

MOUNT MARTHA NIPPERS 2017-18



MOUNT MARTHA
Life Saving Club

NIPPERS: Our Nipper's program runs on a Friday night from 6-7pm for Under 6-8 and from 6-7.30pm for Under 9-14. Nippers are provided the environment to learn all about being safe down at the beach. They're also trained in the basic skills of life saving including running on sand, wading, open water swimming and board paddling. There are also opportunities to compete against other clubs at Nipper Carnivals. It is a fun environment encouraging all age groups to 'have a go' and have fun. The children are placed in their age groups under the supervision of an Age Manager and Assistant.

Nippers will commence on Friday 17th November 2017. Additional board and competition training for U9-14 will also be held on a Tuesday and Thursday night.

Life Saving differs from other sporting codes due to the inherent danger of the playing field, namely water. Please ensure that you provide adequate supervision for your child. Children cannot be dropped off and left at the beach, they must have a parent/guardian there at all times.

A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST REMAIN ON THE BEACH FOR THE DURATION OF NIPPERS

AGE GROUPS: Nipper Age Groups are determined by the age of the Nipper on the 30 September of each year. Nippers must stay in their allocated age group.

5 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 6
6 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 7
7 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 8
8 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 9
9 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 10

10 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 11
11 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 12
12 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 13
13 years old on 30 Sep 17 - Under 14

If your child is 14 years or older please speak to one of our Senior Managers or Coaches to find out more about the seniors training program.

UNDER 14 & PATROL: All Under 14 nippers are required to complete their Surf Rescue Certificate and participate in volunteer patrols. Patrol is generally 6-8 half days throughout the season which commences in early November and finishes on Easter Monday. Course dates and further details can be found on the clubs website under Patrols.



UNDER 6 & 7 PARENTS: Water safety ratios for Under 6 & 7 are 1:1, meaning one parent to one nipper. We need Under 6 & 7 parents to assist with Friday night water safety for their Age Group. To register as a water safety helper please email: juniordirector@mmlsc.com.au

MERCHANDISE: The Merchandise Shop will be open from 4.30pm for the first 2 weeks of Nippers then from 5.30pm every Friday night thereafter. Online shopping will be available soon. Compulsory items required for all training is a pink rash vest and a nipper cap.

MEMBERSHIP: Your family membership must be COMPLETED prior to participating in the Nipper program, so please ensure all areas have been completed, each family member has been entered online, all members over 18 years have a current Working with Children check registered to MMLSC & LSV, active membership volunteer assistance has been provided. It is club policy for Nippers that the whole family joins (no extra cost) so please ensure you read the registration process carefully and create an account for each member of your family who is above the age of 5.

SWIMMING: At Nippers we do not teach swimming but provide great opportunities to develop their pool swimming into the open water environment. All Nippers Under 6-14 will be required to complete a preliminary swim assessment prior to the start of the season. Nippers wishing to compete at Life Saving Victoria carnivals will need to also complete their competition swim assessment which will be conducted on a Friday night during Nipper training.

VOLUNTEERING: Life saving is a volunteer community based organisation and relies heavily on its members to provide assistance in many areas throughout the club. It is extremely rewarding to volunteer within your community and the skills gained along the way can be of huge benefit in your everyday life and personal development. Nipper parents are expected to help with the running of the Nipper program or another area of the club - whether it's patrolling, committee member, coach etc. Please ensure you have nominated to assist in one of the following areas - Age Manager, Assistant Age Manager, Coaching, Water Safety, Patrol, Competition Official, Junior Sub-committee, no experience necessary, full training and support is provided. To find out how you can become a volunteer please contact Bec Gibbs - juniordirector@mmlsc.com.au

STARFISH NIPPERS is a Life Saving skills program designed for children and young adults with special needs aged 6 years and above. The program caters for nippers with numerous disabilities including Autism, Asperger's, Down Syndrome, learning and physical disabilities. New members are welcome, for more information please contact Sarah Hilli starfishnippers@mmlsc.com.au

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Nipper sessions run each week during the summer period and during poor weather, it is handy to have a wetsuit for these occasions. We are often able to practice our surf skills in rough conditions; if the bays water quality is good. We do however have a cancellation policy in extreme conditions such as active lightening or temperatures over 35 degrees (in Mt Martha). The program may be reviewed and managed on the night for other inclement weather.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: MMLSC is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People (SCYP) and acknowledges a safeguarding organisation doesn't just happen; it requires conscious action to protect children from harm. It is imperative that we provide a safe and supportive environment for children and young people, the focus on fun, education and building confidence of our people through positive learning and development.

