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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 10



Another gorgeous morning at Bronte! The beach was closed but we made the most of the sunshine, sand, bogey hole and pool.

State Champs is next weekend and our team meeting is this Sunday. Please could all competitor families read the below. From here, all info will be on TeamApp via the 'State Team 2022' access group, so make sure you join.

All other nipper families – skip to page 3!

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – Queenscliff and North Steyne – Thursday 24 and Friday 25 February (U9, U10, U11, U12) Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 February (U13, U14, U15)

State Champs is almost upon us! To all our competitors – keep up your training and enthusiasm.

Team meeting this Sunday 20 February at 11am on the grass (upstairs if it is raining).

At the meeting, we will distribute uniforms and answer any questions. Please be sure to pick up / purchase ANY equipment you may need this week – boards, competition caps. We are not taking a trailer/boards to State. Each competitor and volunteer must bring everything they need with them.

Water Safety need to bring (& then return) a tube, clearly marked with 'Bronte' and wear a high vis cap.

Age Groups are responsible for working out who will bring the tents (set up on Wednesday 23 Feb) and who will bring them back to the Club on Sunday 27 Feb.

Communication at and about State: all communication will be conducted via TeamApp. Make sure you request access to 'State Team 2022' (within the Bronte Nippers TeamApp team) and '2022 NSW State Championships' (separate TeamApp team managed by SLS NSW).

Please also ensure you have the phone numbers of your age managers and fellow parents.

Event information: Note that the Club does not have any information additional to what is published online by SLS NSW – but there is loads of information! It's all [here](#). Please take some time to read the information posted. It is updated regularly and includes timetables, FAQ's etc.

Event programs: see [here](#) for the latest draft of the programs. Programs are always subject to change. Note that this year, it is not strictly individual events on day 1 and team events on day 2 – there appears to be some mixing, in particular for U11-U12. Events will generally be block-raced, with finals immediately following heats (rather than held on a separate day as in past years). Again, there are some exceptions (ie. U13-U15 board relay and Cameron relay).

Note that the All Age Beach Relay is the first event on Saturday 26 February so U9-U12 competitors in that event will need to attend outside their regular program.

Event clashes: all competitors have been entered into all possible events to give kids flexibility on the day. Note, however, that kids will generally need to choose between sand and water events. No events will be held up to wait for kids competing elsewhere.

Volunteers required: we have a large contingent going to State Champs and need to cover 11 officials shifts, 9 water safety shifts and 6 IRB shifts (driver & crew). Please email nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au to volunteer as an official or IRB, and tara.wynne@gmail.com to volunteer as water safety. There is an expectation that **all qualified parents will volunteer**. Those without qualifications will transport tents and look after kids of volunteers with a view to becoming qualified next season.

The draft officials roster is [here](#). The water safety roster is [here](#). If volunteers cannot attend on the day for any reason, you **must** let the following people know as Bronte kids may not be able to compete without the role fulfilled: nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au, directorofnippers@brontesurfclub.com.au and statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au

Pink rashies: each competitor will be issued a pink rashie which they must wear (no 'Bronte' rashie permitted). Each competitor will need to collect their rashie from their competition area early on the Thursday or Saturday morning as relevant. Come early and know your size. If in doubt, go smaller.

Bronte competition cap: must be worn with the blue half on the right hand side. Competitors must start the race with their club caps on.

Remember to bring: your board (the Bronte trailer is not going to State), Bronte nipper competition cap, Bronte swimmers, swimming cap, goggles, towel, Bronte uniform, sunscreen, black permanent marker (age group must be marked on upper arm), plenty of food & fluid, event program and map, chair, umbrella, rain jacket, competitor numbers, contact lists, endless cheer and patience!

Look after children of volunteers: Bronte cannot compete without parents volunteering as officials, water safety, IRB and Age Managers. These parents are relying on you, as an age group, to look after their child as you would look after your own. Make sure EVERY child gets to their events, are accompanied to the toilets, have sunscreen applied, are fed and watered, and have a handle on all their possessions.

Scrutineering of boards: all fibreglass boards (private and club) need to adhere to minimum standards and be scrutineered (weighed, measured and compliance sticker applied). Generally, boards can be scrutineered at the Branch Carnival however as this service was cancelled this season, please check your board. If you don't have a current sticker, please ensure you find the scrutineering tent (generally behind the Surf Club) and arrange for this to be done. Do this early! There will be queues. Boards are spot-checked, in particular for finals. Non-stickered boards may be disallowed.

