



# TH&C Nippers Newsletter

22 February 2019

Hi everyone,

Only two weeks of Nippers remain this season, and with Cyclone Oma closing the beaches this weekend, our final Nipper Sunday will be 3rd March. We had two fantastic Branch carnivals without a single issue from any Nipper or Parent. It's no secret that my favorite event is the all age relay at each carnival, and I am so proud of our teams that got first and third in the u11-15's and first and sixth in the u8-10's. The u11-15's have a fantastic chance to win at state and lift the great winner trophy but we will need to train hard as every other club has now got their eyes set on beating us. Please get your kids to Callum as often as you can over next 2 weeks to give them the best chance.

All the carnival results are in Greenmount Grapevine and posted on Team App. There were many beach relay team first placings, and in a few age groups two of our teams scored points. Please look through at the names involved in the surprise placing like the u11 boys winning the swim teams (Taj Lateo, Wil Andersen, Jai Kordis and Kai Thompson) and the u11's that did so well in the board relays and board rescues. It's so great when Jason gets rewarded for all his time and patience with some awesome water results. Another worthy mention is that 5 of final 6 in u12 girls flags were TH&C competitors.



## *Important dates...*

- 24 Feb – Nippers CANCELLED
- 3 Mar - FINAL nipper Sunday @ 7:50am
- 3 Mar - Keiran Young Memorial Relay / Completion of club champs 2 @ 7:50am
- 8 – 10 Mar – Under 11-15 State Titles @ Burleigh Heads
- 24 Mar – Nipper AGM Break up / Presentation Day @ 9am
- 24 Mar – Nipper 200 Club @ 2pm
- 30 – 31 Mar – Aussie Youth Champs



## State Titles

Selections for the state team and attaining eligibility for the state kit are being considered and decided over the next two weeks. To be selected and get the kit, your nipper needs to be training with the club in the discipline they hope to be selected. The club dedicates a great deal of time and cost to enter - order and provide gear and organise and allow your family to attend club functions. All we expect is training attendance and the payment of a \$75 commitment fee. Let me know if you have any issue, but choosing a winter sport in February instead isn't an acceptable excuse. Please get on team app and make sure you are members of the state team 2019.

## Keiran Young Memorial

The Keiran Young Memorial Relay is a celebration of the life a great Nipper President in our Annual Cameron Relay. Teams of 4 are randomly selected from the under 11's to 14's who race to win embroidered Beach Towels and the chance to go on a perpetual trophy. The event is hard to organise so strict cut offs for entry apply. If you are not at the beach, signed on to your 11-14 age group at 7:55am you will sit the event out this year.



u11 girls (above) and u9's (below) at Branch carnivals



## All age relay teams



## u14 swim team



## Nipper Presentation Day

On March 24 we have a really fun day prepared for all Nippers. There will be water slides, fun activities, a free BBQ before we sit down and run through our awards and presentation in the training room. The day will run from 9am (QLD) through to about 12pm. Bring your togs and some dry clothes to change into.



## Club Positions 2019/20

We have sent out an email of all the adult roles / positions that combine to make our Nippers great. Please take your time to review the positions and talk to your family about what you think you would be capable and willing to do next year. Please understand if you are thinking that you would like your nipper/s to attend the free beach and surf training and have the club pay your nippers carnival entry fee, one parent or guardian must hold one of the positions. An under 14 or older sibling that actively does water safety is acceptable. No one expects you to be President but getting your age manager, water safety, IRB or official qualification is easy and expected. You aren't automatically doing every Sunday or carnival as we will share the responsibility over all the parents evenly. By 2020, one parent or sibling will need to hold a position or we won't be able to enter your Nippers in the great 2020 branch or state carnival.

See you on the beach  
Vaughn

*Thanks CMC*

We had a good turn out at the end of the holidays to thank our hat sponsor, Coolangatta Medical Centre. The kids have been wearing them to carnivals which is acting on the positive sun safety message. If your nipper doesn't have one, please tell us!



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