What’s on Weeks 6 and 7?
In Term 4 at BSPS?

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Principal’s Report

Black Springs P&C Fundraising

On the weekend the dedicated and committed team from the P&C spent countless hours preparing and serving meals to the participants of a car ally in Black Springs. Your fundraising efforts and support are greatly appreciated by the staff and students. Thank you.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE

Brayden’s success at the recent spelling Bee has spread. The Oberon Review article has been posted on the Arts Units Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/TheArtsUnit). Check it out and feel free to share.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Wednesday, 9th December. Our students will be hosting the occasion and will bid farewell to our Year 6 student, Ben Maguire. Please see attached note regarding food for the farewell.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

When: Thursday, 3rd December 2015
Where: Black Springs Hall
Time: 6pm

The evening commences with a presentation by the students of their end of year performance. This is a culmination of work the students have been doing in their music and drama classes. The students will be performing the musical ‘Cats’.

Following the performance the evening continues with the formal presentation of awards for all of the students and announcement of our special award recipients. Supper and a visit from Santa will conclude the evening. Please bring a plate to share for supper. Supper will be at the hall.

PRESENTATION NIGHT COSTUME

Presentation Night costume:
Parents need to provide an over-tunic for their child’s cat costume for the Presentation Night Play “Cats”. A very simple design is attached to this newsletter which can be made very quickly, particularly if fabric that doesn’t fray easily is used. If no suitably patterned fabric can be found the children can paint their costume tunic in fabric paint to suit their masks.

The tunic is the only thing that parents are required to provide for the play this year. A copy of the script for the play is also attached. Please make sure they practise, practise, practise!

Thank you for your help!

P&C Donation for Swim Scheme

A huge thank you to Black Springs P&C for their generous donation towards the cost of the Swim Scheme for all students. Thank you.
Where to start? It’s been eight years since I walked onto the grounds of Black Springs Public School, with my daughter, Ellie, bouncing around me and looking forward to her first day at big school.

The school was welcoming, the Year Six students at that time crowding around Ellie and more than eager to take her in and show her the ropes. That year she went on her first excursion, an overnight to Canberra with the whole school, and she couldn’t stop talking about it for two weeks! While I freely admit to feeling some trepidation at the time, the results were clear and ever since then, the trust between myself and the school, in the care and dedication to my children, and everyone else’s, has built year by year into a very strong bond.

My son, Ben, started the following year and being involved with the P&C and all sorts of school events and functions, including the end-of-year Presentation night plays, reading with the children, helping out with whatever needed to be done at the time, has given me a great view of not only my children’s school, but the wonderful, professional and compassionate teachers who work there and the way they’ve fostered imagination, creative thinking, thinking of others and a solid foundation of learning that Ellie and Ben can build on without faltering in their high school years and on through their lives.

The unfailingly dedication of the Black Springs principal and part-time teachers has been a real eye-opener to me, largely in contrast to what friends from other places tell me about their children’s school experiences. For a small rural school, my kids have been able to visit many places of interest, meet artists and learn from them, gain a joyous introduction into music and develop their own preferences without censure or limits. The opportunities have been many and varied, but all have been carefully thought-out to provide the most well-rounded educational experiences I – or any parent – could wish for.

It’s Ben’s last year now, and I’ll be sorry to miss the day-to-day activity at the school. The student numbers have gone up and down, as is usual for a very small village and a population more and more used to travelling around for work, but the core has remained, and Ben’s transition to high school will be easier for having so many of the friends he’s made in the years ahead of him, there and waiting.

My heartfelt thanks goes to the school, who consistently made the worries of child-rearing and keeping kids safe, yet still allowing them to develop independently, much, much easier to bear; for their dedication in ensuring a firm foundation of learning and for their patience and tolerance of my ever-changing personal situation over the years.

As part of our regular self review of how we operate our school, we would like to ask your participation in a school survey. This survey is a self-evaluation process that will involve the staff, students and parents. We have chosen to focus on these areas – Teaching, Learning, Engagement and Leadership.

The information will be used to evaluate and then design the school management plan for 2015 – 2017. It will be published in the Annual School Report in a more complete form.

Parents’ surveys are attached to this Newsletter. Please take the time to make any comments you feel may clarify your responses and to seal your survey responses in an envelope marked ‘survey’. The surveys can be return to the class teacher or to the school administration office. All responses will remain anonymous and confidentiality will be ensured. At no time will individual responses be used in the presentation of information.

Thank you once again for your support. If you would like to discuss this or any other issue with me please contact the school to make an appointment.

Week 7 sees us off to the Bathurst Aquatic Centre for ‘Learn to Swim’ lessons. All children attend, even children who are capable swimmers. Students who are able to swim the length of the pool do squad training which develops all strokes. Mrs Blackburn will be accompanying the students assisted by either Mrs Turek or Mrs Peard.

