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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 7



****REMEMBER: NO NIPPERS THIS SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER!!**

(Bondi to Bronte and Junior Ocean Swims: see below)

It was so great to see the beach pulsing and the water full of Bronte nippers on Sunday! What an awesome morning. Particular kudos to the U13 Boys who swam around from Tama to Bronte!

We have been delighted to hear of even more terrific performances at the Waverley Shield:

- **Gold Medals, 1km beach run:** U11G: Vera Febo; U12G: Rosa Hayward; U12B: William Hufton; U13G: Sophie Nash
- **Silver Medals, 1km beach run:** U11G: Eve Croft; U12B: Finley Mulligan
- **Bronze Medals, 1km beach run:** U12B: Oscar Mac Domhnaill
- **U9G:** silver: Charlotte Brickell, swim; bronze: Zali Morahan-Saliba, flags

BONDI TO BRONTE AND JUNIOR OCEAN SWIM, this Sunday 4 December: **No nippers on 4 December.** U9-U14 encouraged to enter!**

The Bondi to Bronte and Junior Ocean Swim is Bronte SLSC's major event of the season. It's an incredible day, proudly run by the volunteers of our Club. Note that there will be **no normal nippers for any age group on Sunday 4 December.** Please:

- chat with your kids and enter them (U9-U13) in the Junior Ocean Swims (400m and 800m) at Bronte ([see all information here](#)). All Junior Ocean Swim entrants must be registered Nippers (from any SLSC) and **pink rashies are compulsory**.
- U14 and above can enter the main swim or the 1km ([see all information here](#)).
- Online entries close on Friday.
- On-the-day entries welcome.
- The B2B is volunteer run and we encourage everyone to support it. We still **need some water safety and land-based volunteers**. Please [see here to volunteer](#).

NSW NIPPER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (U9-U14), 23-26 February 2023. RSVPs required NOW for uniform order

We need to know your child's intentions NOW for State Champs! Please fill out [this survey](#) by **Friday 2 December**. It may feel early, but the State Champs uniform order is due, entries have opened and must be finalised by end December.

State champs (U9-U14) will be held at Queenscliff SLSC from 23-26 February:

- EVERY SINGLE detail will be posted [to this page](#) (the Club gets all it's information [from this page](#) and is not sent anything additional (the relevant Championships is the 'Age Championship').
- The [draft timetable is here](#): be mindful of the need to take time off school and work.
- Please read [Bronte's competition policy](#) for Nipper Carnivals.
- There are no late entries to State Champs.
- Remember that this is a championship (not a participation) Carnival so only strong competitors who are enrolled in regular training should enter. For most events there are no pre-qualifications required (excepting some U11+ events, which are determined at the Sydney Branch Carnival).
- Speak to your Age Managers this week if you are unsure.
- All families who attend **are required to** volunteer in some way (water safety, officials, IRB, IRB transport, tent transport, set up and pack up).
- Volunteer quotas are determined based on entries not on who turns up on the day. So if your child commits, you commit!

U11 SYDNEY BRANCH DEVELOPMENT CAMP, Friday 10 February – Sunday 12 February 2023

RSVPs are due shortly for the U11 Development Camp run by Sydney Branch. All the details can be found [here](#). Please let your Age Managers know ASAP if you are interested in attending.

WAVERLEY SHIELD LOST PROPERTY? – PLEASE PLACE IN LOST PROPERTY BOX AT BRONTE

If you happen to have picked up lost property at the Waverley Shield, please pop it in the lost property box at Bronte (it's just inside the wooden doors to the office). Unfortunately there were some treasures lost: Beau Clark's brand new Bronte Deck Coat, and Morgan Sharma's embroidered Club Cap (for example). Please check the bottom of your bags / the boot of your car, just in case.

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](#). 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.**

Training fees are now due for everyone participating at training. Please see [here](#) for details on how to finalise payment if you haven't already done so.

GENERAL REMINDERS – for NEXT week (11 December)

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

Holiday dates: Sunday 19 December: last nippers for the year; Sunday 15 January: Nippers resumes.

BBQ – U11G next week (11 December - 8am-11am): This year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ for a full morning (8am-11am). But most groups will be rostered only once in the season. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [here](#).

Missing anchor – reward! one of the anchors for the turning buoys used at Club Champs is missing in the seagrass on the reef at Bronte. Hot chips reward for the person who spots it and leads us to retrieve it!

Get qualified! 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, especially with our younger Nippers and we expect your kids would like you to remain with them on the sand and in the water! All details are here:

<https://brontesurfclub.com.au/nipper-parent-involvement>

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](#).

Swimming lessons: swimming is the foundation of nippers. We do not teach your children to swim at Nippers and swimming at Bronte is challenging. It is not safe, nor fair, to expect your children to swim confidently in the ocean if they are not doing regular swimming lessons or squads each week, all year round.

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.

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).

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.
- Pilates with Harries at 6am on Monday and Friday 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 FOR THE JUNIOR OCEAN SWIM, OR ON 11TH FOR NIPPERS!!

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

