

Dear Maroubra Nippers and Families,

It's only a few days until we see our Nippers back on the beach and based on the preliminary swims last weekend everyone is ready to go.



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1. COMMUNICATING LATE CHANGES AS A RESULT OF POOR WEATHER OR SURF CONDITIONS

- Due to poor conditions which will affect our Nipper program we will communicate with all families as early as we can via the below.
 - Email & SMS messages
 - Website ([HERE](#)) will be updated prior to 7.00am if Nippers will not be proceeding
 - Age Managers will also advise via WhatsApp.

2. AGE MANAGERS

Our Age Managers for this season are below. We would ask that you provide them with your Number of the weekend as they will set up a Whats App Chat Group where they can pass on information as required.

- **Under 6** - Neill Jones
- **Under 7** – Jasmine & John Georgas
- **Under 8** – Daniel Gotilla & Graeme Ismay
- **Under 9** – Gary Marin & Farah Messina
- **Under 10** – David Love
- **Under 11** – Scott Morrissey
- **Under 12** – Tracey Barber
- **Under 13** – Jasmine Georgas & Megan Still
- **Under 14** – George Benhayon & Neill Jones



3. WHAT TO EXPECT ON SUNDAY MORNING?

Nippers Zone: Sunday activities will be conducted in a secure Nippers area which will be surrounded with barriers with intra-zones for each age group.



Times: we will run 2 distinct sessions with a clear 15 mins in between to sanitise all equipment and allow pick up and exit of areas:

- 8.00am – 9.00am - U6, U7, U8 & U9
- 9.15am – 10.30am - U10, U11, U12 & U13
- 9.00am - U14 SRC

QR Sign In Requirement: Everyone must sign in with QR code prior to entering the Nipper Zone

Drop off / pick up: there will be clear drop off and pick up zones and traffic flow. The guidance is to 'get in, get active and get out' of the Nipper area

Nippers: There is no compulsion under the health orders that Under 16s (Nippers) are required to be vaccinated to return to the current roadmap freedoms (note SRC holders are required to be vaccinated when returning to patrols or group education training).

Activities: although education and lifesaving skills will play a significant part in our nippers' program, we are planning to spend a significant amount of time in the water to develop the nippers surf skills and confidence.

What-To-Bring: the nippers will be required to bring their own water bottles, sun cream, towels and jackets to stay warm. It might be easier if they place these in their own bags. As the water is still fresh, we would also recommend west suits being worn. We would also request all nippers to get prepared at home, including the application of sun cream so that they can come straight down and join their age group.

Water Safety: If you are Double Vaccinated Water Safety, we would appreciate your assistance each week to ensure the Nippers spend quality time in the water. Please see Phil Carter, Water Safety Coordinator each week so that he can assign you to an age group.

PARENT & GUARDIAN ASSISTANCE:

As per previous season, no parents, guardians or siblings will be allowed inside the Nippers Zone unless they are financial members as either Water Safety or Age Manager/Assistants.

We would ask that a parent or guardian signs in their Child on the relevant QR Code and drop their child to the designated area within the Nipper Zone. It is also strongly recommended no siblings attend during the drop off or pick up.

If you do not have your Age Manager/Age Assistant Award and/or Proficient Water Safety, you will not be allowed to remain in the junior activity areas.



4. UNDER 14 SRC

Tony & Yasmin Grivell will be entering their 10th year of training our Under 14's with their SRC.

It's important that our Under 14's refer to the information that has been sent regarding the Online Training and Preliminary swims.

If you have any questions regarding the SRC, then please email Megan Still, Nippers Education Officer (& Club CTO) education@maroubraclub.com.au.



5. PRELIMINARY SWIMS

For those Nippers still to complete their Preliminary Swims these will be conducted on Sunday.

- **Under 6, 7, 8 & 9** – Preliminary Swims will be conducted during their Nippers activity on Sunday
- **Under 10, 11, 12 & 13** – Nippers will be asked to attend the surf club at 7.45am and meet in front of the surf club. Our water safety team will assess conditions to ensure conditions are safe. These may be conducted at Maroubra beach or be moved to Mahon Pool.

6. UNIFORM COLLECTIONS

For those Nippers new to the club or those who have purchased additional uniforms, a table will be set up in roadside front of the surf club (ie facing Marine Parade) for collection.

