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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 9



After a holiday hiatus....the newsletter returns – so much coming up! We hope you're all having a terrific school holiday break, and that you have all been enjoying some ocean time with plenty of blue sky and warm surf. What an amazing morning in the ocean for our Nippers on Sunday and congratulations to all kids who competed at Nipper Nats!

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your diaries with these ones (and find further detail below if relevant to you):

- Saturday 1 February: Dippers commences with weekly sessions until 22 March.
- Sunday 2 February: Club Champs Round 2 (diarise 7am start for full program).
- Friday 7 and Sunday 9 February: Sydney Branch Champs (entries closed – more info below).
- Friday 31 Jan-Sunday 2 February: U11 Development Camp Sydney Branch (applications extended to end week. [See info here](#)).
- Sunday 2 March: State Champs team meeting at 11am.
- Thursday 6 March – Sunday 9 March: State Championships (entries finalised this week; [all event info here](#)).
- Friday 14 March: Nippers Disco, hosted by U8.
- Sunday 16 March: celebration of 50 years of Bronte Nippers, U14 graduation and last day for the season. [Let us know here](#) if you can help bring this celebration to life!
- For more, see the [Bronte Nippers calendar here](#).

SYDNEY BRANCH CARNIVAL – Friday 7 (Beach Runs) and Sunday 9 February, Cronulla & Wanda (entries closed).

Best of luck to Team Bronte, heading to the Sydney Branch carnival in a couple of weeks! A reminder that 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: [U9 – U10 @ Cronulla](#) / [U11-U14 @ Wanda](#).

Commitment! registrations have closed. Age managers have formed teams based on your registrations, volunteer quotas are set based on these same registrations, and the Club will shortly pay a significant entry fee bill. Nippers are expected to attend their events and any no-shows will be followed up [per policy](#). Equally, volunteers are expected to commit to their chosen role. If your circumstances have changed, please **email asap your age managers and:** nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au.

RECENT CARNIVAL WRAP UPS

Narabeen Junior Beach: Congratulations to Emily Snow who won a silver medal in the U12 Beach Flags!

Wamberal Race Once Junior Iron Person: 5 Bronte Nippers headed up the highway for the Wamberal Iron – congratulations to Rosie and Frenchie Rugendyke, Tilly and Lexi Smith and Luke Haddock for competing. Big applause to Frenchie who came 4th in her age group!

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. A particular shout out to Presley Whalan who interrupted his own board race to assist a fellow nipper in need. Here are some of the top 10 results:

- Charlotte Brickell (U11): final surf race; quarter final ironperson; final mixed cameron
- Imogen Tencate (U11): quarter final ironperson; quarter final board race; final mixed cameron
- Max Hart (U11): final board race; final board relay; final mixed cameron; quarter final ironperson
- Parker Recio (U11): final board relay; semi final board race
- Presley Whalan (U11): Silver medal surf race; final ironperson; final mixed Cameron; final board relay
- Emily Snow (U12): Silver medal flags; semi final sprint
- Edison Whalan (U13): 8th surf race, semis ironperson
- Luke Haddock (U13): final surf race; semi final board; quarter final iron person

Good luck to everyone heading to the North Cronulla Australia Day Iron Person!

DIPPERS, Bronte, Saturday 1 Feb – 22 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](#) and see a terrific article written by Bronte patroller and SMH journalist, Andrew Taylor, [here](#).

GENERAL REMINDERS

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

BBQ – U9B (19 January – 7.45am-11.30am): Let your age managers know if you can assist on the BBQ this week. Help is required between 7.45am-11.30am. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [here](#). The sign up link to volunteer on the BBQ is [here](#).

Water Safety: all water safety must sign in via the sheets outside the office each week to accrue hours.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!

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