Thanks to the generous donations by the Black Springs P&C and the Black Springs Progress Association and subsidy by the Department of Education there will be no cost to the students for Swim Scheme this year.

If you have any questions regarding the swimming lessons please contact the school.

Please complete the attached Permission Note and return to school by Tuesday 10th November 2015.
Leaving and/or Knowledge of New Enrolments for 2016

If you are aware of any students possibly enrolling with us next year, please let me know. Likewise, if your child/children will not be returning to Black Springs in the New Year could you please let me know so that we can indicate to the Department the actual number of students we anticipate having next year. This will help us plan staffing for 2016.

Smart Transition to School

I am currently conducting interviews for prospective parents and new Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. Time to tell your friends and neighbours.

Burragara Public School I.T. Day

Students will be with Burragara Public School on Wednesday, 11th November to participate in a day of technology activities. Transport will be by staff car.

Small Schools Gala Day

Students in Years 3 to 6 will be attending the Small Schools Gala Day at Charles Sturt University on Friday, 13th November 2015. Thanks to special funding CSU will be providing lunch.

Mrs Blackburn will transport some students and a special thanks to Julie Harris for also helping to transport students on the day.

Active Transport Plan

Oberon Council are currently working with transport consultants GTA to develop an active transport plan for Oberon and surrounding villages.

The purpose of an active transport plan is to help develop facilities such as bike paths, footpaths, pedestrian crossing that encourage people to walk or cycle to work, to school or to the shops. An active transport plan also supports walking and cycling for recreation, fitness and social purposes.

As part of the consultation process GTA have a short online survey run on the survey monkey site which they are asking community members to complete. If you would like to participate in the survey please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OberonStudy

Please share this site with any of your friends who might be interested in active transport. Input from families with high school aged children would be particularly useful.

Whooping Cough

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation. Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055.

Sporting Schools

We’re a Sporting School!

Black Springs Public School has registered for Sporting Schools, a new Australian Government programme designed to give our students the opportunity to have access to sport-based activities before, during, or after school hours.

The Sporting Schools program will complement our existing PE curriculum, allowing our students to explore a range of dynamic new sports, from tennis to bowls, or athletics to cricket.

Sporting Schools will help us work more closely with sporting clubs in our community, and tap into the large pool of talented sports coaches in our community.

The good news is, Sporting Schools is funded by the Australian Government, which means there are no additional costs to parents. Please contact the school with any questions about this exciting new programme.
P&C UPDATE

The P&C is very proud to report that we had a successful time catering the rally at the Black Springs Hall last Saturday, 31st October.

P&C stalwart, Rachael Maher, was at the hall from 6.00 am, cooking and serving breakfast of egg & bacon rolls to starving drivers and navigators. Aided by Leanne (Oberon Pies & Pastries) with her mobile coffee van “Coffee Time”, and joined at 7.45 am by myself and not long after by Annemarie Scorgie, the team was flat out until 12.00 pm when most of the field had been started and were on their way. We were very lucky to have hours of help from Hendrick Scorgie; principal, Mrs Karolyn Blackburn; and Brian and Mary Maher. Thank you so much for jumping in when you were needed!

We served mouth-wateringly tender fillet steak and salad sandwiches for lunch, and dinner to the hungry hordes – Rachael’s home-made lasagne and delicious fresh salad, roast chicken and chilli vegetables – which disappeared rapidly, and Mary took on the duty of collecting the pre-paid tickets while Brian, Annemarie and Rachael kept our well-planned (thank you, Rachael!) production line moving smoothly. We finished the day at 10.30 pm, everything cleared away, with a well-earned profit and a lot of goodwill from the regulars at the annual event.

While it was a jam-packed day for all concerned, it could not have happened as smoothly as it did without the planning and forethought of Rachael and Annemarie or without the help so generously given by Hendrick, Brian, Mrs Karolyn Blackburn and Mary Maher – thank you for giving up your time and energy to the cause!

We also would like to give a huge THANK YOU! to Leanne from Oberon Pies and Pastries for her support, her advice, experience and much-appreciated help throughout the day!

MILOS and UP and GO

Cold milos for 50c will be available for recess in Term 4. Also Up and Go drinks are available for $...... each. Children should see Ben before 9.15am and give their money to place their order.

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be on Monday, 9th November at 2:45pm.

A reminder that lollies, chocolate, lolly pops or chewing gum are NOT to be eaten at school. Please send your child with healthy food items in their lunch boxes.
We have ‘Fruit Break’ each morning. Please ensure your child has a piece of fruit cut, peeled and packed each morning.

HATS

Please remember our rule!
No Hat - Play in the shade
All students need a broad brimmed hat.

