

BRONTE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 5



Congratulations SRC! A massive congratulations to our huge U14 SRC group who each passed their Surf Rescue Certificate assessments last week and are now officially lifesavers. We are so proud of you all! The group has worked so hard – multiple sessions each week - with impressive commitment and a positive attitude.

Thank you to the terrific training team that helped them get there: Steve Tindale, Sophie Valdeck, Lizzy Liersch and Betsy Rumble and to their Age Managers, Tara O'Reilly, Fiona Ford, Georgie Byron, Al Baxter and Guy Lake. Thank you also to the Water Safety team and wider parent body who supported them. The kids learned so much and had such a great experience. We can't wait to see each of you on Patrol!

****REMEMBER: NO NORMAL NIPPERS FOR U8-U14 THIS SUNDAY (WAVERLEY SHIELD– SEE BELOW).**

Normal Nippers for U6 and U7.

A particular thank you to all our U8, U12 and U13 whose sessions were cut short last weekend. As you can appreciate, it's an SLS requirement that no Nippers activities take place with any lightning!

GENERAL REMINDERS

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

BBQ – U7B this week (8am-10am): This year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ for a full morning. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [here](#).

Bondi-to-Bronte and [Junior Ocean Swim](#): coming on up on Sunday 4 December! This is our major event of the season at Bronte SLSC. It's an incredible day, proudly run by the volunteers of our Club. Please diarise and check out all the information [here](#). Note that there will be no normal nippers that day (JOS available to U9+).

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!

State Champs U9-U14: next week we will be asking your intentions regarding State Champs. State champs will be held at Queenscliff SLSC in late February. EVERY 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'). We need to submit our uniform order in 2 weeks so please have a think about it now. Please also ensure that you read [Bronte's competition policy](#) for Nipper Carnivals.

Remember that this is a championship (not a participation) Carnival so only strong competitors who are enrolled in regular training should enter. All families who attend **are required to** volunteer in some way (water safety, officials, IRB transport, tent transport, set up and pack up).

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).

U8 CARNIVAL at South Maroubra, this Saturday 19 November, morning (check [here](#) for info)

For the keen U8 Nippers who wish to make a weekend of racing, you are welcome to enter the U8 Carnival at South Maroubra. It's a late entry on the day fee of \$25. Pink rashie and Bronte Nipper Cap compulsory.

Given the Waverley Shield is the next day, we haven't got an official Bronte crew heading to the carnival with Age Managers etc. Instead, individuals are absolutely welcome to participate, but parents of each Nipper who enters will need to take responsibility for their children on the day in relation to all aspects of the carnival.

WAVERLEY SHIELD, this Sunday 20 November at North Bondi for U8-U14 (normal nippers U6 & U7) Carnival timetable is [here](#). **There will be NO normal nippers for U8-U14 at Bronte this Sunday.****

This weekend, nippers moves to North Bondi for all U8 to U14s! The Waverley Shield carnival is a fun, friendly carnival between the Waverley Council surf clubs and a great introduction to competition for our new nippers.

All proficient nippers have been entered into the Carnival, meaning all proficient kids are encouraged to rock up and give it a go!

Note that North Bondi has organised a professional photographer to take photos of the event – he will be in a fluoro vest.

Don't forget: Pink rashies and Bronte nipper caps are compulsory (blue on the right, yellow on the left), goggles, board (if you have one) plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen, a black marker as well as plenty of patience and good humour. As with all carnivals, there will be some waiting about, and nippers may need to chose between sand and water events as they will be run concurrently. Carnival rules apply: no wetsuits!

Nipper boards: if you don't have your own board: we have filled the Nipper trailer with boards for our kids to use. These are collective – please share them with fellow Bronte kids who need them for their races.

U14 should arrange to borrow and transport longboards from Bronte: check in with your Age Managers with any queries.

At the completion of your races:

- Under 9: Bring all foam boards back to the Bronte Trailer from Water Area 1
- Under 10: Bring all foam boards back to the Bronte Trailer from Water Area 2
- Under 11: Bring all boards back to the Bronte Trailer from Water Area 1
- Under 12 & 13: Bring all boards back to the Bronte Trailer from Water Area 2
- Under 14: Help pack all Bronte boards onto cars

Timing: Full timetable is [here](#). U8, U9 and U10 commence at 8am with marshalling for first events at 7.45am. U11, U12, U13 and U14 commence at 10am. The all age beach relay is at 10am and the all age board relay is at 10am (each marshalling at 9.45am). The 1km soft sand run commences at 9.45am for ages U11-13, as does the 2km soft sand run for U14. Brush up on any event rules [here](#).

At 7.30am, officials and water safety briefings will take place in your designated areas on the beach and age manager briefings will likely take place in the club (TBC).

Leave plenty of time to park, find your Age Group tent and Age Managers, warm up etc.

How can I help? Check in with your Age Manager ASAP! The Waverley Shield is volunteer run and a collective effort. Everyone who attends is expected to assist in some way. Remember that your Age Managers will already have plenty to do, looking after your kids and guiding them to events.

Every age group has an obligation to send sufficient water safety and officials (thank you to all who RSVP'd.). On top of that, each age group must bring or return a tent (these are large – 1 per vehicle) and assist with the Bronte gear.

If you are unable to assist with these tasks, please remember that your child can only compete because others have. Please look after the children of these parents as your own: make sure that they are fed, watered, chaperoned to the toilet, sunscreened, and kept within your sight.

Tents! it's going to be warm on Sunday so each age group will need a Bronte tent to use when waiting. Please ensure the following happens (nominate yourself to assist with your Age Managers):

- U8, U9 and U10 need to collect one tent EACH minimum (ie. Minimum 3 tents) from Bronte;
- Set them up in the designated areas at North Bondi between 6.30am-7.30am on Sunday;
- Leave them at the end of the U8-U10 portion of the Carnival for the older kids;
- U11, U12, U13/14 will use the tents set up and then will be responsible for dismantling them and returning them to Bronte.

Note:

- The 2 x 'Bronte' branded tents should be taken as a priority. They are newer and larger.
- tents are really bulky – 1 per (large) vehicle only.
- every tent gets used for the B2B. If you notice any damage, please report it so we can act.

Under 8: Bronte is in charge of the U8 area. This means we need to:

1. transport bollards and bunting from Bronte;
2. set the area up from 6am so it is ready to go by 7.30am (sprint track / flags / wade: it will take this long!)
3. provide 8 x Age Assistant parents to assist the Carnival Officials 'herd the kittens' and their parents during the Carnival;
4. provide 8 x water safety for the wade and wade relay events;
5. dismantle the area; and
6. transport it back to Bronte.

Please let your Age Managers know in advance if you can assist.

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.

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!!

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