

BRONTE

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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 7



Huge congratulations to all Nippers and parents who took part in the Junior Ocean Swim and the Bondi to Bronte on Sunday – such an epic effort from our kids in very challenging conditions! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to bring this event to life. Congratulations also to Noah Timewell, Roque and Matilda R Rendic on their results at the Longreef Junior Carnival.

This weekend is our last Sunday Nippers before a Christmas break. Look out for our special visitor....ho ho ho!! We also have a delivery of Bagels expected from Abes Bagels (SLS Sydney Branch sponsor) to distribute to families. Lunch boxes sorted !

BBQ – U8G and U8B this week: 7.30am-11.30am. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required! Sign up via the poll on your WhatsApp chat.

HOLIDAY DATES & REMINDERS

Nippers:

- Sunday 14 December: Last Nippers for 2025.
- Sunday 11 January: Nippers resumes.

Training:

- Beginners board squad: last session Tuesday 9 December; training resumes Tuesday 13 January.
- Development and Competition squads: last session Saturday 14 December; training resumes Tuesday 13 January.
- For those nippers who wish to continue training during the holidays, we highly recommend Jo Mermaid's fantastic nippers holiday camps: <https://www.mermaidswim.com.au/session-category/surf-sports/>
- Sand training: last session Friday 19 December; check WhatsApp for first session back.

DIPPERS, 31 January 2026 – 21 March 2026

Dippers is returning! Dippers is a modified Nippers program for neuro-diverse kids and is run in conjunction with Autism Swim at Bronte on Saturday mornings at 8am in Term 1. Dippers is led by a specialist from Autism Swim, and is staffed by Bronte volunteers. It's an incredible program – just as fun for volunteers as participants! Please see [here](#) for information regarding Dippers and [here](#) to sign up to volunteer. Bronze Medallion holders preferred.

UPCOMING NIPPER CARNIVALS ****Check list of entrants to date at end of this newsletter.**

All entries due as per below to nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au or via form where relevant. Please see the latest calendar [here](#) as well as our Competitor Guidelines for Nipper Carnival Participation [here](#):

- Saturday 3 January: Wamberal - Race One Junior Iron 2026. All welcome. **Due by 15 December.**
- Sunday 11 January: Manly Nipper Nats. All welcome. **Due by 15 December** (entries close over break)
- Monday 26 January: North Cronulla Junior Iron Carnival. All welcome. **Due by 9 January.**
- Saturday 31 January: *Sydney Branch Carnival – Beach Events U9 & U10; Beach Runs U11-U14 @ South Maroubra. Championship Carnival; discuss with your Age Manager. Sign up [via this form](#) **due by 15 December** (entries close over break).
- Sunday 8 February: *Sydney Branch Carnival @ Elouera/Wanda. U9 & U10 water events; U11+ all events (excepting beach runs). Championship Carnival; discuss with your Age Manager. Sign up [via this form](#) **due by 15 December** (entries close over break).
- Thursday 19 February – Sunday 22 February: *NSW State Championships @ Swansea-Belmont; discuss with your Age Manager. See info below. Sign up [via this form](#) **due by 15 December.**
- Note that as Carnivals are volunteer-run, the parents of any child who enters are **expected to volunteer** at the event - water safety and officials quotas apply to **all** carnivals.

CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVALS - BRANCH AND STATE (U9-U14) - RSVP'S REQUIRED BY 15 DECEMBER [VIA THIS FORM](#) *Check list of entrants to date at end of this newsletter.****

Each season there are 2 Championship Carnivals where our top competitors compete against similar from Sydney Branch Clubs, and then NSW Clubs, for Nippers titles. Unlike 'participation' carnivals such as the Waverley Shield and regular [local carnivals listed here](#), these are **only** for our top, committed competitors who are enrolled in regular swimming, board paddling and/ or sand or running training. With limited exceptions (largely for younger age groups), we're looking for a **maximum** of top 8 competitors per group, all of whom should have a LiveHeats band and some prior Carnival experience.

