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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 2



What a beautiful Sunday! We were rapt to see surf conditions settle and our U10+ nippers complete their proficiency swims. It was particularly exciting to see so many kids jumping back in to swim the course over and over and over again! Fingers crossed for perfect conditions for remaining proficiencies this weekend...

THIS WEEK'S ESSENTIALS

Missing Nippers Drill this Sunday, during 10am session (U8, U12, U13): each year we are required to run a 'missing nipper' training session and drill to ensure we are as prepared as we can be for any real-life scenario. This is undertaken by the water safety team and overseen by Sydney Branch duty officers. When the alarm sounds, all nippers will be evacuated to the park (as they would be in a real-life situation) and the roll will be called for each group. Please ensure that your child stays with their group, goes into the park and is accounted for by their Age Managers! Please do not leave the beach before this occurs.

Club Champs Round 1 for U8-U14 (normal nippers U6 & 7): next Sunday 10 November from **7am-11am** if full water and sand event program running (later if sand-only events due to swell). Timetables [here](#). **Note earlier start for all U8-U14.** More info in the [Nippers Handbook](#) on our website). We need plenty of help from our officials and trainee officials to run Club Champs! Please [sign up here](#).

Saturday 9 November: [U8 carnival at South Maroubra](#). For proficient U8s who wish to give competition a go, this is a terrific first carnival and pre-cursor to the Waverley Shield. Please let nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au know if you wish to enter **by Monday 4 November**. To make it a super fun one, gather your friends and arrange to take a tent from the office for your group.

Waverley Shield, Sunday 17 November at Bondi, U8+: pop it in your diary! More info below + update to follow after the Branch planning meeting next week. Normal nippers at Bronte for U6 & U7.

BBQ: U12G rostered this Sunday. [Please let us know here](#) when you will help.

Water Safety: Reminder to sign in to accrue volunteer hours via the folder outside the Club. We are phasing out the extra sign-in sheet on attendance rolls as there were so many double ups....

Final skills maintenance for this season: Saturday 9 November @6.30am-8.30am. If you are not proficient and miss this one, you'll need to request to join a proficiency being run by another Club. See details in [sign up form](#).

Trainee officials: A massive thank you to all the parents who attended our in-person officials course and to those who are doing the course at home. Please send your completion certificates for each module of the course + WWCC to Jamie Vueti at Sydney Branch (sydoofficials@surflifesavingsydney.com.au).

We look forward to seeing you help out at Club Champs, and at the Waverley Shield where this [assessment sheet](#) can be signed off.

New yellow caps: Thanks to our fantastic sponsor, Carroten, our coveted yellow cap has had a makeover! To secure yours from the office, ensure you have a current WWCC **and** have completed either of the following via your SLS Members Area Account:

- 2024 Age Manager Skills Maintenance; or
- Recent (2024) completion of Age Manager Award.

50 years of Nippers celebrations! We can't wait to celebrate this milestone! [Let us know here](#) if you're keen to help bring this to life.

Another reminder.....swimming lessons: Swimming is the foundation of Nippers. It is not safe, nor fair, to expect your children to swim confidently in the ocean if they are not in regular swimming lessons or squads each week, **all year** round. We do not teach your children to swim at Nippers and swimming at Bronte is challenging. Confident swimming will make your child's nippers experience so much more rewarding.

WAVERLEY SHIELD NIPPERS CARNIVAL (U8-U14) – SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER – BONDI

The Waverley Shield Nippers Carnival is a friendly, annual competition between the surf clubs of the Waverley Council area. It's a great morning for all interested, proficient kids to 'have a go' at competing amongst club mates, school mates, and new mates in a familiar environment. Responsibility for 'hosting' the carnival is rotated (this year, Bondi), but all Clubs play a role each year to make it happen.

Below are the sign-up links for nippers to enter the carnival (all must officially pre-enter carnivals – nippers cannot simply turn up), as well as for volunteer roles. We need plenty of parents to get involved, and the more we have, the less work for everyone 😊

1. Nippers – [sign up here](#) to enter the carnival
2. Parents – [sign up here](#) to volunteer (choose 17 November 2024)
3. Officials & trainee officials – [sign up here](#) to volunteer
4. Water Safety (Bronze Medallion) – [sign up here](#) (choose 17 November 2024)

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITION FOR U8-U14

The following carnivals are currently scheduled: see the [SLS Sydney Branch Surf Sports Calendar](#).

All ocean proficient Nippers aged U9-U14 are able to compete at Nipper carnivals. There is also some competition available for proficient U8. Generally, competition is open to all Nippers - there are no pre-requisites or qualifiers for **most** Carnivals, other than completion of pool **and** ocean proficiency swims.

There are, however, some things to keep in mind:

- Subject to the below, the Club will cover entry fees for Nippers who have enrolled in, and paid for, the board or sand training squads and who enter before the cut off. Those not enrolled are welcome to compete, but will need to cover associated costs. For local carnivals, these are fairly minimal.
- In relation to the Waverley Shield and the U8 Carnival at South Maroubra – no enrolment in training squads is required – the Club will cover all entries.
- Most information re Carnivals will be circulated via the specific training group communications.
- Entries to Carnivals close some time prior to the events – interested families must contact nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au well in advance to express their interest.
- Carnivals are volunteer-run and the Club is obliged to send a quota of water safety and officials corresponding to entry numbers. Our kids cannot compete without this. Any family who sends a Nipper to compete **must expect to volunteer**. If you are not water safety, you will need to do the Officials Course (see details [here](#)). This cannot be done last minute – please start preparing now if your child is interested in competing this season.
- There are a few additional considerations for Branch and State: although open to all, these are ‘championship’ carnivals, rather than ‘participation’ carnivals, designed for the top competitors only in each age group. Note there is some current discussion re increasing the cost of State Champs quite substantially – entry fee tbc if this occurs.

TRAINING FOR U9+: BOARD TRAINING AND SAND TRAINING

Nippers board training and sand training for U9+ is off to a cracking start – fantastic to see so many nippers coming to try it out and working to improve!

Info and comms: all information regarding training is [here](#). Board training comms are via the ‘Bronte Board Training’ team on StackTeamApp. Sand training comms are via the ‘Bronte Sand Training’ chat in the Bronte Nippers WhatsApp Community.

Adult assistance: nippers need to be SIGNED IN and SIGNED OUT of training and a responsible adult must be there for each child. For board training:

- water safety is required. If there is insufficient water safety, the session may be cancelled or the number of kids in the water may be limited. Water Safety must bring orange rashies, goggles, flippers, and be prepared to get into the water.
- kids cannot re-enter the water at the end of training until they are signed out of the session and into the responsibility of a parent.

Payment now due: our trial weeks have now finished and it is time to make payment for training:

- Login to your SLS Members Portal
- Click the ‘\$’ sign on the top, right of the home page and use the following:
 - Transaction Type: Other (from drop down list)
 - Description: Nipper sand training for [full name of child]
 - Amount: \$330 for board training / \$220 for sand training

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!!

Nippers Committee: Ant Burrows, Jess Stewart, Al Visch, Tara O'Reilly, Neil Hayward, Steve Brown