

# BRONTE

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## NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 1



What a stunning start to Nippers! We loved seeing the beach full of enthusiastic faces and were so happy to welcome our youngest Nippers back to Bronte. Congratulations to every Nipper who participated, and to our amazing team of volunteers who made it happen.

At this stage, the swell forecast is looking great this coming weekend! Rain doesn't dampen our spirits...

### GENERAL REMINDERS

**The Roll:** All nippers must be SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT. This is a basic safety need, as well as a Covid requirement.

**Pack up:** Please assist with packing up your age group once it finishes and bringing the equipment back up to the Clubhouse (including tug-of-war rope, beach flags, your Channel 10 age flag and bollards).

**Parents:** Only 'qualified' parents can assist on the beach (requirements: Bronze Medallion or Age Manager Award, plus Vaccination – see below). Qualified parents must wear their uniform (AM shirt, WS rashie, or Age Assistant cap). All other parents are requested to move away from the group. All Nippers volunteers must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and only active members who have showed their proof of vaccination can access the Clubhouse.

**BBQ - U12G this week:** This year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ **from 8am-11am** (a full morning!). BUT: each group 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](#).

**Covid: PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF:** you or anyone in your household feels unwell, has tested positive to Covid-19, or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive to Covid-19. This extends to any household where children or volunteers attend a school or workplace currently subject to stay-at-home directions and who have been directed to self-isolate.

### NO CAP, NO RASHIE = NO NIPPERS

Nipper caps identify kids on the beach as Nipper participants, as well as the age group to which they belong. 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.

## SWIMMING LESSONS - PLEASE ENROL

For many, pool closures have affected our ability to swim over winter. Now they're back open, we strongly encourage all Nippers to be enrolled in swim classes or squads **at least** once a week. 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.

## WATER SAFETY: ONLY 1 DATE LEFT FOR SKILLS MAINTENANCE! Sunday 28 November

There is ONLY ONE DATE LEFT FOR SKILLS MAINTENANCE!! Please complete your online portion and register ASAP. There will be NO further opportunities this season.

**All water safety must sign the paper roll each week to accrue hours.**

## AGE MANAGER/ASSISTANT AWARD

If you don't have your Bronze and would like to get involved at Nippers, we strongly encourage you to do the 'Age Manager's course'. The course is short and open to all financial members of the Club. In doing the course we do not expect you to become Age Leaders! It is simply the SLSA pre-requisite to assisting. There are 2 options:

- In person at Bronte on Tuesday 23 November at 7pm. [Please RSVP here.](#)
- Online (details [here](#))

Those who have done the Age Manager course online – please send your certificate of completion and your WWCC number to [nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au). You will then receive a yellow 'Age Assistant' cap to wear at Nippers. To finalise the qualification, you will need to have your 'practical experience' signed off by your Age Manager.

## 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

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](mailto:stevetbrown@icloud.com) if you would like to register for the Buyback program.

### Fibreglass

If you wish to purchase a second hand fibreglass board, try [geartrade.com.au](http://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 there is currently an Australia-wide shortage on supply. They are for U6-U8 ONLY and during Nippers ONLY. Any Nipper caught on Redbacks after the U8 session finishes at 11am this week will be asked to assist, with their parent, at the next board repair night :)

## 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). Water Safety is required at all board sessions.

### Current training timetable:

SESSION	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Beginners Boards with Jo Mermaid</b>	4.20pm-5.30pm Bondi Beach (south of northern flags)			
<b>Development and Competition Boards</b>	4.30pm-5.30pm Bondi Beach (middle)		6am-7am Coogee Beach (north)	3pm-4pm Frenchman's Beach
<b>Sand training</b>		4.30pm-5.30pm Bronte Beach		

### Training fees

Board training fees are \$200 for the season. Children signed up to board training can also participate in sand training sessions. Fees for sand training only are \$100 for the season.

Training fees are payable now via the 'SLS Payment Gateway' [here](#). Please use the following:

*Transaction Type:* Other (from drop down list)

*Description:* Nipper training for [full name of nipper/s]

*Amount:* [insert relevant amount]

### OFFICIALS NEEDED: U9-U14

In order for our 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](#).

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

**Nippers Committee:** Ant Burrows, Jessica Stewart, Al Visch, Tara O'Reilly, Amy Sharma, Kylie von Muenster, Steve Brown, Grant Lovett