



# Margaret River SLSC Newsletter

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## Our Last NIPPERS Day for 2023 🎅

We had a wonderful last day of Nippers for the year, and how great was it to see Santa turn up in the IRB and spoil us on the beach with icy poles!

The weather was great and the smiles were wide.

Thank you to everyone for making the first half of our season so great. The kids are getting stronger, fitter and more confident every week. It's so good to see.



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## Club Championships

We had our first Club Championship and point score for the season on our last Sunday as well. The Nippers from U8's up pushed themselves to new limits, ran fast, dived for flags, swam further, paddled hard and cheered on their friends. It was great to see them showing off their improved skills.

There will be two more Championship days in the 2nd half of the season, and the points are taken from their best two days and tallied to give overall results for Age Champions.

So, if your Nipper missed the first one, or thinks they can improve even more, then they've still got two more chances to get those points! Championship dates are in the Calendar at the end of this newsletter.



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## Carnivals

Being involved in Surf Life Saving and Nippers can be more than just Sunday mornings. To encourage participation in Carnivals, the clubs Board has made the decision to pay for Nippers entries for any carnivals this season.

There is a **SW Regional Nippers Carnival in Bunbury on 21st January, 2024. Entries must be done soon, so please email Marcela at [nippers@margssurf.com](mailto:nippers@margssurf.com)** if your Nipper would like to compete.

There are also a number of other carnivals into February and March as well. Some of these require qualifying.

Come and chat to us if you are interested. Please remember that your Nipper must have completed the Competitors Evaluation before being able to enter a carnival.

All carnivals are listed in the Calendar at the end of this newsletter.



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## MR Independent School Beach Day

For the last couple of years some of our MRSLSC Lifesaving Team have provided water safety for the Independent School's, last day of the year at Flinders Bay in Augusta.

The children had a great time swimming out to the pontoon, playing on the beach and exploring around the rocks. Without the support of our qualified Lifesavers, these special school days and community events would not go ahead so successfully.

So a huge THANK YOU to Digby & Ness Fleming & Kristy Robinson, who were there on boards and in the water, keeping the kids safe for the whole day, with me.



## Members BBQ "Sunday Arvo Sippers"

We will be having a fun afternoon social BBQ for everyone to have a catch up before the school holidays come to an end, and we are back on the beach with our SundayNippers sessions.

**When: Sunday 28th January at 4pm**

**Where: Sth West SLS Development Centre -Railway Pde MR**

Bring the kids swimmers for a play in the pool.

BYO Drinks & Nibbles- Sausage sandwiches will be on sale.

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# First Aid Courses

We will be offering two more accredited First Aid Courses to Members, free of charge, in February. Priority will be given to Age Managers and Water Safety first, then offered to other members. Please email me if you would like to book in on the 3rd or 17th February. [education@margssurf.com](mailto:education@margssurf.com)

## Parent Swim

Join us for a fun, relaxed swim for the Adults at the end of Nippers. Bring your goggles, flippers and maybe a wetsuit and kickstart some post Christmas fitness.

We are aiming to swim at approx 10.30 and will ensure that there are enough Patrol members and Water Safety on the Beach to keep a watchful eye on children playing.

## Parking

To have our Nippers activities at Gnarabup, we are required to obtain a permit from Council. This permit has come with the prerequisite that our members will park up on the oval near our club shed. We are asking that you all PLEASE follow this.

We know that may not be an easy ask with the kids and allowing the extra time to walk down, but if we don't follow this requirement from council, they may not continue to issue the permit, that allows us to have our Nippers sessions there.

Thank you for your cooperation with this, we really appreciate your continued support.

## Photos & Social Media

If you would prefer your child's photo not to be posted on to our website or social media, please can you email Woody ([media@margssurf.com](mailto:media@margssurf.com)), clearly stating that, so we have it in writing. Please include your child's name and their Age Group for Nippers. If we don't have a written request to NOT publish your child's photo, we will presume you are happy for us to go ahead.



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# Calendar - 2024- Term 1

21st January	SW REGIONAL NIPPERS CARNIVAL- U8's up- BUNBURY BEACH *No Qualifying Required
28th January	Club BBQ for Members & Familes- SW Development Centre
3rd February	First Aid Course for MRSLSC Members
<b>4th February</b>	<b>1st NIPPERS CLUB DAY 2024 - GNARABUP BEACH</b>
17th/18th February	PERTH CARNIVAL- U10's up- MULALOO BEACH *Qualifier for State
<b>18th February</b>	<b>Nippers- Club Championship Point Score Day- Gnarabup Beach</b>
17th February	First Aid Course for MRSLSC Members
25th February	WA LITTLE NIPPERS CHAMPIONSHIPS- U8 & U9-MALALOO BEACH
2nd March	STATE CHAMPS-BEACH EVENTS-U10's up- SORRENTO BEACH *Must Qualify
3rd March	COUNTRY CHAMPS-U10's up- SORRENTO BEACH *No Qualifying Required
9th/10th March	STATE CHAMPS- WATER EVENTS- U10's Up- TRIGG BEACH *Must Qualify
<b>17th March</b>	<b>Nippers- Last Club Championship Point Score Day- Gnarabup Beach</b>

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