

BRONTE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 2



Well done to all our Nippers who braved the challenging conditions on Sunday! We were rapt to see so many Nippers turn up for some fun in the rain.

GENERAL BBQ – U11B 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](#).

GENERAL REMINDERS

The Roll: All nippers must be SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT. Our younger Nippers must be signed in and out by a parent. This is a basic safety need, as well as a Covid requirement. All Water Safety must also sign in via the paper roll to record their hours. Age Assistants – please pitch in and manage the roll-taking process for your Age Managers.

Parents: thank you to all the parents who have completed their Age Assistant qualification – Nippers is much more rewarding with plenty of helpers, particularly in the younger age groups! See [here](#) if you still wish to do it.

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).

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.

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 will be asked to assist, with their parent, at the next board repair night :)

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.

PROFICIENCY SWIMS

Proficiency swims will continue this week for those who haven't yet done theirs, or for kids who need another try. Only kids who are 'proficient' can undertake water activities at Nippers. These need to be finalised and logged ASAP so if you haven't yet made it down to Nippers, please do your best to come along this week.

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: LAST SKILLS MAINTENANCE FOR THE SEASON THIS SUNDAY

All water safety need to complete their skills maintenance this week. There have been multiple sessions already run and there will be **no further opportunities**. If you are not yet proficient and do not book in this Sunday, you will not be able to provide water safety for the rest of the season. Book [here](#).

All water safety must sign in via the paper roll at Nippers to record their hours.

AGE ASSISTANTS

Thank you to the many parents who did the Age Manager Award course on Tuesday and online – what a fantastic bunch! This Sunday, please introduce yourselves to your Age Managers and get involved. Once you have helped with 2 sessions and submitted your WWCC, you will receive a yellow cap with 'Age Assistant' embroidered on the side.

Those who did the course online need to arrange for the 'SLSA Age Managers Competency' [here](#) to be completed and submitted to the office.

To those parents still interested in doing the course, please find the details [here](#). Note that all parents who wish to do the course must be financial members of the Club.

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

Nippers training is now in full swing! It is great to see the sand training group back at Bronte on Wednesdays – go team sand! For all communications, please see the 'Bronte Board Training' team on TeamApp, and the Sand Team group within the 'Bronte Nippers' team on TeamApp.

All kids who attend board training must have their own board and wear their pink rashie. Water Safety is required at all board sessions.

Current training timetable:

SESSION	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
Beginners Boards with Jo Mermaid	4.20pm-5.30pm Bondi Beach (south of northern flags)			
Development and Competition Boards	4.30pm-5.30pm Bondi Beach (middle)		6am-7am Coogee Beach (north)	3pm-4pm Frenchman's Beach
Sand training		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](#). Carnivals are limited this season, so please plan your online course and practical assessment with that in mind.

UPCOMING CARNIVALS U9-U14

All proficient Nippers aged U9-U14 are able to compete at Nipper carnivals. This season, there is limited competition available for our U8 due to Covid.

Generally, competition is open to all Nippers - there are no pre-requisites or qualifiers for **most** Carnivals. There are, however, some things to keep in mind:

- The Club will cover entry fees of Nippers who have enrolled in, and paid for, the board or sand training squads.
- Most information re Carnivals will be circulated via the specific training group communications.
- Entries to Carnivals close some weeks prior to the events – interested families must contact nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au well in advance to express their interest.
- Carnivals are volunteer-run and the Club is obliged to send a quota of water safety and officials corresponding to entry numbers. Our kids cannot compete without this. Any family who sends a Nipper to compete **must expect to volunteer**. If you are not water safety, you will need to do the Officials Course (see details [here](#)).
- If your child intends to compete at Branch or at State this season, please start preparing now: enrol them in our training squads and get your qualifications. Neither can be done last minute.

The following carnivals are currently scheduled:

- Saturday 4 December: Wanda Tradies One Club Carnival (good luck to our entrants)
- Sunday 12 December: North Narrabeen Junior Beach Carnival
- Sunday 9 January: Narabeen Junior Beach Carnival
- Saturday 16 January: Manly Nipper Nats
- Wednesday 26 January: North Cronulla Junior Ironperson
- Sydney Branch Carnival: Sunday 6 February (alternative dates: 29-30 Jan)
- Thursday 24-Sunday 27 February: State Championships at Queenscliff

SUNDAY SIPS & 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. Due to Covid, you'll need to book a table. Email: functions@brontesurfclub.com.au to arrange.
- Pilates with Harries at 6am on Tuesday mornings (\$20 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 (comp squad participants subject to the approval of Al Visch).
- Swim group with Garry Luscombe, Wednesdays 6am at Bondi (meet in front of North Bondi SLSC) and Thursdays 12.15pm at Bronte (meet in front of Club).
- Paddle groups (beginners and intermediate) for proficient Bronze Medallion holders (generally Tuesday mornings) - check the website and join the relevant Club WhatsApp groups for details.

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

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