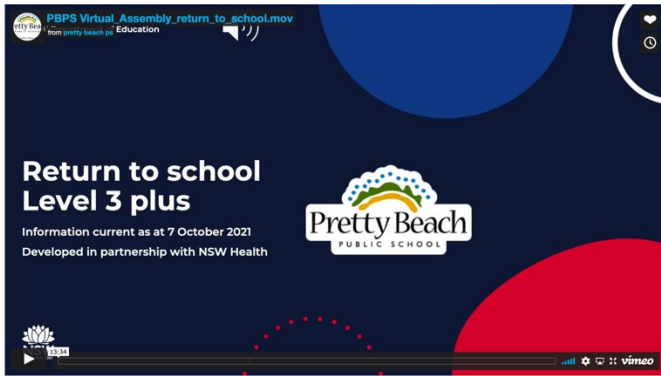


**Term 4 | Week 2 | Thursday 14 October 2021**



## Message from the Principal

We are almost there... we are absolutely thrilled to be able to welcome our students back to school in just a matter of days now! By now, we hope that parents have been able to access shared information regarding our return-to-school COVID-19 planning processes. As we are unable to meet together, we've put together a 'virtual assembly' video where we go through, in further detail, the key dates and important COVID-Safe practices at our school that will help facilitate a smooth transition back to face-to-face learning. You can access the [video here](#) or click on the image below to access:



We strongly encourage parents to take the time to review school planning and to talk through some of the changes to 'normal' school under Level 3+ school settings that students will experience when we return to school. Being aware of planned changes, and the reasons for them, is a really important way that we can support our students and help them to feel prepared and confident. To this end, we've put together some student-based support videos which outline some of the changes and expectations ahead. These short 5-minute video lessons provide information on key changes and help students to recognise the things they can control (and strategies for doing so) as well as the things we can't control (and can let go of). There's no doubt that, just as our transition to Learning From Home was challenging for some, so the return to school may be. In fact, this may be an even more daunting process for our students who have adjusted to the routines of being at home. We very much encourage our parents to watch through

these support videos together and discuss any questions, thoughts or concerns that your children may have. The first video, "returning to school after LFH", addresses possible student uncertainty or worries about coming back to school and provides a range of strategies students can use to feel prepared, safe and confident. You can access the [video here](#) or click on the image.



The second support video, focuses on outlining safety guidelines and related student behaviour expectations as we return to a

Level 3+ school setting. Whilst our students will be able to access these videos through their Learning From Home timetable, we very much encourage our parents to watch with their children, at a time that is convenient, ready and prepared to address any questions or talk about key concepts or important information within the lesson. We are confident that this will help us continue to work together to support our students and ensure our return is a safe, happy and positive one for all our students. You can access the [video here](#) or click on the link below to access.



We really can't wait to see our students back at school and we recognise that this term will be busy, productive, challenging and positive, all at the

same time. Our ongoing focus will be to ensure that the term is full of happy experiences whilst we support our students to reengage in their learning with positivity and renewed commitment. And parents, take a deep breath and a very big bow... you've done an incredible job!

*We can't wait to see you very soon! X Mrs Wardlaw*

**PBPS return to school plan: at a glance!**

While we know there is much excitement about the imminent return to school for our students, it is important that our parents commit to the planned stage return, to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face teaching in the following order:

- from 18 October –Kindergarten and Year 1 students
- from 25 October – all remaining year groups.

Online learning will cease for all students, as of their scheduled return to school date. Students who are unable to attend due to immunocompromised medical reasons will be supported on a case-by-case basis and, pending health advice, supported to work from home.

**The key points:**

- All staff and workers onsite at Pretty Beach Public School are required to be fully vaccinated by scheduled return-to-school dates.
- Online learning will cease for all students as of their scheduled return to school date. Students that are unable to attend due to immunocompromised medical reasons will be supported on a case-by-case basis and, pending health advice, supported to work from home.
- The school will maintain extra enhanced cleaning processes, good ventilation in classes and clear expectations around hand-washing and/or use of hand sanitiser.
- Students will remain with their class for all learning experiences when indoors. Shared learning spaces, such as the library, will be utilised by one class at a time. Outdoor learning spaces will be utilised, where practical. Students will be encouraged and supported to minimise interaction during play times.
- A staggered pick-up process will be utilised from October 25 to ensure that there is minimal student interaction and safe distancing expectations in place for parents who are waiting to pick up children.
- Masks will be worn by all staff, both indoors and outdoors, following Department of Education expectations.
- Students aged 12 and over are required to wear a mask at school whilst indoors and outdoors, unless eating or exercising. For younger students, masks will be available for student-use, should students choose to wear a mask.
- The canteen will be open from Friday Week 4 (29 October).

