

**NIPPERS
NEWSLETTER
SEASON 2013 – 2014
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Coming Events

3.00pm Saturday 21st December – Training Session # T2 @ Back Beach **

9.00am (u8 - u10 & u14); 10.00am (u11 - u13) Sunday 22nd December – Nippers Session # 3 – all @ Back Beach

from the NIPPER COORDINATOR

A big contrast in conditions, this week with the younger age group enjoying tranquil conditions at St Paul's Rd while the older age groups contended with a rough shore break. The ability and mental resilience of our u11 - u13's was on display as they came in from swimming and boarding exercises through that shore break with many big tumbles. Watching the toughness of Damon Gaynor and Tom Maltby (u13's) stand up and get straight back into it after seriously hard wipe-outs on the boards was matched by Alexandra Walls and Zoe Irvine coming in from an u12 swim. Many fears were faced down in those groups, well down to all. A big mention to our water safety guys also (see photo below). They were offering plenty of timely advice, holding the nippers in positions of safety as the nippers conducted these exercises while they themselves were pounded by some unrelenting surf at times. Cooper Corbett's mopping up at the back of the group of some of the more nervous nippers deserves special mention. His way of spotting those who were battling, settling them down and assisting them carry out the task at hand was fantastic and makes us proud that this type of quality young man has come through our nipper program.

We invite parents to stay around after this coming weeks nippers' for a splash about with the kids. We especially welcome new families, mums and dads, to join in and let the kids teach them some of their new found skills. Also keep an eye out for upcoming information on our first Club Social Night for this season scheduled for the evening of January 4 at the clubhouse.

Next week (Sunday 22nd Dec): We are all at the back beach on the low tide with split starting times of 9am and 10am. Due to demand, hot chocolates will now be available from John Pease's café next to the board racks. A big thank you to Donna and James McPherson with the supply of the coffee and hot chocolate machine.

Nipper Training: The 2nd training session of the season will be held this Saturday 21st Dec at 3.00 pm. A good roll up of 30 nippers attended the first session and we expect to see a few more this week. We meet at the clubhouse 20 minutes prior to the start of the session. These sessions are designed to be physically and mentally intensive and teach competitive skills to both those nippers attending competitions and those just wanting to push their physical capabilities. There are 12 training sessions in all this season, open to all age groups at a cost of \$40 per nipper. It is payable at Lifesaving Online at the same pay-point as membership.



[more] from the NIPPER COORDINATOR [cont.]

Nipper Training [cont.]: Payment must be made Thursday December 19th, along with an email to confirm attendance to nippers@sorrentoslsc.com. This is compulsory for those wishing to attend as it enables us time to process attendance and organise sufficient water safety volunteers. All money for this is supporting the clubs YIPS program events (u14 - u20) and we thank them for their support in helping conduct these highly skilled sessions.

BaySwim: The early discount price for u12 - u14's wishing to enter the BaySwim has now closed. Those 12 and older can still enter via the BaySwim public entry access from the club website but the full price now applies.

2013-2014 Handbooks: In addition to the link on the website in the Nippers section, we have copies of the Nipper Handbook in the clubhouse.

Uniform Shop: Karen and Andrea will still have items available at the clubhouse this Sunday. We have ordered more caps and will supply them to the remaining nippers as soon as they arrive.

Working With Children Check (WWCC): We still require some parents to complete their Working with Children Checks and link their numbers to our club. Please make contact with Club Vice-President Mick Cummins (michael.cummins@sorrentoslsc.com) if you are having difficulties with this. It is a requirement from Life Saving Victoria (LSV) that we register WWCC numbers for all parents of nippers with our club.

Date of Birth: More than half of our parents have provided visual proof of their children's date of birth. If you have not carried this out, please show a copy of an official document with child's date of birth to their age manager this coming week.

Coffees: John Pease will again be producing high quality coffees (\$4) and now by popular demand hot chocolates (\$3) at the clubhouse this Sunday so please support this new service. We thank him and Anna for their efforts in getting this off the ground. We are looking for any budding baristas to support John, especially from those who offered their support to the BBQ and coffee teams during enrolment.

See you again this weekend,

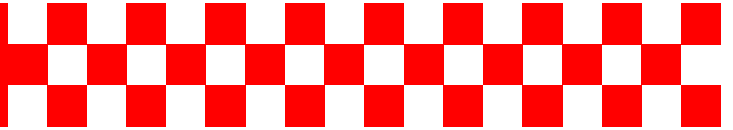
Brett Irvine, Nipper Coordinator

CARNIVALS

Sorrento SLSC will be attending, as a group, the following carnivals during the 2013 – 2014 Nippers season:

- Junior Carnival 3 at Chelsea Longbeach LSC - Saturday 25th January 2014 ([note venue change](#))
- Intra Club Carnival St Paul's Rd Front Beach – Sunday 26th January 2014
- Regional Championships Carnival at Pt. Leo – Saturday 1st February 2014
- State Championships at Warrnambool – Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 2014 (long weekend)





Water Safety were all over the nippers during the rough conditions, many thanks to them



Paul Gastin lining up some nervous looking u13 troops





Savannah Cutler absolutely ripping it up

