



INFORMATION FOR ŌTAKI SLSC NIPPERS AND FAMILIES FOR THE 2020/21 SEASON

We're excited to welcome all our old and new Nippers and families to another surf season. The focus for Nippers is FUN, making friends, and surf awareness. Nippers learn about safety at the beach and can participate in competitions against other Surf Lifesaving Clubs, at sports carnivals (details will be advertised). All club members are welcome to use the club rooms and gear as designated by the coaches, and we encourage you to get to know our friendly lifeguards. Have a fantastic season and, above all, have fun!

For more information check out the Junior Surf section on www.otakisurfclub.co.nz, visit us on facebook - Ōtaki Surf Club Nippers - and request access so you can follow us, email otakinippers@gmail.com or contact Carrie on 021 775 432.

Here is some important information for you:

ELIGIBILITY

Nippers must be 7-13 years and able to swim 1 length of Haruatai pool without stopping, followed by 1 minute treading water. This must be completed before ANY beach sessions can be attended.

All nippers are expected to attend both pool and beach sessions. The pool sessions run for approx 9 months of the year whilst the beach session run from Nov to March (exact dates TBC).

REGISTRATION

At your 1st session please make yourself known to the coach. This session is free, after that you will be required to join up and pay the annual subs (see overleaf).

POOL SESSIONS

Every Thursday, 7-8pm at Haruatai Pool.

BEACH SESSIONS

Beach sessions will run from November until March. Exact dates TBC. Sign in upstairs in the club at 3.15. The session runs from 3.30 until 4.30 - 5pm depending on the conditions. The session will run rain or shine.

SIGNING IN & OUT AT THE BEACH

All nippers must sign in at the pool.

All nippers must sign in and out at the beach. This is for safety reasons. If your child needs to have a toilet break or leave early they MUST tell the admin person.

Once signed out responsibility of the nipper is handed back to the caregiver

HEALTH & SAFETY

At all times, Nippers must follow the coaches' /lifeguards' instructions. Please remind your child before each session to raise their hand in the water if they need assistance.



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ATTIRE & WHAT TO BRING

Tight fitting togs (no board shorts), wetsuit, towel, water, sunscreen.

A high viz vest will be allocated to each paid up nipper for the season. This MUST be worn in the water at all times when attending nippers or using the clubs gear. The vest must be returned at the end of the season, failure to do so will result in a \$50 charge.

CARNIVALS

As part of nippers (junior surf) the children are able to attend local carnivals (competitions). These are super fun events where they test their surf skills against other clubs. As a club we intend to attend some of these.



GEAR

The club owns some amazing, and very expensive gear. Nippers will be allocated with gear to use throughout the season and as their skills progress both at the beach and in the pool they will be able to use more advanced equipment. BUT it is the responsibility of the nipper to look after this gear. Always carry the gear correctly (they will be taught how), never drag it and always clean it and put it away in the correct place.

Outside of session times nippers can access the gear by seeking permission from the patrol captain (please note, permission may not always be granted). The nippers vest MUST be worn in the water at all times when using club gear.

HELP FROM CAREGIVERS

Please stay and help with the sessions as much as possible. Our Children learn from us and will love having you in the water with them. We understand not everyone is a water baby so there are also tasks to be done on the beach too, just talk to us and we can point you in the right direction.

It is our requirement that caregivers stay on the beach for the session to assist a child if an emergency or health issue arises.



2020/21 SUBS (01.09.20 - 31.08.21)

These are paid annually.

- Individual Lifeguard membership - \$90
- Junior Surf membership - \$90
- Family membership - \$150
- Associate membership - \$40

Our bank and GST details are as follows:
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