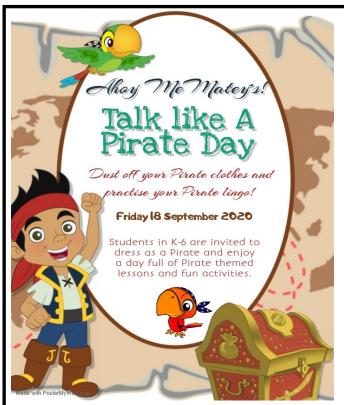
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## Nordsy Notes Term 3 Week 8 - Thursday 10 September 2020



What did the ocean say to the captain of the pirate ship? Nothing! The ocean just waved

Why don't pirates shower before they walk the plank? Because they'll just wash up on shore later

#### **Cross Country Carnival**

Our annual Cross Country Carnival will be held next Wednesday, 16 September 2020.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions no spectators are allowed on school grounds and there will be no special lunch order.

Students will need to bring their normal lunch/recess and a water bottle. We will be selling a limited range of ice-blocks from the canteen on the day.

This is a whole school event with all students expected to participate. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and to cheer on their peers.

Kingfisher - Red Sea Eagles - Yellow Pelican - Green

#### Safety First

Afternoon pick up is a very busy time both inside the school gates and outside. The teacher on duty is there to oversee that all students leave the school safely and (in the case of younger students) in parental care.

Over the past few weeks teachers have had to leave the school grounds in order to ensure students are safely crossing the road. This means that students who are waiting for the bus, OOSH or who have not yet been collected are left unsupervised.

We ask that parents do not stand on the opposite side of the road and call your child to cross the road alone. Please cross safely at the crossing and collect your child from the school gate.

We understand that parking is limited which is why we extended our **pick up time from 3pm—3.30pm.** This allows for families to stagger their pick up times for ease of parking.

Another area of concern is students not knowing how they are getting home or with whom. Please take the time to discuss the afternoon's routine with your children so they know whether they are catching the bus, going to OOSH, being collected from the front gate/ back gate or walking home. It is important for families to communicate their expectations with their children. For example, if you aren't at the gate to meet them they are to wait with the teacher on duty and not walk home alone. Giving your child clear instructions in the morning can save a lot of stress, confusion, tears and anxiety in the afternoons.

Whilst last minute plans can change, please do not contact the teacher via SeeSaw with messages just before the bell. As a general rule staff do not access devices during the working day. If plans have changed please call the office. Please note: the earlier you can let the school know, the better, so that staff have enough time to locate your child to relay the message.

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#### **Principal's News**

Spring is in the air! With the weather slowly warming up our school grounds are starting to look sensational again. Miss Dunlop and her garden club have been busy preparing then planting garden beds. Hopefully we have will have enough produce to harvest very soon.

Yesterday we welcomed four more feathered ladies to our chicken coop, bringing our total to 8 chickens. Each class will 'adopt' and name a chicken with the SRT choosing the final name. I am sure there will be a lot of interesting choices thrown amongst the mix!

We have a busy week next week with our annual Cross Country being held on Wednesday and Talk Like a Pirate Day on Friday. All classes have been building up their fitness and preparing for the Cross Country Carnival. This will be our first carnival without spectators or a delicious lunch prepared by the canteen. Please make sure your children have a refillable drink bottle to keep them hydrated and plenty of food to re-boost their energy levels after the race.

Talk Like a Pirate Day is a day of fun filled Pirate themed lessons and activities. Students are encouraged to dress like a pirate for the day and join in with some pirate lingo. Arrrr!

