to be excused from sport or class and pitch in for a great experience! If your circumstances have changed, please **email asap your age managers, team members and:** nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au.

RECENT CARNIVAL WRAP UPS

Wamberal Race Once Junior Iron Person: 2 Bronte Nippers headed up the highway for the Wamberal Iron – congratulations to Teddy Heritage and Luke Haddock for competing!

Manly Nipper Nats: Congratulations to team Bronte who headed to Manly for Nipper Nats on Sunday. We fielded a small and mighty bunch who did themselves and Bronte proud.

North Cronulla Australia Day Iron: Good luck to the following Nippers, heading to the North Cronulla Australia Day Iron Person: Maverick Gavin, Jude Recio, Lucas Recio, Harriet Towill, Parker Recio, Frankie Towill, Luke Haddock.

DIPPERS, Bronte, Saturday 31 Jan – 21 March 8am-9am. Volunteers required!

Our Bronte Dippers program commences shortly. Dippers is an inclusive Nippers program, run in conjunction with Autism Swim. Bronte Dippers will run for 8 weeks on Saturday mornings from 8am-9am. We have an incredible bunch of volunteers signed up but will always welcome more. Please let

dippers@brontesurfclub.com.au know if you are keen, and sign up via [this link](#). Read more about the program [here](#).

GENERAL REMINDERS

The Roll: All nippers must be SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT.

U9 on BBQ this Sunday (7.30am-11.30am) Let your group know if you can assist on the BBQ this week via the poll on your WhatsApp chat. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!

Water Safety: all water safety must sign in each week to accrue hours – sign in sheets on the table in front of the deck. Water safety hours cannot be backdated – SLS closes the recording logs within a limited timeframe.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!