- Entries for these carnivals open and close early (during the school holidays) and there are no late entries for either carnival.
- Only those who [complete this form](#) (1 per child) will be entered into either Carnival.
- Speak to your Age Managers this weekend if you are unsure.
- U9 & U10 can compete in sand and water events. U11+ must choose one discipline.
- Please join the 'Carnival' chat within the Bronte Nippers WhatsApp Community.

- Volunteer quotas are determined based on entries not on who turns up on the day. If your child commits, you commit!
- All parents **must** nominate their volunteer role. Returning families (ie. those whose children have competed at past Championships Carnivals) are expected to volunteer as officials, water safety, first aid, IRB or white shirt age managers. Unqualified roles such as tent transport are **only** for new families. If you are a returning family and have not yet achieved your qualifications or have not volunteered in a qualified role, your child may be removed from entries if our volunteer quotas are short.

THE ESSENTIALS - BRANCH:

- Saturday 31 January @ South Maroubra (U9/U10 sand events and U11+ beach run)
- Sunday 8 February @ Wanda/Elouera: all other events.
- All information is [on this page](#), in particular [in this bulletin](#). The Club gets no information other than from these sources!
- Draft timetables are [in this bulletin](#).
- Qualifying events for State Champs for U11+ will be held at Branch Champs. These include iron, board rescue and all age relays.
- Iron competitors must have competed in Iron at 3 Carnivals in the calendar year preceding Branch Champs (Jan 2025 – Jan 2026).
- During the Carnival, SLS Sydney communicates via Stack TeamApp: download Stack TeamApp, search for 'Surf Sports Sydney' and click 'Become a member of this Stack Team App'.
- Here's a short cut to the Branch volunteering links:
 - [First Aid](#)
 - [Officiating on Saturday 31 January @ South Maroubra](#)
 - [Officiating on Sunday 8 February @ Elouera / Wanda](#)

THE ESSENTIALS - STATE:

- State champs (U9-U14) will be held at Swansea-Belmont SLSC from 19-22 February 2026:
- EVERY SINGLE detail will be posted [to this page](#) (the Club gets all its information [from this page](#) and is not sent anything additional (the relevant Championships is the 'Age Championship').
- The [draft timetable](#) can be found [on this page](#). Be mindful of the need to take time of school and work and book accommodation. Blank the necessary parts of your diary now! Volunteer quotas do not budge for work meetings 😊
- An accommodation suggestion [can be found here](#).
- During the Carnival, SLS NSW communicates via Stack TeamApp: download Stack TeamApp, search for "2026 NSW State Championships" and click 'Become a member of this Stack Team App'.
- [Here's a short cut to the State officials form](#).

CARNIVAL ENTRIES RECEIVED TO DATE

BRANCH CHAMPS ENTRIES		
1	Alex	Mather
2	Carissa	Kolokotronis
3	Chloe	Stalley
4	Elizabeth	Wallis
5	Finn	Kemmann
6	Frankie	Towill
7	Harriet	Towill
8	Isabelle	Burke
9	James	Moorhead
10	Luke	Haddock
11	Maverick	Gavin
12	Milo	Cook
13	Morgan	Penny
14	Olivia	Dargue
15	Thomas	Penny

STATE CHAMPS ENTRIES		
1	Chloe	Stalley
2	Finn	Kemmann
3	Frankie	Towill
4	Harriet	Towill
5	James	Moorhead
6	Luke	Haddock
7	Maverick	Gavin
8	Milo	Cook
9	Morgan	Penny
10	Olivia	Dargue
11	Thomas	Penny

MANLY NIPPER NATS ENTRIES		
1	Charlotte	Brickell
2	Lottie	Sharma
3	Noah	Timewell
4	Willow	Sharma

WAMBERAL JUNIOR IRON ENTRIES		
1	Luke	Haddock

