NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 2

While conditions have been challenging over our first two weeks, we're keeping our fingers crossed that the ocean will be a little kinder to us this weekend! 🌊🤞

MAJOR items for this week (details below):

- Ocean Proficiency Swims U9+
- Missing Nipper Drill during the 10am session
- U8-U14 sign up to the Waverley Shield, (replaces normal nippers on 15 November for U8+).
- Officials sign up
- Bondi to Bronte ocean swim - Sunday (8 November)

OCEAN PROFICIENCY SWIMS

All Bronte nippers in U9+ must successfully complete an ocean proficiency swim before participating in ocean activities at Nippers. This is also a requirement for all competitors (including sand competitors) wishing to compete at a Carnival. We are aiming to complete the ocean proficiencies on Sunday, conditions permitting. If the beach is closed, we will coordinate alternative days and times to ensure that all those wishing to compete in the Waverley Shield have the opportunity to complete their proficiency. Alternative sessions will likely take place early morning, at Bondi next week.

Thank you for your flexibility and support. We'll keep you updated on arrangements based on conditions.

MISSING NIPPER DRILL this Sunday, 10am session (U8, U12, U13)

Each year we are required to run a 'missing nipper' training session and drill to ensure we are as prepared as we can be for any real-life scenario. This is undertaken by the water safety team and overseen by Sydney Branch. When the alarm sounds, all nippers will be evacuated to the park (as per a real-life situation), and the roll will be called for each group. Please ensure that your child stays with their group, goes into the park and is accounted for by their Age Managers! Please do not leave the beach before this occurs. We invite all water safety to attend this excellent training.

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 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.

To improve efficiency on the day Clubs have agreed that all U9+ nippers must compete in either sand or water events only (no exceptions). In addition, we have nominated a Carnival Director (thanks Kirra!) to ensure all events run smoothly.

All U9+ nippers will require a live heats band. Note **new** competitors (incl U9) will receive a band from the Club, for all others you must purchase a new band on the day. Live heats bands are not required for U8 competitors.

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
- Program - Please expect 7.30am start for U8-U11 and 9.45am start for U12-U14.

OFFICIALS SIGN UP

Please complete the **OFFICIALS** course if your U9+ nipper plans to compete this season. It is compulsory if you are not providing water safety. However, we also require a minimum of 2 water safety per age group to complete the Officials course and sign up as an official for the Waverley Shield. Let's share the load and keep Bronte's quotas healthy.

The theory component can be completed online (details here), and the practical component can be completed at Waverley Shield on 15 November.

BONDI TO BRONTE OCEAN SWIM, Sunday 9 November **No nippers for any age group. Ages 10+ encouraged to enter!

This is our Club's biggest annual event and fundraiser, delivered by our exceptional volunteers. Please:

- Chat with your kids and enter them (ages 10+) in the 1km Junior Ocean Swim at **Bondi** (link).
- Kids aged 13 and above can also enter the main 2.4km swim (link).

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SUNDAY ESSENTIALS

- ☑ **Sunday attendance roll:** All nippers must be SIGNED IN **and SIGNED OUT**.
- 📲 **Communication & information:** Bronte Nippers Community WhatsApp chats and our website.
- **‼️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.
- 🥓 **BBQ: U12G** 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.
- **Nippers board and sand training** for U9+ is off to a fantastic start – it is great to see so many nippers working to improve! The cost for the season is $380 per nipper and includes **BOTH** sand and board training. Full details here.
- 🟡 **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.

SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!