

BRONTE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 1



What an incredible start to Nippers! We loved seeing the beach full of enthusiastic faces and amazing Bronte Nippers families. Congratulations to every Nipper who participated, and to our amazing team of volunteers who made it happen.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A hearty congratulations to 3 of our U14 kids this week!

Flynn Visch: who reminded us all why our kids do Nippers. Flynn was at board training on Saturday when he noticed a swimmer in distress out the back. His Nipper training kicked in quickly – he paddled to the man, reassured him and put him safely on his board. He kept him safe in the waves until a patroller on a larger board could help the man to shore. We're so proud of you Flynn!

Poppy O'Reilly and Joe Hatton: who represented Bronte at the SLS NSW State Board Riding Championships. Both Nippers made the finals, and Poppy brought home Gold – amazing!

GENERAL REMINDERS

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

Pack up: Please assist with packing up your age group once it finishes and bringing the equipment back up to the Clubhouse, washing it down and putting it away (including boards, tug-of-war rope, beach flags, your age flag etc).

BBQ - U13G this week: This year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ **from 8am-11am** (a full morning!). BUT: most groups will only be rostered on once for the whole season. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [here](#).

PARENTS AT NIPPERS – ONLINE COURSE QUALIFICATION REQUIRED

A reminder that it is an SLS requirement that **all parents who assist at Nippers with their child** must be 'qualified' (requirements: membership of the Club (insurance), WWCC, plus Age Manager Award to become a yellow-capped Age Assistant or Bronze Medallion to be Water Safety). Please get onto this ASAP – we need your help with our youngest Nippers and we expect your kids would like you to remain with them on the sand and in the water!

Qualification as an Age Assistant is so easy!! Just a couple of short online courses:

1. Child Safe Awareness online course (very short);
2. Age Manager Award online course (short);
3. Working With Children Check Number sent to nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au.

All details of how to access and complete the above are here: <https://brontesurfclub.com.au/nipper-parent-involvement>. Age Assistants who complete the course will be given a yellow 'Beach Crew' cap to wear at Nippers.

*Note that although the course is named the 'Age Manager Award', we do not expect you to become Age Leaders - it is simply the SLS pre-requisite to assisting/being on the sand or in the water as part of the group.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

There's plenty coming up! For a full list (updated continuously through the season) see [here](#). In the coming weeks, please diarise the following:

- Tuesday 25 October, 6pm @ Bronte: in-person Officials Course. See below for full details.
- Sunday 6 November, 7am-11am: Club Champs Round 1 for U8-U14 (normal nippers for U6 & U7)
- Sunday 20 November, morning: Waverley Shield for U8-U14

NO CAP, NO RASHIE = NO NIPPERS

All nippers **must** wear their age cap for the duration of their session every Sunday morning and remove it as they sign out. Please mark your child's first name in thick, black permanent marker on both sides of their cap so that they can be easily identified and communicated with. All Nippers aged U8 and up must also wear their pink rashie.

SAND TRAINING HAS COMMENCED FOR U8-U14! Wednesday afternoons, Bronte 4.30pm-5.30pm

Come on down to Bronte on Wednesday afternoons from 4.30pm-5.30pm for sand training. We have a new athletics coach joining us and are looking forward to some great sessions! Your kids are welcome to come down and give it a go before formally registering. Please request access to the Sand Training group within TeamApp for all updates. With so much raw talent amongst our Nippers, we'd love to see their skills develop under the guidance of our new coaching team.

SWIMMING LESSONS - PLEASE ENROL

Swimming is the foundation of Nippers. We do not teach your children to swim at Nippers and swimming at Bronte is challenging. Although we always have plenty of water safety in the water with your children, age appropriate swimming competence and confidence is assumed and will make your child's Nippers experience so much more rewarding.

OFFICIALS NEEDED (U8-U13) – IN PERSON COURSE NEXT TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER, 6PM

In order for our U8-U14 Nippers to be permitted to compete at carnivals, we need to provide a strict quota of Carnival Officials. **Please assume that if your child trains and intends to compete, at least one parent needs to be qualified as an official** (mandatory if neither parent is Water Safety). See all details [here](#).

Sydney Branch is offering an in-person officials course at Bronte next Tuesday 25 October at 6pm sharp.

What a great opportunity to tick it off your list! Please see all detail, as well as sign-up here:

<https://forms.gle/koKngzGQyAVaWa76>

WATER SAFETY

All water safety must sign in via their age group's paper roll each week to accrue hours. Skills maintenance opportunities are running out – please ensure you enrol ASAP [here](#).

NIPPER BOARDS

Any child who wishes to train in the board training squads must have their own board. We have now rented out our limit of boards.

Foamies (U9 & U10): You can still buy your own foam board and register for the Club's Board Buyback program (try Kracka Surfcraft or Bennett Surfboards). The Club will buy back your board in the future if you purchase a new foam board and register the purchase with us. Assuming the board is in good condition, we will pay \$300 to buy back the board after 1 year, and \$200 after 2 years of the original purchase. Please contact the Nipper Gear Steward Steve Brown via: stevetbrown@icloud.com if you would like to register for the Buyback program.

Fibreglass (U11-U13): If you wish to purchase a second hand fibreglass board, try geartrade.com.au or search Facebook for this group: 'Second Hand Surf Lifesaving Craft, Surf Lifesaving Only'.

Redbacks – NOT FOR GENERAL USE

Please remind your children that the Redbacks are not available for post-Nippers play. We have limited Redbacks and they are for U6-U8 ONLY and during Nippers ONLY.

NIPPERS TRAINING, BOARDS: U9-U14 / SAND: U8-U14

Nippers training is now in full swing! Please see separate communications for details (the 'Bronte Board Training' team on TeamApp, and the Sand Team group within the 'Bronte Nippers' team on TeamApp). All information regarding training is [here](#).

UPCOMING CARNIVALS

Pop these ones in your diary (U8-U14):

- Sunday 20 November: the [Waverley Shield](#) at North Bondi. This is the main local carnival for our kids and will replace normal nippers for U8-U14 on Sunday 20th. We encourage everyone to come along and give it a go. Bronte is in charge of the U8 area and we will be looking for significant volunteer contribution from parents of keen competitors.
- Saturday 19 November: [U8 carnival at South Maroubra](#). U8s who wish to make it a weekend of racing, please diarise this one and let nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au know if you wish to enter. A great first carnival for our youngest competitors!
- [Sydney Water Series](#): kicks off this weekend. Entries have closed but late entries are available for keen nippers on the day. Note however that Nippers will need to wait until they are ocean proficient before participating. Please check with nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au before you head off.

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

Nippers Committee: Ant Burrows, Jessica Stewart, Al Visch, Tara O'Reilly, Amy Sharma, Steve Brown



BRONTE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

