



Papamoa

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

PSLSC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

1st December 2023

HAPPY SUMMER!

We are heading into the busy season here at the club and are looking forward to welcoming the thousands of beach goers who descend on Pāpāmoa Beach over the summer.

We have close to 150 lifeguards and Rookies this year keeping us all safe, and with over 400 Junior Surf members, it's also exciting to see the big group of future lifeguards in training.

Club Night is on tonight from 5pm, along with our second Race Night of the season with racing starting at 4.30pm. Hopefully the weather will be better than the last one and we can all enjoy being out on the deck and cheering on the kids. See you there!

On the menu this week...

Beef Burger = \$7

Mac n Cheese = \$7

Fries = \$5

Loaded Fries (cheese sauce, BBQ sauce, bacon bits, sour cream, spring onion) = \$10

JOIN US

Have you been thinking about getting more involved at the club but not sure where to start? Check out our new **[JOIN US](#)** page on our website which outlines the different areas and roles at the club. Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club is mainly run by volunteers and we always need more people to jump aboard. It can be a very rewarding way to 'give back', especially if you have children already involved at the club.

If you have any queries or feedback, or are unsure about anything please don't hesitate to contact the office by either calling 07 542 2122 or emailing info@papamoalifeguards.co.nz



Lifeguarding Roles



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Junior Surf Support

MISSING PERSON AT SEA

A big thank you to Michael Leach and Sonia Keepa for organising a Missing Persons at Sea training session at the club this week. A missing person situation can happen fast so it's critical that we all spring into action immediately, in a coordinated manner when this type of incident happens on our beach.

Around 50 people attended including our senior surf sports team to refresh their knowledge prior to the season ramping up.



GOOD LUCK

There will be a few nervous members today swotting up for their lifeguarding and patrol support exams taking place tomorrow at the club. We'd like to wish the 12 people taking their exam the very best of luck and we can't wait to see you out patrolling the beach this summer.



ROOKIES

Our Rookies are getting stuck in at every opportunity at their training sessions as well as on patrol. A reminder that a change to the advertised schedule, the final Rookies session for the year is on 10th December.

The first session back is on 21st January when our Rookies will be helping out at the Pāpāmoa Carnival. These events can't run without the support of our wonderful volunteer lifeguards so it's important for our Rookies to see first-hand what's involved. Our Rookies will continue to be on patrol throughout the Christmas/New Year period so please give them as much support as you can.

Image: Rookies Wills and Zac training on the rescue sled with lifeguard Olivia.



MASTERS SURF SPORTS

The first target event for our canoe racing is fast approaching on Friday 5th January and we are excited to be entering some teams this year. This is held as part of the BOP Champs here at Papamoa so it will be great to be on home turf. We have just heard that we have the opportunity to race mixed crews during this event.

Very soon we will start some water training for those who are keen on a swim, board or ski at BOP Champs too, so please keep an eye on the [Masters Facebook Page](#) and come along to training if you are keen to join in.

SENIOR SURF SPORTS



The team were in Gisborne last weekend for the Gizzy Grinder showing their metal in some truly challenging conditions. Unfortunately the cold, wet and windy weather did not allow for much racing, but the Enduro went ahead with some stellar performances from the team. Everyone still had a fun trip with coach Jake coming up with some alternative options including an impromptu relay event at the new swimming pool.

A massive thank you to our wonderful sponsors for ensuring our seniors can train and compete on top quality equipment.



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Next week the team head to Whangamata for the Whanga Classic which is the traditional curtain raiser to the season. We have a number of athletes competing on both days with the U17 rep competition and The Invitational taking place on the Sunday. All the best to the team!
Here's a reminder of the upcoming carnivals and events for the season...

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SENIOR SURF SPORTS CARNIVALS & EVENTS

FOR UNDER 15 AND ABOVE ATHLETES

Whangamata Classic Whangamata	Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First normal distance races to blow off the cobwebs and get our minds into race mode
Mount Monster Mount Maunganui	Saturday 16 th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Massive enduro event to put all our hard long winter training on show
BOP Senior Carnival Pāpāmoa	Saturday 6 th – Sunday 7 th January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A local event to kick start the year
Owen Chapman Red Beach Auckland	Saturday 13th January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Good hard racing against Northern Region ClubsA perfect big hit out after the Christmas break and leading into ERCs
Eastern Region Senior Championships Mount Maunganui	Friday 26 th – Sunday 28 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The main regional event of the season for our senior athletes
Northern Region Senior Championships TBC	Saturday 17 th – Sunday 18 th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A big regional comp to test ourselves against Northern clubsA great opportunity to keep up the racing between ERCs and Nationals
New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships Mount Maunganui	Thursday 14 th – Sunday 17 th March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The conclusion of the season for our senior athletes to showcase all they've learnt throughout the season

THE AUSSIES

The Seniors trip to The Aussies is fast approaching, with registrations opening this week. The team has done a fantastic job over winter raising funds to transport their equipment to the Sunshine Coast, but they continue to look for fundraising opportunities. We currently have a raffle going for a Bestway 13ft Pool. Look out at Club Night and at Junior Surf this weekend for a chance to buy tickets. The team plan to draw the raffle after the last Junior Surf session of the year on 10th December.

