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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 11



Well done to all the kids who spent so much time in the water on Sunday! It was terrific to see so many boards out, in particular the U9 Nippers who had a great time in the surf.

Best of luck to all our families heading to State Champs this week! See p3 below for final reminders.

MARDI GRAS @ BRONTE THIS SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY

In celebration of inclusion, diversity and fun, Rainbow Day will return to Bronte this Sunday! 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 and temporary tattoos for any kids and parents to apply. There are similar celebrations taking place at surf clubs along Sydney's beaches, including at State Champs, all following Bronte's lead from 2021! There is a rainbow paddle-out scheduled at 10am from Bronte to join our friends from Tamarama. If conditions aren't great, we'll do some group shots instead to capture the fun. All patrollers, water safety and U11-U14 nippers (water-safety-pending) are welcome to join, along with any parents on surfboards if they wish. Show your colours and show that everyone is welcome at Bronte.

BOARDS AND EQUIPMENT PACK UP – ASSISTANCE REQUIRED EACH WEEK

Thank you to everyone who assists packing up the beach each week. This is a collective responsibility, but often falls to a few. Last Sunday there were many boards left on the beach. After Nippers ends, please help to bring in ALL boards (including Redbacks), flags, bollards, signs etc after Nippers. Boards are expensive and need to be put away by 11am. Redback boards are for our younger Nippers to use during their Nippers timeslot. If your child is keen to catch waves after Nippers, please consider buying a board - there are plenty of second hand ones advertised online!

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH TAMARAMA SLSC

Did you know that only 40 years ago, women were not allowed to join Surf Lifesaving as active members? What a different place Bronte SLSC would be today without women!

In celebration of International Women's Day and our amazing women lifesavers, Bronte members are invited to join two events planned by our neighbours at Tamarama:

- Saturday 12 March, Bronte SLSC 11am-12.30: 'Owning your Personal Trademark' workshop by Ellie Pietsch from Leading Teams. Find out more & RSVP [here](#).
- Sunday 13 March, Tamarama Beach:
 - 9am-6pm: guest volunteer on an all-female patrol
 - 11am or 3pm: women's social swim and/or board paddle
 - 12.30pm: BBQ

Please register your interest for the above via cfo@brontesurfclub.com.au

THIS WEEK'S REMINDERS

BBQ – U7G 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](#).

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.

Beginners Board squads will conclude on Tuesday 8 March. Development and Comp Squad have now finished.

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

DIPPERS, BRONTE, SATURDAYS 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 4 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](#).

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)

All the best to Team Bronte heading to the Northern Beaches this week!

Information and communication: remember that ALL information regarding the carnival is [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 on the day. Keep an eye on TeamApp and an ear out for changes made via the loud speaker.

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 to all relevant access groups within the following team: '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.

Volunteers required: thank you to all parents who are volunteering! State Champs is volunteer run and no Bronte kid can compete unless these roles are fulfilled. Many parents are volunteering for multiple roles, meaning there are plenty who have not put their hands up. Age managers are already looking out for your kids and should not be doing water safety shifts, transporting tents etc. Let's share the load.

If officials or water safety 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

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, is accompanied to the toilets, has sunscreen applied, is fed and watered, and has a handle on all their possessions.

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 and random draw numbers must be marked on upper arm), plenty of food & fluid, event program and map, chair, umbrella, rain coats. You will need to collect your pink rashie on day 1 of competition (Thursday or Saturday).

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 from 5.30pm! 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!

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