

TH&C NIPPER NEWSLETTER



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Hey Nipper Families

Thanks for a great first half of the year. It appears you agree with me that we are running a special Nippers in a fantastic location. I hope everyone has settled in and found their space for the season with us ready to charge into the back end of the season. There has been many highlights recently which Kate has captured perfectly so enjoy reading all about them.

To run the biggest Nippers in our branch as smoothly as we do there are lots of people working hard to make it all look easy. Kate Rogers and Glenn Turner fill in everywhere and do all the jobs no one else wants and support everyone. Kate specialty this season has been these great newsletters and Glenn is more than the best Santa ever with him constantly fabricating things for us behind the scenes to make our shed look fantastic. Alisha Kordis and Jo Cronk have done a fantastic job on our uniforms and swimwear. New stock which will be enough for next season arrive soon. Karl Muggeridge is still the sole person working on all our gear. He is constantly chipping away at it and buying, fixing and replacing all of our equipment. Tracy Norris is making sure all our dollars come and go to the right places. Kane Haley, Doug Kordis and Dan Wellman have made sure our carnivals have run smoothly. Isabelle Muggeridge has got us many new officials and Darren Free is keeping us safe in the water and both making sure all our kids can do carnivals.

Beach set up is seamless with Shane Bisgrove, John Manning, Steve O'Neill and Cody Douglas doing the hard yards early so we can all just walk into the organised activities. Donna Crawford and Julie Fogarty are running the best BBQ's ever with the OLD Boys constantly jumping in too. Fundraising has been going gang busters with Sharyn Haag and Angela Morrison (and family) driving great raffles. Looking into next year these people I've mentioned could always use your help. Always ask them what you can do. By helping them out you keep them enthused and possibly in the role longer. Come and see me if you think you can do a little bit more for us.

Hopefully you all got the chance to thank your age managers, water safety and officials personally over the last couple of weeks. I really hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Please let me know and I'll fix it up. Two new sponsors this month are CHG Wealth Management who are represented by the Gaffney and Costello families and Organda Constructions who are the Manahan Family – they have each bought Nippers a new shade tent.

That's all I had really. Have a great Christmas. Train hard to get ready for the branch carnivals in the new year. Thanks for all the support

Vaughn Thomas
Nipper President



LITTLE DUDES WRAP – 17TH NOV 2019

TH&C u8-10's finished in 3rd place (54 points), behind North Burleigh (173 points) and Currumbin (85 points), two of the strongest clubs in the State, at the Gold Coast championships held at Coolangatta SLSC. We have some amazing little athletes within our ranks, some of whom love training and are starting to thrive in a race environment. Conditions were perfect for the kids to get confidence in the water. Congratulations to all the nippers who competed, and the age managers who have to prepare and marshall them! Thank you to our officials – without their help we could not enter the kids: Rae Leigh Lohse, Simon McKinley, Vaughn Thomas and Anne Larard. Thank you to the parents who are committing to bringing the kids to carnivals and giving them this experience, where there is wonderful bonding happening amongst the groups, and between ages.

Special mention goes to the nippers placing in the finals:
U8 – Josh Wellman (3rd sprint), William Haslop (3rd flags).
U9 – Lewis Telford (3rd sprint, 4th flags), Luca Boughton (4th sprint), Jeremy Fogarty (1st swim), Luke Holdway (2nd swim), Evie Barker (5th sprint, 3rd wade).
U10 – Dana Stewart (5th flags, wade final), Molly Rogers (1st wade, 2nd board, 7th flags, 9th swim), Lilly-Anne Gould (board and wade final), Nick Pearce (1st wade, 7th flags), Wallace Thompson (swim final).

R U OK? AWARENESS DAY

On 24th November we held our first ever R U OK? Awareness Day, supported by the Sunland Group, with the purpose to recognise that there are many people in our community who are struggling and don't think there is anyone they can talk to about their feelings. At TH&C Nippers, we are genuinely committed to fostering an environment that supports member wellbeing. It's important to recognise that as a large community group we can all make a difference by having regular, meaningful conversations about life's ups and downs.

We were lucky enough to have R U OK? Ambassador - Shawn Sheather – who spoke with the kids about the importance of looking out for each other. He also brought his Lamborghini which was a massive hit! A big thank you to everyone who supported this day by taking the time to get to know each other a little better and in turn building our level of connection with each other. A special thank you to the Old Boys who prepared and cooked the BBQ in support of the event as well.