JUNIOR COMPETITION U8-14: Each year Life Saving Victoria oversees the Victorian Junior Competition which involves life saving clubs competing at 7 state carnivals. The season begins in December and culminates with the Junior State Championships in March. There are many events that may be contested at each carnival, such as flags, sprints, swimming, board paddling, board rescue, relays and more. As with all junior sport parental assistance is required if your child is competing.



We encourage all Nippers to have a go at competition and we provide plenty of opportunities to train and improve for those that wish to compete in the state champs both at the individual level and the team events. The Carnivals are held both in the Bay and on the Coast. If you would like to know more about Junior Competition please speak to our Junior Comp. Manager - Peter Johnstone. jrcompetitionmanager@mmlsc.com.au

EQUIPMENT: All equipment is supplied by the club and extreme care must be taken in its use. There are 4 different types of boards used in Nippers as described below. It is important Nippers stay on the board they are being trained in for both safety and ensuring there is enough boards for each age group:

- 6ft Light Blue Soft Bennett Boards - Under 6-10
- 6ft Fibreglass Nipper boards - Under 11-13
- 10ft Soft Foam Racing Mal - Under 14 and above
- 10ft Fibreglass Racing Mal - Under 14 and above



PARENTS PLEASE ASSIST YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY RETRIEVE/ RETURN EQUIPMENT TO THE CLUBROOMS AND TRAILER. PLEASE ALSO MAKE SURE IT IS CLEAN, A RINSE IN THE SEA IS ALL THAT'S REQUIRED.

You are welcome to come down on the weekend and use club equipment - soft boards only, please remember to bring your pink rash vest and let the Patrol Captain know first. Parents are welcome to use equipment also, just remember you need a pink vest too (available from the Merchandise shop). All non-fibreglass equipment is available for general use, including the fabulous new Stand-up paddle boards arriving for the start of the 2017/18 season.

SOCIAL: After the beach is packed up on a Friday night we have fabulous volunteers who provide meals upstairs. TIP: pre-order upstairs, be quick as they sell out fast. We also have a bar which opens from 7.30pm, BYO is not permitted, please ensure if you have non-member guests they sign in at the bar. We also have a weekly movie on the big screen for the Nippers. It's a great way to finish off the week, relax and socialise with old and new friends. Please note that alcohol is NOT to be consumed on the beach during Nipper training, thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: We also hold an annual Christmas party on the last Friday night before Christmas. This is a highlight on the MMLSC social calendar and not to be missed. Tables and chairs are set up on the beach for you to relax with friends and celebrate the festive season. Hopefully we've been good and we will have a visit from the special man himself - SANTA. The kids go crazy each year, as he comes in on an IRB or Jet Ski, he's even been known to water ski in. This event is either BYO picnic or pre-purchased catering through our social coordinator.



COMMUNICATION: We send out a weekly "Nipper News" via email to all members every Thursday throughout the season. Please make sure you like us on Facebook and check out our website www.mmlsc.com.au for regular updates.



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VACANT	Social/Camp Coord.		

IMPORTANT DATES

UNDER 8-14 Prelim Swim Assessments

When: Tuesday 17th, 24th, 31st October at 7pm

Where: The Peninsula School, Senior Pool, enter Gate 7 off Nepean Hwy, Mt Eliza.