**Attendance matters**

At PBPS we know that attendance matters: every missed day at school has an effect, and, cumulatively, this can have a strong negative impact on student learning progress. We also know that the best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students in Week 3 (for K-1 students) and Week 4 (for 2-6 students) in Term 4. We know that while there will be excitement, there will also be some anxiety and uncertainty about being back together at school. We are prepared to do everything that we can to support your child in a positive transition back to school on the required start date. As online learning ceases for all students, as of their scheduled return to school date, it is essential that students return to school on the planned return date. Please contact your child's teacher immediately, should you need some support in managing this important transition.

**Assembly and Principal Awards**

Congratulations to the students who received Assembly and Principal Awards.

**Assembly Awards – Weeks 9-10**

- KG** Fern, Fin, Boh, Huon, Cedar, Harrison  
**1T** Jack, Eve, Sophia, Ellie, Fox, Artie, Jagger  
**1M** Ava, Lola, Millie, Flo, Archi, Charlie, Dallas, Ava, Morgan, Stevie, Eric  
**2R** Ethan, Maya, Jessica, Jalen, Hugh, Louis  
**2-3P** Flynn, Violette, Zoe, Indy, Finlay, Lucy, Fraya, Nate  
**3B** Niamh, Harvey, Aston, Audrey, Noah, Teddy, Max, Sebi, Violet, Nathaniel, Orlando, Charli, Georgia, Summer

**Principal Awards – Weeks 9-10**

- KG** Arlo, Harvey, Nixon, Alfie  
**1T** Jagger, Matilda, Bay  
**1M** Sylvie, Xanthe, Sophia, Luke, Caitlin, Jock, Zoe  
**1-2H** Jonah, Artie, Sunday, Mae, Braxton, Abigail  
**2R** Keanu, Matilda, Jamie, Jack, Hattie, Otis, Lilybell  
**2-3P** Sophie, Flynn, Toby  
**3B** Elliot, Penny, Che, Emily, Georgia, Gabe, Aston, Teddy

Kindergarten - Learning From Home

Well done Kindy for transitioning back into LFH. We have had some quality work in the last two weeks, it has been lovely seeing everything you do on seesaw.

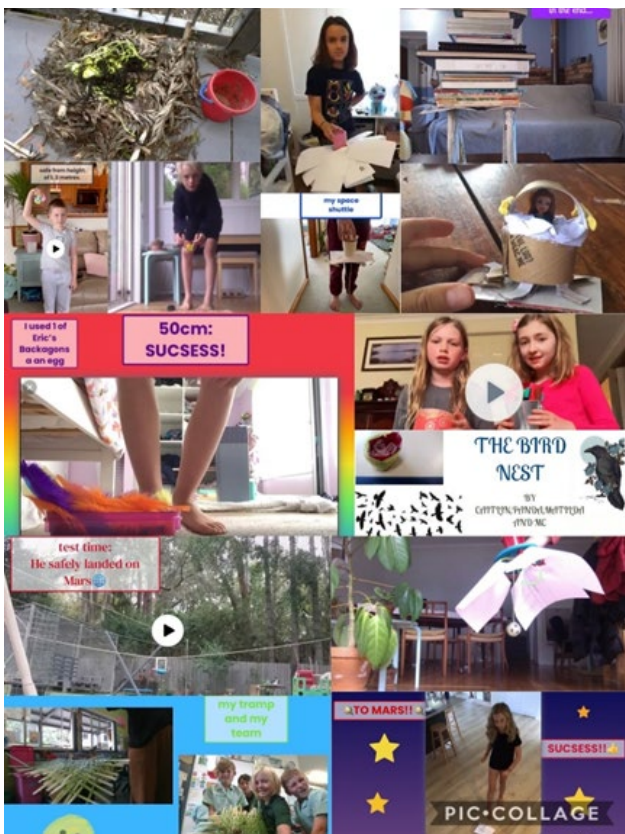
We return to school on Monday and I am so excited!!! I am really looking forward to seeing you all and supporting everyone with their new learning journey back in the classroom. I know some of the Kindy students may be feeling a little nervous about the return and I will endeavour to make everyone feel as comfortable as possible.

See you all on Monday

Mrs Gordon

2R - Learning From Home

Congratulations and well done to all of the fabulous students in 2R! Another fortnight of fun and learning and our crew are doing an amazing job of keeping each other motivated and enthusiastic, completing and sharing quality work. This week, we are highlighting some of our amazing STEM designs. Students have had heaps of fun investigating, designing, creating, testing, evaluating and sharing space landers and rare bird's nests. Special thanks to Mrs Prendergast for sharing some super creative challenges this fortnight!