Some NEW hats are available from the office @ $11.00 each.

As part of sun safety, students are required to wear a hat – preferably broad brimmed or legionnaire style - during outdoor activities.
The school does not provide children with spare hats

Play Group at Black Springs

Black Springs Playgroup is held in the school Library.
All activities are suitable for families with children aged 0-6 years.

Please encourage friends and family to come along and join the fun. Please bring along a piece of fruit to share, and a drink. When? 10am to 12:30

Thursday, 5th November
Thursday, 12th November
Thursday 19th November
Thursday, 26th November
Thursday, 3rd December

K-6 News

Newsletter Distribution – Term 4

18th November, 2nd December

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Jack who celebrates his birthday in November. Happy Birthday Jack!
Mary – Helping with Kindi-start.

Developing resilience in Your Child

- Resilience needs to be taught to kids.
- Resilience helps your child bounce back.
- Commend your child for the things they're good at.
- Kids notice how well you handle stress and challenges and then copy your behaviour.
- Extracurricular activities help develop social skills.
- Life isn't fair. Teach your child how to accept that and adapt to challenging circumstances.


School Biz Tips

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School Song

We’re proud of the fact that to Black Springs we go
To add something more to whatever we know.
Lasting friendships will follow and help us to grow,
as people of courage with something to show.

Chorus

*Black Springs Public School is the best one ‘tis true*

Let’s always remember truth, honour, beauty
And may our motto guide us whatever we do.

Pledge

I honour my god.
I serve Australia.
I am loyal to my school, family & friends.
I salute the flag.
Better Buddies Celebration

It’s time to put on your purple and gold clothes and join in the fun of the Better Buddies End of year Celebration and Picnic Lunch!

When: Friday, 27th November 2015
At lunch time and afterwards

Where: At the school

What to Bring: Picnic lunch items to share
A picnic rug or towel
A favourite teddy bear

What to Wear: Anything purple or gold - make sure it’s comfortable because you’ll be wearing it all day!!

THE GALLERY

ART WITH MAJA
BETTER BUDDIES TRAINING

P&C CAR RALLY
SPORTING SCHOOLS - CRICKET
HEATHER DUNN - FELTING
ARTIST STUDENT REPORT

In the art room on Friday, 30th October Maja came to our school to start our Christmas presents.

The first thing we did was make decisions about what we want to draw or paint on which was canvas or paper. Yr2 to Yr6 were able to choose canvas or paper. K-Yr1 could only draw on paper. We got to choose anything and we still need to finish it. Don’t tell our parents!

It was very exciting fun and I am looking forward to finishing it.

Ben

SCIENCE WITH BURRAGA STUDENT REPORT

When Burraga came over to Black Springs we sat with them on the floor and we had our fruit and then we went down to the library and sat on the floor to talk about the day.

We made groups and then we went outside to find bugs and we found some and we went back inside and did more science.

I liked it when they played with us.

Liam
On Tuesday, 3rd November the Yr4s trained to be Better Buddies. I got Kaiden Stapleton, David got Kayden Scorgie and Brayden got Patrick Gilmore.

We went down to the music room where Mrs Behan told us about being a Better Buddy. We took all the posters off the board and we organised what we are putting on the board.

After recess we went down to the art room to make the border around the Better Buddies news board. We put the purple border around the board.

We asked Mrs Stewart to print off photos of us to stick on the Better Buddies board.

Brayden said he is looking forward to being a Better Buddy. Mary said, ‘So am I’. David is looking forward to helping the new kindies.

Mary, David and Brayden
Down in the art room on Monday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} November, Mrs Dunn came and showed us how to finish our felt creations.

We made it wet with warm water and detergent. Then we rolled it up in bubble wrap and used our hands to roll it more.

Next we cut a hole into the top and removed the resist from inside our felt creations to make it into a 3D shape. We put a couple of fingers inside the hole and rubbed it gently against the bubble wrap. We had to throw it down and slam it onto the bubble wrap on the table to make it shrink and get all wrinkly.

We then chose which way we wanted our felting to be, shaped it and left it to dry.

We found the process of making felt very interesting and exciting. David said, ‘My favourite part was slamming it onto the table’. Anthony and Mary said, ‘We liked turning ours inside out’.

Thank you Mrs Dunn for bringing all of your supplies and teaching us about fibres and felting.

Ben, Brayden, David, Mary, Anthony and Liam
On Monday in the afternoon we went outside to play cricket with Patrick.

First we threw the ball up and clapped then we caught the ball. Another warm up we did was bouncing the ball on our cricket bat.

Then we practised bowling and we had to hit the wickets. After that we had to get a partner and I chose David as my partner and we had to hit the ball as far as we could and had to run from cone to cone.

I enjoy learning how to play cricket because I get to learn new things.

Anthony