UNDER 6-10 Prelim Swim Assessments

When: Saturday 21st or 28th October at 1.00pm

Where: King Swim, 2 St Catherines Court, Mornington

Nippers are only required to attend **ONE SESSION ONLY**. If for any reason you are unable to attend any of the above dates, please contact Bec Gibbs at

juniordirector@mmlsc.com.au

Age Group	Preliminary Assessment (Pool or open water)	Competition Skills Evaluation (Surf/open water)	Junior Development Program Award
Under 6	From a standing position in waist deep water perform a front glide and recover to a secure position. Perform a back float for 15 seconds whilst holding a buoyant aid and recover to a secure position.	Not required (no competition for this age group)	Surf Play One
Under 7	From a standing position in waist deep water perform a front glide, kick for 3m and recover to a secure position. Perform a back float for 30 seconds and recover to a secure position.	Not required (no competition for this age group)	Surf Play Two
Under 8	25 metre swim (any stroke) 1 minute survival float (on back)	Not required (no water competition, except for wade which takes place in waist deep water)	Surf Aware One
Under 9	25 metre swim (any stroke) 1 minute survival float (on back)	150m open water swim within 12 minutes (continuous freestyle)	Surf Aware Two
Under 10	25 metre swim (freestyle/front crawl) 1 1/2 minutes survival float (on back)	150m open water swim within 11 minutes (continuous freestyle)	Surf Safe One
Under 11	50 metre swim (freestyle/front crawl) 2 minutes survival float (on back)	288m open water swim within 12 minutes (continuous freestyle)	Surf Safe Two
Under 12	100 metre swim (freestyle/front crawl) 2 minutes survival float (on back)	288m open water swim within 10 minutes (continuous freestyle)	Surf Smart One
Under 13	150 metre swim (freestyle/front crawl) 3 minutes survival float (on back)	288m open water swim within 9 minutes (continuous freestyle)	Surf Smart Two
Under 14	200 metre swim (freestyle/front crawl) within 5 minutes 3 minutes survival float (on back)	288m open water swim within 9 minutes (continuous freestyle)	Surf Rescue Certificate

NIPPER CALENDAR 2017-18

Date	Who	Activity	Location	NOTES
Fri 6th - Sun 8th October	Nippers U8-14	Nipper & Senior Surf Camp	Anglesea YMCA	Parent must attend
Sunday 22 Oct @ 2pm	Age Managers & Assistants	Age Managers Course	MMLSC	Andrew Felsingar
Tues 17th, 24th, 31st October 7-8pm	Nippers U8-14	Prelim Swims	Peninsula School Pool	Compulsory attendance to one session
Saturday 21st or 28th October 1.00-2.00pm	Nippers U6-10	Prelim Swims	Kings Swim Mornington	
Tues 17 th Oct 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	Must have completed Prelim Swim 16/17
Tues 24 th Oct 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	Must have completed Prelim Swim 16/17
Tues 31 st Oct 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	Must have completed Prelim Swim 16/17
Tues 14th Nov 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 17th Nov - 6pm	All nippers	Nippers Night 1	MMLSC	Roster: U12s
Tues 21st Nov 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 24th Nov - 6pm	All Nippers	Nippers Night 2	MMLSC	Roster: U7 boys
Tues 28th Nov 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 1st Dec - 6pm	All Nippers	Nippers Night 3	MMLSC	Roster: U7 girls
Tues 5th Dec 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 8th Dec - 6pm	All Nippers	Nippers Night 4	MMLSC	Roster: U8 boys
Tues 12th Dec 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Thur 14th Dec 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Competition Training	MMLSC	
Fri 15th Dec - 6pm	All Nippers	Intra-Club Competition	MMLSC	Roster: U8 girls
Sat 16th Dec	Competition Nippers U8-U14	State Carnival #1	Altona LSC	Registrations close 8/12/17
Tues 19th Dec 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 22nd Dec - 6pm	All nippers	Nippers Xmas Party	MMLSC	
Fri 5th Jan	Competition Nippers U8-U14	State Carnival #2	Cosy Corner	Registrations close 22/12/17
Tues 9th Jan 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 12th Jan - 6pm	All Nippers	Nippers Night 6	MMLSC	Roster: U9 boys
Tues 16th Jan 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 19th Jan - 6pm	All Nippers	Nippers Night 7	MMLSC	Roster U9 girls