1M – Learning From Home

1M have had such a wonderful start to Term 4! They have been working super hard through their LFH activities. It has been so lovely seeing their fabulous work on Seesaw. I'm feeling very proud of all of them. I can't wait until we are all back in the classroom together – not long to go now ☺

Mrs Smith

Zoe Watt's Post



the end to wellness wednesday was making chocie crackles and oreo tea for friends



Canteen

When all students have returned we will reopen the canteen for lunch orders only on Friday 29 October. Orders need to be in by Thursday for Friday's orders to ensure lunches are ready in time for lunch at 11:00am. There will be no over the counter purchases and we won't be requiring a parent helper at present.

Thanks for your support with these COVID-19 arrangements.

Jan Tochowicz  
Canteen Manager

## New School Visitor Check-in



A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school. Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the [NSW COVID-19 mandate](#). External link
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short [parent video](#) External link to see how it works for parents or our [contractor video](#) External link.

### Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in. School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools. For more information visit [School Visitor Check-in](#) on the department website.

## LED Lighting Upgrade to PBPS

Our school has been selected to receive an LED lighting upgrade.

The **LED Lighting Upgrade Program** commits \$157.8 million to replace inefficient lights with new LED lights, in up to 1,000 public schools across NSW over a two-year period. This is expected to reduce operating costs for schools as well as deliver over 1,200 jobs in for NSW.

The benefits of LED lighting include:

1. Improved learning outcomes in the classroom as a result of improved lighting.
2. Energy saving – reduced electricity usage and lower bills over the long term by replacing

inefficient fluorescent lights with efficient LEDs.

3. Lower maintenance and repair costs when compared with fluorescent lights.

The LED Lighting Upgrade Program will be planned to minimise interruption to school classes or learning. The installation will be planned outside school hours where possible and all contractors are required to adhere to COVID safe working practices. We'll let you know once it's finished.

## Christmas Card Competition

### Kids Christmas card competition now open!



Entries are now open for the Children's Christmas Card competition.

The competition is open to children aged 5-12 years of any artistic ability and who are enrolled in school.

Kids are encouraged to include this year's theme '*Christmas in my community*' into their design.

Entries close at 11:59pm, Sunday 31 October, with the winner to be announced in November.

Find out more about the [competition](#) and the [terms and conditions](#).

<https://www.indigenous.gov.au/news-and-media/postcard/kids-christmas-card-competition-now-open>

Kids loving riding their skateboards and scooters? Looking for some front/back yard fun? Keep the kids active with your very own skate ramp, in the safety and comfort of your own yard. Get in early to be ready for Christmas!

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# DESIGN YOUR OWN CRICKET BAT COMPETITION

The Central Coast Cricket Association invites boys and girls of all ages to participate in our 'Design your own cricket bat' competition.



# WIN

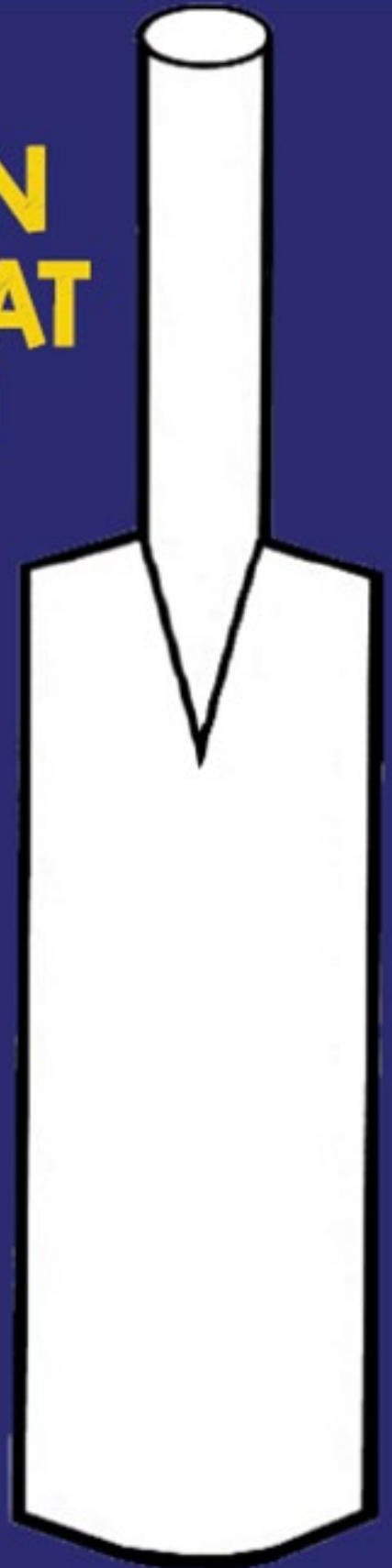
 a signed Cricket NSW bat or a \$50 Rebel Sport voucher

To enter, print this page and design your cricket bat. When completed, click [here](#) or scan the code below to your upload your entry.

The school with the highest number of students who enter will win a Syd Sixer visit.



Entries now open and close 1st Nov 2021



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