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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 6



Congratulations to the amazing team of Nippers who competed at the Waverley Shield on Sunday – what an epic morning!! Particular congratulations to our U8 and U9 groups who were competing for the first time, and to all our Nippers who achieved their personal best.

Our parents were wonderful – thank you to everyone who pitched in as officials, water safety, age managers, age assistants, gear transporters, pep talkers etc.

There were so many incredible performances – way too many to list! Here are some of our medallists:

GOLD

- U9B: Presley Whalan, swim; Board Relay Team A; Surf Team Team A
- U10G: Emily Snow, flags; Willow Sharma, sprint; Angie Visch swim; Angie Visch, board; Board Relay Team A; Surf Team Team A; Beach Relay Team A;
- U10B: William Kelliher, flags
- U11B: Nicholas Fasol, swim; Surf Team Team A

- U12G: Jade Visch swim; Jade Visch, iron
- U12B: Morgan Sharma, flags; Beach Relay Team A
- U13B: Cameron Spies, sprint
- U14G: Charlie James, Iron

SILVER

- U8G: Beach Relay
- U8B: Teddy Heritage, flags; Beach Relay Team A
- U9G: Beach Relay Team A
- U10G: Beatrice Emanuel, sprint; Tilly Smith, swim
- U10B: Xavier Mancuso, flags; Beau Clark, board; Board Relay Team A; Surf Team A; Beach relay Team A
- U11G: Georgina Ward, swim; Board Relay Team A; Surf Team A
- U11B: Edison Whalan, swim; Nicholas Fasol, Iron; Board Relay Team A
- U12G: Beach Relay Team A; Surf Team A
- U12B: Joe O'Reilly, board; Board Relay Team A
- U14G: Charlie James, Swim; Beach Relay Team A; Board Relay Team A
- U14B: Flynn Visch, swim; Surf Team A

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- U8G: Zali Morahan-Saliba, flags; Sofiya Taylor, sprint
- U8B: Javier Lopez-Crestani, sprint; Lucas Kelly, wade; Wade Relay Team A
- U9G: Board Relay Team A; Surf Team A
- U9B: Beach Relay Team A; Board Relay Team B
- U10G: Emily Snow, sprint; Beach Relay Team B; Surf Team B
- U11G: Harriet Smith, flags; Alexa Wilson-Smith, swim
- U11B: Edison Whalan, sprint; George Nixon, Swim; George Nixon, board; Beach Relay Team A; Surf Team B
- U12B: Morgan Sharma, sprint; Riley James, Iron; Surf Team A
- U13G: Board Relay Team A; Surf Team A
- U13B: Noam Marouani, sprint; Jacob Sheehan, board
- U14G: Anouk Lafferty, sprint; Poppy O'Reilly, board
- All Age Beach Relay
- All Age Board Relay

****Remember: no Nippers on Sunday 4 December (Bondi-to-Bronte Ocean Swim: see below)**

WELCOME NEIL HAYWARD – COMPETITION CO-ORDINATOR

Welcome Neil to the Nipper Committee! Neil has kindly agreed to take on the role of competition co-ordinator, assisting with Club Champs and major Carnivals. Neil has become heavily involved in all things Nippers with his 3 daughters. He is also a recent Bronzie and a qualified Carnival Official. Thank you Neil!

GENERAL REMINDERS

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

BBQ – U11B this week (8am-11am): This year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ for a full morning (8am-11am). But most groups will be rostered only once in the season. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [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!

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).

BONDI TO BRONTE AND JUNIOR OCEAN SWIM, next Sunday 4 December: **No nippers on 4 December. U9-U14 encouraged to enter!****

The Bondi-to-Bronte and Junior Ocean Swim is Bronte SLSC's major event of the season. It's an incredible day, proudly run by the volunteers of our Club. Note that there will be no normal nippers for any age group on Sunday 4 December. Please:

- chat with your kids and enter them (U9-U13) in the Junior Ocean Swim at Bronte ([see all information here](#)). All Junior Ocean Swim entrants must be registered Nippers (from any SLSC) and pink rashies are compulsory.
- U14 and above can enter the main swim or the 1km ([see all information here](#)).

- The B2B is volunteer run and we encourage everyone to support it. We still **need water safety**, first aiders and BBQ'ers. Please [see here to volunteer](#).

NSW NIPPER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (U9-U14), 23-26 February 2023. RSVPs required NOW for uniform

We need to know your child's intentions NOW for State Champs! Please fill out [this survey](#) by **Thursday 1 December**. It may feel early, but the State Champs uniform order is due next week, and entries will open (& close) shortly after.

State champs (U9-U14) will be held at Queenscliff SLSC from 23-26 February:

- EVERY SINGLE 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').
- The [draft timetable is here](#): be mindful of the need to take time off school and work.
- Please read [Bronte's competition policy](#) for Nipper Carnivals.
- There are no late entries to State Champs.
- Remember that this is a championship (not a participation) Carnival so only strong competitors who are enrolled in regular training should enter. For most events there are no pre-qualifications required (excepting some U11+ events, which are determined at the Sydney Branch Carnival).
- Speak to your Age Managers this weekend if you are unsure.
- All families who attend **are required to** volunteer in some way (water safety, officials, IRB, IRB transport, tent transport, set up and pack up).
- Volunteer quotas are determined based on entries not on who turns up on the day. If your child commits, you commit!

U11 SYDNEY BRANCH DEVELOPMENT CAMP, Friday 10 February – Sunday 12 February 2023

RSVPs are due shortly for the U11 Development Camp run by Sydney Branch. All the details can be found [here](#). Please let your Age Managers know ASAP if you are interested in attending.

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.

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- 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, Neil Hayward