Sun 21st Jan	Competition Nippers U8-U14	State Carnival #3	Chelsea LSC	Registrations close 12/01/18
Tues 23rd Jan 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 26th Jan	NO NIPPERS	MMAD SWIM	MMLSC	Australia Day
Sat 27th Jan	Competition Nippers U8-U14	State Carnival #4	Pt Lonsdale/ Queenscliff	Registrations close 19/01/18
Tues 30th Jan 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 2nd Feb - 6pm	All Nippers	Nippers Night 8	MMLSC	Roster: U6 boys
Tues 6th Feb 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 9th Feb - 6pm	All Nippers	Intra-Club Competition	MMLSC	Roster: U6 girls
Sun 11th Feb	Competition Nippers U8-U14	State Carnival #5	Sth Melb LSC	Registrations close 02/02/18
Tues 13th Feb 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 16th Feb - 6pm	All Nippers	Nippers Night 10	MMLSC	Roster: U10s
Sat 17th Feb	Competition Nippers U8-U14	State Carnival #6	Mordialloc LSC	Registrations close 09/02/18
Tues 20th Feb 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 24th Feb - 6pm	All Nippers	Nipper Night 11	MMLSC	Roster: U11s
Sun 25th Feb	Competition Nippers U8-U14	State Carnival #7	Lorne SLSC	Registrations close 16/02/18
Tues 27th Feb 5-6pm	Nippers U9-U14	Board Training	MMLSC	
Fri 2nd Mar - 6pm	All Nippers	Nippers Night 12	MMLSC	Roster: U13s & U14s
Tues 6th Mar 5-6pm	State Competitors ONLY	Competition Training	MMLSC	
10th - 11th Mar	Nippers U9-U14	Vic Junior Champs	Warrnambool	Registration Close TBA
Fri 23rd Mar - 6pm	All Nippers	Presentation Night	MMLSC	

Nippers: New Members Guide to Surviving Friday Nights!

WELCOME TO ALL NEW 2017/18 NIPPER FAMILIES

Nippers will start on Friday 17th November at 5.45pm for 6pm program commencement. Please have your nipper lined up in their Age Group by 5.45pm.

To help you get organised for a great season, below is a guide for all new Nippers and their parents/guardians.

Parking is at a premium so our advice is to get down to the club as early as possible ready for a roll call by 5.45pm. Park either in the MMLSC car park, across the road in the dirt car park or at the Balcombe Estuary Car park and walk down under the bridge to the beach, avoiding the busy Esplanade Road all together! Please use the pedestrian crossing and the boardwalk if you have to cross the road to get to the club.

All Nippers must be assembled in front of the MMLSC club house by 5.45pm for 5.50pm roll call. This will ensure that the program starts on time. Look out for your child's age group flag. All Nippers must wear a MMLSC skull cap and hi-vis pink rash singlet to participate which can be purchased from our merchandise shop inside the clubhouse. There will be an Age Manager and an Assistant Age Manager for each age level and they will coordinate and organise the group. They all have a clip board with key information and attendance sheets. Parents **MUST** notify Age Group Managers if they are removing their child from the group before the scheduled finish time.

With over 300 children on the beach it can be a challenge for new parents to find where they should go. Don't stress - just ask - we are all here to help! Little Nippers program Under 6-8 is conducted on the south side of the club (towards the Yacht club) and the Big Nippers program Under 9-14 is conducted on the north side of the clubhouse (towards Balcombe Creek). Starfish Nippers is located in between the red and yellow patrol flags. We also run Surf Education upstairs so if you cannot find your child's age group - check upstairs. ☺

Quick Nippers Checklist

- ✓ Nippers cap - Compulsory Item
- ✓ Pink Fluoro Vest - Compulsory Item
- ✓ Bathers (available from Merchandise Shop)
- ✓ Goggles
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Nippers t-shirt
- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Wetsuit (recommended)
- ✓ A bag to carry it all in!

