

# BRONTE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

## NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 4



A huge congratulations to all our nippers who competed at Club Champs round 1 on Sunday. What an epic effort! We had some complete the best races they've ever done, some tackle the shore break with courage and gusto, some trying out competition for the first time and all giving it a red hot go. Nothing is ever possible without a huge volunteer effort from our parent body, so thank you to everyone who stepped up.

This Sunday, normal nippers returns for everyone. **HUGE GOOD LUCK** to our U14 SRC kids who will be doing their practical assessments on the weekend.

The following Sunday (20 November) it's normal nippers for U6 and U7 and the Waverley Shield at North Bondi for all other Nippers. There will be **no normal nippers for U8-U14 on 20 Nov.** Please sort any planning this weekend.

### GENERAL REMINDERS

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

**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).

**BBQ – U6 G & B this week:** This year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ **from 8am-11am** (a full morning!). What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [here](#).

**Please don't block the promenade:** Please be aware that the lifeguards need clearance in front of their window for visibility and the promenade is used all morning by eager walkers! Please try to keep the area in front of the Club clear. Catch ups on the beach or on the grass are just as fun.

**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.

**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](#).

**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](#).

**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!

**U8 CARNIVAL at South Maroubra, 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, next Sunday 20 November at North Bondi for U8-U14 (normal nippers U6 & U7)**

- Carnival timetable is [here](#).
- Officials sign up is [here](#).
- Volunteer sign up is [here](#).

**What is it?** On Sunday 20 November, 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. The Carnival is open to all proficient U8-U14 nippers (there is no qualification required) and we encourage everyone to attend. **\*\*There will be NO normal nippers for U8-U14 at Bronte on 20 November.**

**How do I enter?** For the Waverley Shield only, the Club will enter every proficient nipper (for all other Carnivals, entrants must contact the office to enter).

**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!

**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](#).

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

**How can I help? Let us know [here](#) ASAP!** The Waverley Shield is volunteer run and a collective effort. Everyone who attends is expected to assist in some way. Most of the tasks listed in the form are modest. Please pitch in! Next season, Bronte is in charge of running the whole carnival (at Bondi) and so we need plenty of people learning the ropes.

If you are unable to assist with the listed 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.

## **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.

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## 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

