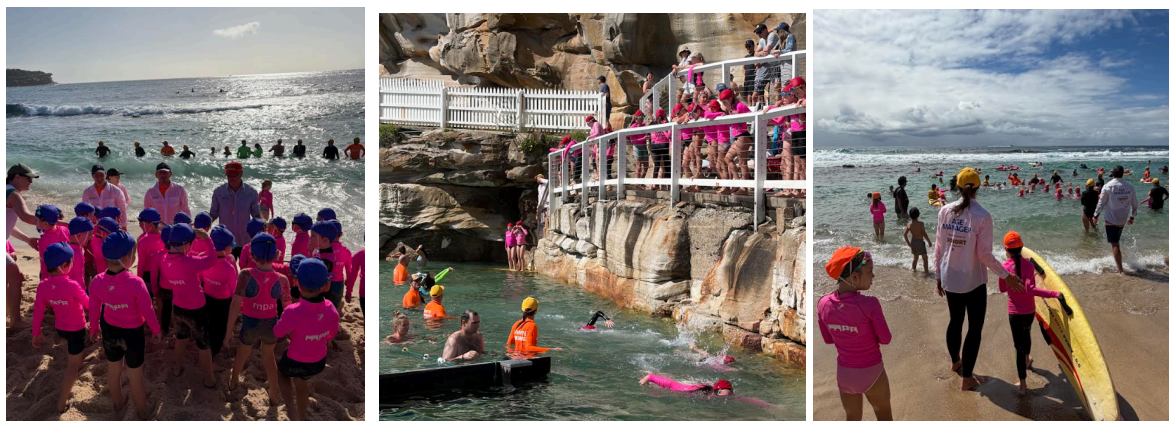


NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 1



We absolutely loved being back at Nippers! We can't wait to see you back at the beach on Sunday.

SUNDAY ESSENTIALS

-  **Sunday attendance roll:** All nippers must be **SIGNED IN and SIGNED OUT**. We phone all those who do not sign out, so please be sure you sign out to save our time (& our worry!)
-  **Communication & information:** your go-to sources of Nippers info are the Bronte Nippers Community WhatsApp chats and [our website](#). There is loads there!
-  **No cap, no rashie = no nippers, no exceptions.** Please mark your child's first name in thick black permanent marker on both sides of their cap so they can be easily identified / communicated with.
-  **BBQ: U13G** rostered this Sunday. All parents from all age groups, welcome to assist at any time.
-  **E-bikes:** please park inland and keep the area in front of the club clear.
-  **Volunteer power!** Nippers is volunteer run. Please pitch in wherever you see a need: set up, pack up, taking the roll, BBQ etc. Find out how to get your Yellow Cap [here](#). Many hands make light work!
-  **Calendars:** see [here](#). Our Nippers calendar is updated as things change. Please keep checking it.
-  **Newly qualified Yellow Caps:** [please fill out this form](#) and collect your cap from the merch stall. They are individually labelled and in a box. To those keen to qualify, [see all the details here](#).
-  **Another reminder.....swimming lessons:** swimming is the foundation of Nippers. It is not safe, nor fair, to expect your children to swim confidently in the ocean if they are not in **weekly swimming lessons/squads all year round**. We don't teach your children to swim at Nippers and swimming at Bronte is challenging. Confident swimming will make your child's experience so much more rewarding.
-  **Proficiencies:** Conditions permitting, we will complete remaining U8+ pool proficiencies and U9+ ocean proficiency swims this Sunday. Completing these is a pre-requisite for U9+ participating at Nippers.
-  **Upcoming special events:**
 - 1 November: missing Nipper drill. Each year, we are required to practice a mock search and rescue scenario for a missing child. This is observed by Sydney Branch. We invite water safety who assist U8, U12 and U13 to attend this excellent training.
 - 8 November: [Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim](#) **No nippers**

TRAINING FOR U9+: BOARD TRAINING AND SAND TRAINING

Nippers board training and sand training for U9+ is off to a fantastic start – it is great to see so many nippers working to improve! All information regarding training is [here](#).

WAVERLEY SHIELD NIPPERS CARNIVAL (U8-U14) – SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER **BRONTE'S TURN TO HOST !! (AT NORTH BONDI)** [Full information is here.](#)

The Waverley Shield Nippers Carnival is a friendly, annual competition between the surf clubs of the Waverley Council area. It's a great morning for all interested kids to 'have a go' at competing amongst club mates, school mates, and new mates in a familiar environment.

Responsibility for 'hosting' the carnival is rotated and **this time, it's Bronte's turn**. Let's make it awesome!

There is no fee to enter the Waverley Shield (costs are covered by the Club), but you must officially sign up here by 6 November (no late or on the day entries). Parents of every entrant must also volunteer.

[Full information is here.](#) Essential links are reproduced below:

- [Nippers Sign Up – Carnival Entry](#)
- [Water Safety Sign Up \(current Bronze Medallion required\)](#)
- [Officials Sign Up \(SLS qualification/trainee\) *trainees select 'probationary'](#)
- [Bronte Volunteers Sign Up](#)

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITION FOR U8-U14 – SOME FAQs

- All ocean proficient Nippers aged U9-U14 are able to compete at Nipper carnivals. There are also some competitions available for proficient U8 (Waverley Shield and [U8 Carnival @ South Maroubra](#))
- Generally, competition is open to all Nippers - there are no pre-requisites or qualifiers for **most** Carnivals, other than completion of pool **and** ocean proficiency swims.
- Make sure you read all info [on this page](#).
- Comms re Carnivals are generally via the 'Carnivals' or 'Sand and Board training' WhatsApp chats.
- Carnivals are volunteer run! If your child competes at a Carnival, you **must expect to volunteer either as water safety or an official at that Carnival** or in a very small range of additional roles.
- **Officials Course:** [all details here](#). Bronte is required to send a quota of volunteer officials to all Carnivals that Bronte kids have entered. It is an easy online course, followed by a 'practical' (shadowing an experienced official at a Carnival). Note:
 - You are **requested** to do the Officials Course if you are not water safety and your U9+ child intends to compete at Carnivals this season.
 - You are **required** to do the Officials Course as a precondition to your child competing if you are not water safety and:
 - Your child intends to compete this season; and
 - Your child competed in previous seasons.
- Even if you are water safety....strong recommendation to hold both qualifications if your child is competitive. You never know which quota will be a deal breaker - come prepared!

SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!!