We are hopeful that all Nipper Caps will arrive by COB today so these should be available on Sunday from 7.30am.

Unfortunately, our Nipper Rash vests have been delayed and will be here the following week. Once they arrive, we will advise so that they can be collected as well.

So that Nippers can still participate we will provide our Age Managers with some spares that they can loan for the morning and collect once the session has been completed.

For those who would like to purchase additional items they can be purchased online [HERE](#)

7. AGE MANAGER AWARD

For those parents and guardians who would like to assist, the minimum award you will require is the Age Manager/Assistant Award.

To ensure you can assist each week, you will need to have completed your registration as a General Member, and email Tracie Barber, Age Manager Coordinator agemanager@maroubra.slsc.com.au and she will assist you with your training.

We will have a list of names of those who can assist. If you haven't made contact with Tracie then it's more than likely you will not be on the list and will be asked to leave the area. This is a requirement of our COVID Safe Plan so it's important you email Tracie before Sunday.



8. BRONZE MEDALLION/SRC AWARD

For those parents and guardians wanting to assist with water safety by gaining either their Bronze Medallion or SRC, then please email your interest to Megan Still, Nippers Education Officer (& Club CTO) education@maroubra.slsc.com.au.



9. REGISTRATIONS TO CLOSE SOON

We have kept our registrations open for a little longer but will be closing soon.

If you haven't registered for the season ahead and/or know of others who wish to join then they can still.

Registration Details are on our website, otherwise for any registration queries, please email nippers2021@maroubraslsc.com.au.

10. SURF SPORTS CARNIVAL

For those Nippers who would like to compete this year, the first carnival of the season has now been scheduled this side of Xmas.

- **Saturday 4th December 2021** – Wanda SLSC One Club Carnival
 - The Carnival caters to all members from the U8 to 040 age categories plus an Inclusive Events. Events are conducted in male, female and mixed gender categories and include:
 - Multi-age 1 and 2km Beach Runs and Relays
 - Individual Swim, Board, Ski, Ironman/woman, Sprint and Flags Events
 - Team Board and Cameron Relays
 - Please see the [Draft Programme](#) for details.
 - If you are interested in attending please email Cristina Pemberton, Race Secretary nippersracesecretary@maroubraslsc.com.au by 5pm Sunday 28th November 2021

11. ARE YOU A PHOTOGRAPHER?

Last season we had some great photos of our Nippers in action each week.

We are now looking for any other parents or guardians who are avid photographers who can assist us this season.

If you are interested, then please email nippers@maroubraslsc.com.au



12. NIPPERS COACHING

This year we are working closely with some of the most experienced coaches in Surf Life Saving to upskill and develop our Nippers in surf swimming, board paddling and running.

Over the next few weeks, we will be finalising this coaching program which we will then further complement our award-winning Nippers program.

Stay Tuned for further information soon.



13. BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE BOARD TRAINING TO RECOMMENCE SOON

As part of our Nippers Program, we hold Beginners and Intermediate Board Training on Saturday mornings for our Under 8s to Under 14 Age Groups.

These are usually held at Frenchmans Bay LaPerouse to help the Nippers develop the basic skills before they transition into the surf.

We are hoping to recommence this training in the next few weeks and will advise soon.

- Water Safety Personnel are required to ensure we can run the training.
- Nipper Caps and Pink Vests are compulsory.
- Goggles and Wetsuits are recommended

14. COMMITTEE CONTACTS

- Director of Junior Development - John Georgas, nippers@maroubraslsc.com.au
- Deputy Director Junior Development – Fabien Monceaux
- Junior Development Secretary - Vix Park, nipperssecretary@maroubraslsc.com.au
- Age Manager Coordinator - Tracie Barber, agemanager@maroubraslsc.com.au
- Education Officer – Megan Still, education@maroubraslsc.com.au
- Water Safety Coordinator – Phil Carter, finance@maroubraslsc.com.au
- Nippers Race Secretary – Cristina Pemberton, nippersracesecretary@maroubraslsc.com.au
- Nippers Registrar – Tresne Chesher, nippersregistration@maroubraslsc.com.au
- Nippers Gear Steward - Grant Owen

We have waited, what seems to be an eternity, but now its great that our Nippers are back on the beach this weekend.

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