



## **Chelsea Longbeach Nipper News – 1<sup>st</sup> Edition**

**By Dr John McSwiney, Junior Chief Instructor**

Spring has sprung and whilst the birds may be singing, a lot has been happening at the Club to prepare for the new summer season. (*Don't forget the working bee at the Club this Sunday from 11am*) Members will notice a number of changes to the operation and scope of the nipper program from last season as it is important that the Club fully engage with its ever expanding junior base. There are exciting times ahead for the Club and I am glad that you will be a part of making Chelsea the preeminent Club on the Bay.

In this edition of the Nipper News the focus is primarily on important administrative matters for the new season and I would encourage you to read all of it.

### **Winter Nippers**

The Winter Nipper program at Toby Haenan's finished last Saturday with all Nippers having a great time in the pool. I can confirm that there will be a Winter Nipper presentation at the club in late October and I will provide details of this great event in the next few weeks.

On behalf of our President Kate Winnell and myself I would like to thank Toby Haenan for their support of the winter program as our kids have substantially benefited from being able to access the pool and improve their swimming technique and general water awareness and confidence in and around water. I would also like to thank all of the parents and volunteers who assisted throughout the program on Saturday afternoons for without your help, enthusiasm and encouragement for the kids the winter program would not be realized and it would not be the growing success that it has become.

### **Summer Nippers**

#### Nipper Handbook

I have spent a fair bit of time drafting a new Nipper Handbook and Competition Manual for the 2010/2011 summer program. A draft of the new Handbook will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting in early October and it will be provided to all members prior to the start of the summer season. The Handbook is a very important document for nipper's and their parents as it contains all relevant information about the Club, the



Nipper program, rules and regulations, codes of conduct, key dates, age group information, competitions and key contact details.

#### Nipper format 2010/2011

The new season will be structured differently to previous seasons to ensure that nippers are kept safe both on the beach and in the water and that Surf Lifesaving Australia age group learning competencies are implemented (*I will provide a more detailed email about this in a future edition of the Nipper News*).

There will be two session times for Nippers this season. All nipper age groups from under 7 down will commence at 1.30pm at the Club and this session will go for 1 hour. The second session will be for the under 8 – under 14 age groups and will commence at 2.30 and finish at 4pm.

#### Membership

Membership for the Club runs from 1 July to 30 June. Payment of new memberships and membership renewals not only provide access to the club and all of its resources but also ensures that the Club is insured in case of an accident by a member, including nippers.

Children cannot participate in nippers if membership fees are not paid. I will be working closely with senior Club officers to monitor this and will be removing child/ren from the nipper program until membership fees are paid. If any member has an issue with this please call me on 0408378343 or email [johnmcswiney@optusnet.com.au](mailto:johnmcswiney@optusnet.com.au)

#### Working with Children Check (WWCC)

It is a mandatory requirement that all members of the Club over the age of 18 have a valid WWCC: there are no exceptions to this. Parents who intend to enroll their children in nippers must ensure that they have a valid WWCC. As Junior Chief Instructor I will not allow any child to take part in nippers until their parent/s have a valid WWCC. I will be working closely with senior Club officers to monitor compliance with this mandatory requirement and will be removing child/ren from the nipper program until it is complied with. The safety and protection of our children at the Club is paramount and if any member has an issue with this I would be more than happy to discuss it so please call me on 0408378343 or email [johnmcswiney@optusnet.com.au](mailto:johnmcswiney@optusnet.com.au)



Nippers is not a child minding service

Ok, where do I start with this one!

If you as a parent believe the Club is a place where you just drop your child/ren off at the start of the program and then pick them up when they finish then you should start looking for another Club (now!). The Club expects parent/s to be present at all times either on the beach or in the Club during their child/rens nipper program. I will be monitoring this with senior Club Officers and will be approaching parent/s where this may be occurring.

Age Group Managers

Nippers require Age Group Managers and Parent Helpers for without adequate managers and helpers Age groups will not proceed.

I encourage all parent/s to have a look at the tables below and see where the gaps are and seriously consider volunteering to help out. So if you are interested and would like more information please call me on 0408378343 or email me on [johnmcswiney@optusnet.com.au](mailto:johnmcswiney@optusnet.com.au)

**CSLSC Nipper Leaders**

**Nipper Group 1 – 1.30pm – 2.30pm**

<b>Under 5 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	Tom Ludwick
Parent Helpers*	Rachelle Clarke
	Rohan Anstey
	Jon Mcolgan
	Danny Hird

\*Children in this age group must be accompanied by a parent at all times. The ratio for this group is 1:1 and there will be no exceptions to this.



<b>Under 6 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	Bronwyn O'Callaghan Tim Newman
Parent Helpers	Rachelle Clarke
	Rohan Anstey
	Jon Mcolgan

<b>Under 7 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	Ben Chapman Cate Winnell
Parent Helper	Louise Blundell
	Michael Edwards
	Maree Peacock
	Bruce Peacock

**Nipper Group 2 – 2.30pm- 4pm**

<b>Under 8 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	Mick Brennan
Parent Helper	Kirsty Gilmore



<b>Under 9 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	Scott Croughan
Parent Helper	David Torkington
	Jo Torkington

<b>Under 10 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	
Parent Helper	Peter Wilson

<b>Under 11 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	
Parent Helper	Dan Sujica

<b>Under 12 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	
Parent Helper	



<b>Under 13 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	
Parent Helper	

<b>Under 14 Age Group</b>	
Age Group Manager	Tony Payne
Parent Helper	

<b>Water Patrol</b>	
<b>Water Safety Captain</b>	Paul Winnell
<b>Water Safety Team</b>	Steve McInerney
	Darren Wellington
	Andrew Varga
	Kim de Cruz
<b>Spotter</b>	

<b>Surf guard</b>	
Surf Guard Co-ordinator	Alison McInerney

Cheers

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