Tents: Each age area at State is often some distance from the next. Each age group will need its own Bronte tent to be set up on **Wednesday afternoon from 3pm**. There will likely be no spots left by Wednesday evening/Thursday morning. Tents are the responsibility of each age group. Please be sure to make arrangements with your age managers and collect the tents after the Team Meeting this Sunday.

Event parking: see information [here](#).

State team post-carnival celebration: Friday 25 February from 4.30pm. Fish and chips at the club for our younger competitors and their families! Bar open! For our U13-U15 competing on the weekend, please join us at Sunday Sips on Sunday 27 February from 4pm to celebrate the Youth Carnival.

Thank you: a massive thank you to our age managers, coaches, officials, water safety, IRB transporters, IRB drivers and crew and every other parent who has pitched in so far. Our kids can't compete without you.

Good luck with your planning, good luck to the kids, and Go Bronte!

THIS WEEK'S REMINDERS

BBQ – U8B this week: this year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ for a full morning. BUT: each group will only be rostered on once for the whole season. BBQ roster is [here](#).

Nippers pack up: please could all families do their part to pack up Nippers on Sundays after their session. Bollards and bunting, boards, flags etc. Every week it falls to a few- let's share the load!

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. Please take a cautious approach – if in doubt, opt out. All Nipper adult volunteers must be double vaccinated.

Age Assistants: thank you to all the parents who have completed the theory portion of their Age Assistant qualification! For those who did the course online, please print and complete this '[SLSA Age Managers Competency](#)' document by assisting at 2 Nippers sessions, arranging for your Age Manager to sign it off, and submitting it to the office for final signatures from the 'Age Manager Mentor' (3rd party) and submission to SLS Sydney Branch. All Age Assistants who have done the above and who have submitted their WWCC number and had their Covid-19 vaccination sighted can exchange their paperwork for a yellow 'Age Assistants' cap to wear at Nippers.

Water safety: must sign in via the paper roll in their child's area to have hours recorded. If you assist in more than one area, you must sign-in each time.

Nipper board training and sand training: Please see [here](#) for full details and timetable. Water safety required at all board sessions.

A reminder to all parents of kids enrolled in board training: please think about whether conditions are appropriate for your child and remember that parents cannot leave the beach while board sessions are running.

Nippers Board training will conclude shortly:

- Competition and Development squads: Tuesday 22 February
- Beginners squads: Tuesday 8 March

It's time for all those who attend to pay training fees via the SLS Payment Gateway if you haven't already done so: https://pnpnet.qvalent.com/OnlinePaymentServlet?cd_community=SLSA&cd_currency=AUD:

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.

Please use the following:

Transaction Type: Other (from drop down list)

Description: Nipper training for [full name of nipper]

Amount: insert relevant amount

Nipper disco – postponed: please note that the Nipper Disco listed on the calendar for this Friday 18 February has been postponed. Under Covid regulations, we couldn't dance! Now the restrictions are being lifted, we will look to planning it on another date.

MARDI GRAS @ Bronte on Sunday 27 February

In celebration of inclusion, diversity and fun, Rainbow Day will return to Bronte on Sunday morning 27 February! Join in the fun as you wish and make everyone welcome at the beach by adding a touch of rainbow to your usual beach gear and outfits. We will be supplying some bright zinc for any kids and parents to apply. There are similar celebrations taking place at surf clubs along Sydney's beaches and a rainbow paddle-out is scheduled at 10am from Bronte to join paddlers from Tamarama. All patrollers, water safety and U11-U14 nippers (water-safety-pending) are welcome to join, along with any parents on surfboards if they wish. A drone will be up there, capturing the colourful footage.

DIPPERS, Bronte, Saturday 8am-9am

Our Bronte Dippers program has commenced! Dippers is an inclusive Nippers program, run in conjunction with Autism Swim. Bronte Dippers will run for 5 more weeks on Saturday mornings from 8am-9am. We have an incredible bunch of volunteers signed up but will always welcome more. Please let dippers@brontesurfclub.com.au know if you are keen, and sign up via [this link](#). Read more about the program [here](#) and see a terrific article written by Bronte patroller and SMH journalist, Andrew Taylor, [here](#).

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 Monday and Friday mornings (\$20 card-only payment). Bring your own mat. Spots are limited so don't be late!
- 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).
- 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.
- 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