JUNIOR SURF SPORTS

Our Oceans team headed down the beach to Omanu last weekend for some competitive training. Thanks to our Omanu friends for putting on the event. It was great to see the friendly competition between the clubs and the friendships being developed by the kids.

OCEAN DEVELOPMENT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Our Ocean Development Programme is for all kids aged between 8 and 13 years old who have their 200m safety badge. Our Junior Surf Sunday sessions take a break over the school holidays so this is ideal for those who want to continue training over the holidays.

The training takes place 3 times a week during January and focuses on board paddling, beach skills and surf swimming. Developing strong surf, board and race skills are important in developing the next generation of lifeguards.

Please note:

- Those already doing Ocean Development do not need to sign up again for the holiday programme, it is included in your original registration.
- If you sign up to the holiday programme you can continue the Oceans Development programme through to the end of the season in March 2024.
- Every participant must have their 200m badge to be able to take part, so if your child doesn't have this, please email coach Jack at oceans@papamoalifeguards.co.nz to discuss further.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on Ocean Development and then REGISTER NOW to sign up.



The countdown is on, not only for Christmas but our popular visit from Santa at Junior Surf on 10th December (9 sleeps to go!). This will be the last Junior Surf session for the year, with the programme starting up again on 14th January 2024.

We have the BBQ running after Junior Surf each Sunday, so why not stay behind with your Junior Surf friends. And remember that the BBQ is run by volunteers each week so don't forget to say thank you for their support.

With lots of carnivals and events coming up please keep an eye on your emails for invitations coming out over the next few weeks. Here's a reminder of the key dates for the season, followed by the Junior Surf carnivals and events...

	2023/2024 JUNIOR SURF SEASON DATES		
Registrations Open	Friday 1st September	Visit www.papamoalifeguards.co.nz/register to register online	
Registration & Uniform Collection Days	Tues 17th & Thurs 26th October 4pm - 6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for the season • Collect your child's uniform ready for the season ahead • At the Pāpāmoa Surf Club – downstairs in the training room 	
First session of the season	Sunday 5th November 9.30am start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to the new season 	
Last session for 2023	Sunday 10th December 9.30am start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa will arrive in style! 	
First session for 2024	Sunday 14th January 9.30am start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome back to the beach 	
Pāpāmoa Junior Surf Club Championships & Last session of the season	Sunday 3rd March 9.30am start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A highlight of the season for our Nippers to earn medals and showcase what they've learnt throughout the season • For all participants, under 6 and above 	



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JUNIOR SURF CARNIVALS & EVENTS FOR UNDER 6 – UNDER 14 ATHLETES

Mini Mount Monster Mount Maunganui	Saturday 16 th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An awesome event to kick start the summer season• Includes a 600m swim, 1200m board & a 600m run• For under 13 & under 14s only
Coastal Challenge Mount Maunganui	Sunday 17 th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fun day of alternative individual races• For under 11-14 Oceans members
BOP Junior Surf Carnival Pāpāmoa	Sunday 7 th January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditional style of racing featuring team and individual events• For under 11-14 Oceans members
Pāpāmoa Junior Surf Carnival Pāpāmoa	Sunday 21 st January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our opportunity to host a local carnival• Team events only• For under 8s and above
Eastern Region Junior Carnival Whangamata	Saturday 10 th & Sunday 11 th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A big regional event for our junior athletes• For under 11s and above
Oceans Festival of Surf Mount Maunganui	Thursday 22 nd – Sunday 25 th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The largest Junior Surf Life Saving event in New Zealand for junior athletes• For under 11s and above
Pāpāmoa Junior Surf Club Champs Pāpāmoa	Sunday 3 rd March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A highlight of the season for our nippers to earn medals and showcase what they've learnt throughout the season• For all athletes, under 6 and above

PARKING AT JUNIOR SURF

We are one of the biggest clubs in the country, and with well over 400 members in our Junior Surf programme we appreciate it can get pretty busy on a Sunday morning.

The Tauranga City Council allow us to use the grass reserve for our overflow parking. We are lucky to have this carpark and we do not want to lose the privilege of having this space. We'd like to remind our members of a few rules around parking in this area:

- Please DO NOT park under the trees - this is a hazard and if the council see this happening they will close the area off.

- This area will be closed at the end of patrol on a Sunday (around 4pm) so make sure you are out of there by then.
- Please be respectful of others when parking and do not block anyone in.



See photo for a suggested plan for parking. The black line indicates the route to drive in and out of the area and the blue lines are where to park - two lines of parking in the middle and then a line of parking at the beach side and the roadside of the grass. Do not park in the red area as there is no way in and out of here so you may get boxed in.

As a club we don't have the manpower for a parking attendant but if any parent or caregiver, or perhaps an older sibling, would like to put their hand up to volunteer for this role it would be hugely appreciated by all. Please email info@papamoalifeguards.co.nz if you'd like to help.

Make sure you keep an eye on our [Junior Surf Facebook Group](#) page as this is where cancellations and regular updates will be posted throughout the season. You can also [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Junior Surf page on our website for everything you need to know about Junior Surf.

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