GIANT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - 15TH DECEMBER 2019

This year we were fortunate to be supported by a large number of local businesses as part of our Christmas fundraising efforts. We would like to acknowledge and thank these businesses who kindly donated prizes to our Giant Christmas Raffle:

- Village Roadshow
- Mantra Twin Towns
- Base Gym (becoming Cooly Gym)
- Harvey Norman
- Springloaded, Banora Point
- Bellakai, Coolangatta
- Bunnings, South Tweed Heads
- Rose & Crown Hair, Palm Beach
- Gold & Tweed Coast Pool Supplies and Services
- Rebel, Tweed Heads
- Event Cinemas, Coolangatta
- Holdway Family
- Ben Cronk
- Eddie's Grubhouse
- Big W, Tweed City
- Azure Skin & Beauty, Terranora
- Funhouse Entertainment Centre, Tweed City
- Woolworths, Centro Tweed



Please show appreciation through supporting these local businesses over the holiday season. Thanks also to our Nipper families who generously bought and sold raffle tickets, making \$1650 profit which was an amazing effort! All winners who were not present for the draw will be contacted and arrangements made to collect prizes. Thanks again for your support.

NIPPER TRAINER OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

Trainer of the month is a new award recognising consistency, effort, enthusiasm, respect for coaches and encouragement of their peers, combined with an overall positive attitude towards training and around the club. Something all nippers can aspire to. For the month of November, the recipients are: Kalan Noakes (u10), Ruby Everingham (u10), Amy Cronk (u13) and Izzy Boucher (u13).

With training generally, the coaches are happy with consistency of numbers, kids application to the task and the group dynamics. Great progress is evident with an increase in confidence and skill level amongst the regular attendees. Thanks to those parents who are making the effort to bring the kids to surf training. They are certainly benefitting from it!

XMAS AND NEW YEAR TRAINING REMINDER

Training sessions are adjusted for the 2 weeks between 23rd Dec and 5th Jan. The running and surf training will be combined to MORNINGS ONLY from 7:30-8:30am with Callum and 8:30-10:00am with Jason/Kane on the following days only:

Monday 23rd Dec, Tuesday 24th Dec, Saturday 28th Dec

Monday 30th Dec, Tuesday 31st Dec, Saturday 4th Jan

IMPORTANT DATES

12th JAN Holiday Nipper Sunday (0 pts)

19th JAN Holiday Nipper Sunday (0 pts)

18-19th JAN State board riding champs @ Alexandra Headland

25th JAN Nipper Saturday @ Palm Beach

26th JAN Official Nipper Sunday and Kieran Young memorial relay u11-14's

8-9th FEB u11-15 Branch Youth Champs @ North Kirra

BOARD AND SHED SECURITY AND ETIQUETTE REMINDER

We would like to remind all nippers and their parents of board and shed safety and security. The committee members and other volunteers put in a big effort to raise funds and attract sponsor dollars to provide equipment for the kids. We do everything we can to protect your property but if your board isn't locked we can't help you. A decent combo lock is \$10. A board repair cost is \$50-150. Families can help us by respecting the equipment and storage facility provided by:

- Buying a coded lock for your owned or leased board and USING IT every time;
- Putting your name and a phone number on your board (if you own it);
- Racking the boards safely;
- Keeping the shed clear of rubbish (use bins);
- Washing off boards and bodies/feet prior to entering the shed; and
- Rolling down the shed door and reattaching the padlock if you are late for training.

This last point is particularly important, as there is expensive equipment, plus many bags (possibly with mobile phones) in the shed that we DO NOT want stolen by leaving shed doors wide open.

OFFICIALS COURSE – 22 JANUARY 2020

The next Officials course is scheduled for Wed 22nd Jan 2020. It's a \$10 enrolment fee (candidate to pay) and the club pays \$110 for any member to complete the course. The club gets charged if you go or not, so please be certain you can fulfil the requirements prior. The prerequisites are - You MUST:

- be a registered member of the club;
- have a member SLSQ portal account;
- hold or have lodged a Blue Card application (if over 18 years); and
- complete the online component (allow 4-6 hours) of the course prior to attending the face to face.

PATROL HOURS AND RAFFLES

We are very proud of some of our u14 SRC nippers who have recently completed their first patrols, such as Luka and Bella Haley. Thanks for your effort keeping the beach safe. A reminder to all - check in with your patrol captain so they know where you are at all times.

Thanks also to u14's Ryan Muggerridge, Cash Cratchley and Isaac Rogers for joining in with the YIPS raffles on Saturday night, raising \$232 for the club. Much appreciated lads!



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