



KILLCARE SLSC NIPPERS 2011 – 2012 SEASON

A big welcome back to all our returning families and a very warm welcome to our new members and their families.

Nippers will commence on Sunday, 9th October, 2011 at 9.30am at Putty Beach. Usual entry cost to National Parks and Wildlife at Putty Beach applies. Nippers will be for a minimum of 1 hour each Sunday, regardless of the weather and surf conditions, as beach events and Surf Education will be covered on these days.

AGE GROUPS

All Nippers need to be financial and registered to participate in events. A child needs to have turned 5 years of age prior to joining, as they are not covered by SLS-NSW insurance. The age group is determined by the age that they are at midnight on 30 September this year. For example, an 8 year old on 30 September will compete in the under 9's age group. **Birth certificates need to be sighted for all new members prior to participating in events.**

UNIFORM

The Killcare competition cap is required to be worn by all Nippers whilst at Nippers and Surf Carnivals. This is a safety measure so that Nippers are easily identifiable in the water and on the beach.

It is not mandatory to wear the Killcare Swimmers but they are available for sale through the club.

NIPPER SET UP

There will be a roster for setting up the Beach events each Sunday. This will be determined by your child's age group. This will be on our Nipper Calendar that will be available on the first day of Nippers.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Each week the Age Manager will co-ordinate the following activities, Swim, Sprint, Flags. The Board will be available for the under 9's to 14's. In addition to the physical activity, Nippers will also learn surf awareness as part of their respective Certificates for their age groups. This is to be completed by December.

The main aim of Nippers is to give the children confidence in the surf and have a lot of fun. It may be daunting to swim in the surf, and we ask that the parents encourage their children in the activities.

PRELIMINARY SKILLS EVALUATION

All under 8's to under 14's must prove their proficiency by completing a swim which will be held on Sunday, 9 October, 2011 during Nippers at Putty Beach. This is required before they can take part in further Nipper activities, so that we know their capabilities in the water.

- Under 8's & 9's swim 25 metres (any stroke) plus 1 minute survival float
- Under 10's swim 25 metres (freestyle) plus a 1.5 minute survival float
- Under 11's swim 50 metres (freestyle) plus 2 minute survival float
- Under 12's swim 100 metres (freestyle) plus a 2 minute survival float
- Under 13's swim 150 metres (freestyle) plus a 3 minute survival float
- Under 14's & 15's swim 200 metres (freestyle) within 5 minutes plus a 3 minute survival float

AGE MANAGER'S

Each group has an Age Manager (usually a parent) who volunteers their time each Sunday to teach surf education and run the events. Age Managers have a vital role in caring for and nurturing our future surf life savers.

Nippers are expected to stay with their group and have their names marked off before leaving. The Age Manager's do a great job, so please give your assistance.

We are currently seeking more Age Manager's. Please let me know if you can help. We will help with training and guidance.

Age Manager's for 2011-2012 Season

Under 6's	Steve Hayter, Mikaela Hofer and Brett Venables
Under 7's	Paul Merrick, Chris Scarlett and Justin Woods
Under 8	Paul Melenewycz and Gillian Wilkins
Under 9	David Boyle and Samantha Venables
Under 10	Susan Franz, John O'Malley and David Sneddon
Under 11	Angela Johnston plus Age Manager required
Under 12	Ann-Marie Egger and Mark Krebs
Rookies	Natasha Marteene, Megan Fulton and Jacqui Payne
Junior Club Captain	Natasha Marteene

SPONSORSHIP

Last season, one of our parents, Hans Egger with his company, Genesys -Wealth Advisers, sponsored a pontoon for the Nippers to swim out to in the surf to and play on. It was great success. This again will be available this year. We would like to extend our appreciation of his support.

BOARD TRAINING (under 9's to under 14's)

Board training will be held at either Killcare or Putty Beach (depending on sea conditions). Training will be held on Monday afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. We meet at the Surf Club at 4.30pm to ascertain where training will be held. First day of training will be Monday, 17th October.

BEACH TRAINING (all Nippers)

Beach training which will include sprint and flag skills. Training will be held on Tuesday afternoons between 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Our first training day will commence on Tuesday 18th October.

NEW BOARDS

The club purchased four new soft foam Nipper boards over the winter season. This was made possible by the fundraising that was done last season.

WEBSITE

Please visit the Killcare SLSC website for information on the club and events and its history on www.killcaresurfclub.com.au.

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