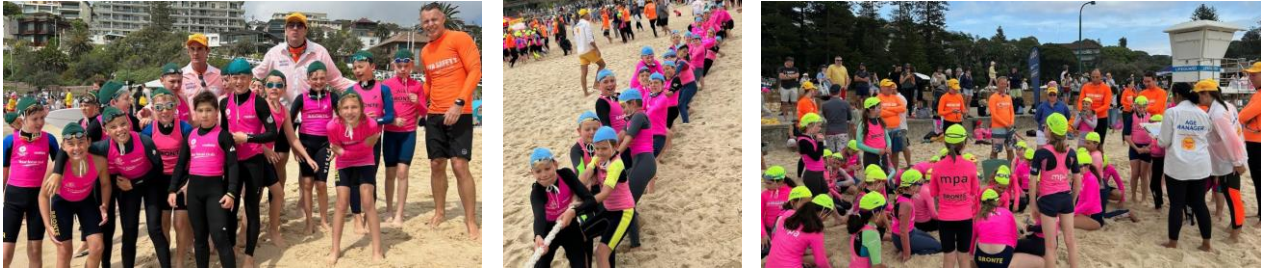


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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 1



What a fun start to Nippers! We loved meeting all our Under 6 families last week and then welcoming all our Nippers to Bronte on Sunday. Congratulations to every Nipper who participated, to every child who challenged themselves and to our amazing team of volunteers who made it happen!

Conditions permitting, we aim to complete ocean proficiency swims this weekend for all U9+ so please arrive on time and ready to go. A reminder that completing the pool proficiency, followed by completing the ocean proficiency, are pre-requisites to participating at Nippers and to all ocean activities for U9+.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- **Communication & information:** the Bronte Nippers Community WhatsApp + the information [on our website](#) are your go-to resources for Nippers information. There is loads there!
- **Calendar:** see [here](#). This is updated through the season. For our competitors, note Branch Carnival is likely to be 9 February 2025 at Bate Bay with beach runs on Friday 7 (TBC). State Champs is 6-9 March 2025.
- **Sunday attendance roll:** All nippers must be **SIGNED IN and SIGNED OUT**. We phone all those who do not sign out, so please be sure you sign out to save our time (& our worry!)
- **No cap, no rashie = no nippers, no exceptions.** Please mark your child's first name in thick black permanent marker on both sides of their cap so they can be easily identified / communicated with.
- **BBQ: U13G** rostered this Sunday. All parents from all age groups welcome to assist at any time. [Please let us know here](#) when you will help.
- **Water Safety:**
 - Reminder to sign in to accrue volunteer hours either via the sign-in sheet included in your age group attendance folder or via the folder outside the Club.
 - [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](#).
- **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.

VOLUNTEERING - WE NEED YOU!

Nippers is volunteer run! With literally hundreds of families involved, a small input from everyone ensures an even spread and a terrific time for all. [See here](#) for all the details and options.

- **All General Parents are expected to:**
 - [Help on the BBQ](#), at minimum on their rostered day, and ideally whenever they can.
 - Assist with set up / pack up (boards, flags, tug-of-war rope, age flag, BBQ equipment etc)
- **All General Parents are encouraged to:**
 - [Earn a 'yellow cap'](#) and help out – it's so easy, and a heap of fun!
 - Work towards achieving [the Bronze Medallion](#) to provide water safety (orange rashies);
 - If your child competes, [complete the Technical Officials Course](#) to assist at Carnivals.
- **Upcoming special events:**
 - 10 November: [Club Champs](#) for U8+. *Note earlier start times: from 7am for all U9+ and from 9.30am for U8 for the full program. Help needed for set up, pack up, and officiating.
 - 17 November: Waverley Shield for U8+ (a friendly carnival for all between the Clubs of the Waverley Council). All attending families are expected to volunteer. More info to follow;
 - 1 December: Junior Ocean Swim for U9+ / Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim
 - 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.
- **A special note re the BBQ.....** the Nippers BBQ is a Sunday institution! It's also an important fundraiser for our Club. [PLEASE PITCH IN](#) – no qualification required! Just tell us via the sign up and rock up! We have 2 BBQ managers (Xavier & Owen) but need a throng of volunteers from 7.45am-11.30am every week to keep that queue flowing and all our nippers families happily fed.

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 working to improve! Sign up ASAP if you're keen to join in. All information regarding training is [here](#).

SUNDAY SIPS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Club has a terrific range of social and training events for adult members:

- Sunday Sips is held upstairs at the Club every Sunday afternoon.
- Pilates with Harries at 6am on Monday and Friday mornings (\$22 card-only payment). Bring your own mat. Spots are limited so don't be late!
- Sunday Surf Race at 11am on Sundays with Barry Brignell. Handicapped swim race around the cans, and available to all proficient Bronze Medallion holders, SRC, and Competition Squad members.
- Swim group with Garry Luscombe, Wednesdays 6am at Bondi (meet in front of North Bondi SLSC). Contact office to sign up to the WhatsApp group.
- Paddle groups (beginners and intermediate) for proficient Bronze Medallion and SRC holders ONLY - check the website and join the relevant Club WhatsApp groups for details. Intermediate paddlers usually meet at 6am on Tuesdays.

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

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