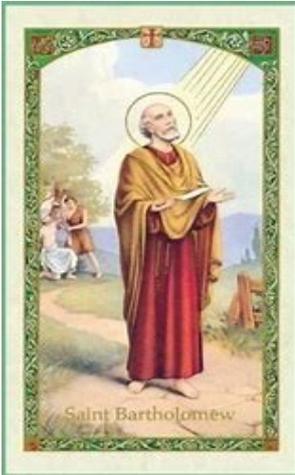




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Term 3 concludes:
Friday, 17th September

Term 4 commences:
Wednesday 6th October
(to be confirmed)

Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

Term 3

Week 7

Wednesday, 25th August, 2021

Dear Parents,

Firstly I just want to congratulate you all and thank you for the way you are home schooling your children. I know it is challenging and at times frustrating but know that we really appreciate everything you are doing.

Please don't be too concerned if you can't get everything done. Once again, do what you can and if it is only reading you get to, then celebrate that!

I know you might not feel like there are any positives to this situation, at times I have felt that too, but the following article I found has a different perspective. Our faith makes us people of hope.

This might brighten your day!

God Bless, Keep Safe.

Love to you all, Tricia Carr, Principal

What if instead of 'falling behind', this group of lockdown kids are actually ahead? Hear me out...

What if they have more empathy, enjoy family connection, can be more creative and entertain themselves, love to read, love to express themselves in writing?

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own garden and sitting near a window in the quiet? What if they notice the birds and the dates the different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organise their space, do their laundry and keep a well-run home?

What if they learn to ride a bike, play a board game, do simple crafts, learn to bake, climb a tree, play without a screen?

What if they learn to understand the value of money, what's important and how to live with less? What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home?

What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?

What if they learn to just be: to be resilient, to be content?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers?

What if, among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life?

What if they are AHEAD?

Dear Parents,

Blacktown LGA continues to be of significant concern.

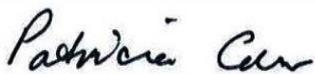
Please only send your children to school if you are an authorised worker and have no supervision options at home. The Premier's expectation is that if a parent or carer is at home, your children are to learn remotely.

No child is to be sent to school if they are sick or unwell, including if a family member is sick or unwell. If a member of your household has not fully complied with the stay at home restrictions, please do not send your children to school.

Over the weekend there were **200 children** who contracted the virus and in one of our local Catholic schools 10 children in the one school have the virus.

These actions are to ensure the safety of students, staff and our whole Good Shepherd school community.

Thank you for your continued support.



Tricia Carr
Principal



No Fathers Day Stall, Liturgy and BBQ

Unfortunately, as you would understand, there will be no Father's Day Stall or our usual Liturgy and Breakfast BBQ this year, as the lockdown has been extended to the end of September.



No Staff Development Day—Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents, due to the current Covid pandemic conditions, the scheduled **Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) for Friday 17th September has now been cancelled. Students will continue with their online learning on this day.** If you still require the services of COSHC, please telephone them on Ph. 0409 121 980. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE NOTE

Updating Contact Details

Dear Parents

On Monday 16 August you should have received an email or SMS (for those parents without email) from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) asking you to review and, where necessary, update the key information they hold about your children currently enrolled in CEDP schools.

The purpose of this review is to ensure that CEDP has the right details to correctly identify and support students, including contacting families in an emergency or to share important updates.

Steps have been taken to ensure this process is as secure as possible to protect your information and your family's privacy. Your information is only accessed by authorised staff when it is necessary and in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).

The process is **open until Friday 3 September** and I encourage you to complete the review/update as soon as possible to ensure that your family's correct details are on file. This is particularly important as Greater Sydney remains in lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This [short "how to" video](#) may assist you with completing the process (use the closed caption icon to turn on subtitles). Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Only one person per family needs to complete the survey and it takes about 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions or to seek help, please contact the CEDP Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.



We are accepting enrolments for 2022 from siblings of students already attending school and NEW families. Please get in touch with us on Ph. 9836 7100 to secure your spot!



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