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In Term 4 at BSPS?

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**Principal’s Report**

**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. Sausage rolls and bbq chicken can still be selected to bring along. Thank you.

**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.

**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. Thank you for your help!

**STAFF PROFILE – RACHEL BEHAN**

I am the General Assistant (GA) at Black Springs School and have been at the school for 13 years. I have the pleasure of mowing, gardening etc. and general maintenance. I absolutely love my job and this school. I’m surrounded with happy children, great staff and a great environment. We have a wonderful school where the children have technology, sport, craft, interaction with other schools, excursions to great places, visits from talented people all available to them. They are a very lucky bunch of kids and so am I to be involved with it all.
**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!

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**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**

**Response date: Friday 20th November 2015**

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.

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**P&C UPDATE**

This weekend the P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle at Tarana Farmer’s Market, Sunday 22nd November, next to the Fire shed in Tarana. We’ll be selling egg and bacon rolls and sausage and steak sandwiches at the stall and selling Christmas Raffle tickets. If you have any time to spare on Sunday come along and lend a hand, or just check out the market, which from all accounts is going very well with a great variety of stalls and local products on sale.

Don’t forget our Open Day Morning Tea at the school on Monday 23rd November! Notice has been sent for publication in the Oberon Review and everyone’s welcome!

The following weekend, a cake stall/raffle will be held on Oberon Street on Saturday 28th November. If any parents can donate a cake or slice or muffins or any baked goods to the stall for that weekend it would be very much appreciated.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Presentation Night at the Black Springs Hall.

Those are our last fundraisers for 2015 and we’re hoping they’ll be successful, even in a small way, helping the P&C to fund projects for the school in 2016. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, effort and skills to our fundraisers for this year!

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**Newsletter Distribution – Term 4**

**2nd December**

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**K-6 News**

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**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 $1 each. Children should see Ben before 9.15am and give their money to place their order.

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**Student School Dates for 2016**

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**ASSEMBLY**

Our next assembly will be on Monday, 30th 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 19th November
Thursday, 26th November
Thursday, 3rd December

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Brayden – For creative complex sentences.

Ben – Great IT skills with Burraga Public School students.
**School Biz Tips**

**A Guide to Technology**

- E-readers have Wi-Fi, music, games, apps, social networking, and even ads.

- Tablets are easy to use, offer a world of apps, and thanks to improved connectivity can be great as a combination family computer and entertainment hub.

- Smartphones have cameras, video, games, location services, Internet access, and social networking.

- Game gadgets like Nintendo’s DS and Sony’s PSP are now fully-fledged entertainment devices with rich graphics for games and movies, multiplayer options, Internet access, and social features.

- Handheld devices like the LeapFrog LeapPad Explorer Tablet offer younger kids learning and creative activities.


**APPs Available from Splash ABC**

**Gobbling Goblins – Maths**

There’s gobbling fun at the Toadstool Bistro. Your goal is to keep the food coming for three ghastly gourmets. Use your maths skills to create fearsome feasts for these fiercest foodies.

Try it at [http://splash.abc.net.au/goblins/goblin.html](http://splash.abc.net.au/goblins/goblin.html)

**Spell Block Academy**

In this pre-eminent School of Magic, students learn that the command of language is the key to shaping the world around them.

Spell Block Academy is a word-puzzle game that helps develop literacy in early-primary students. It also challenges problem-solving ability while helping students become familiar with common words and word families. The more they play, the more they’ll learn!


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**Dates to Remember**

- Mon 16th to 20th Nov: Swim School
- Mon 30th Nov: Assembly
- Thurs 3rd Dec: Presentation Night
- Mon 7th Dec: Oberon Swimming
- Tues 8th Dec: Oberon Swimming
- Wed 9th Dec: Year 6 Farewell
- Thurs 10th Dec: Oberon Swimming
- Fri 11th Dec: Oberon Swimming
- Mon 14th Dec: Oberon Swimming
- Tues 15th Dec: Movie Day
- Wed 16th Dec: Students’ Last Day

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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.*

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**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!!
GLASS WORKSHOP
BURRAGA IT DAY
SWIMMING SCHEME
STUDENT REPORTS

SWIMMING SCHEME

On Monday 16th November we started our week of swimming. When we got to Bathurst we went to the park near the pool. After that we went to the swimming centre and were put into groups.

We are looking forward to more swimming this week.

Liam and Anthony

GALA DAY

On Friday 13th November we went to Gala Day.

We went in staff cars to the Gala Day at the Uni in Bathurst. When we got there we had to go to an assembly to go through what was going to happen.

The first activity was Captain Ball and Tunnel Ball. After that we did the activities in rotation. David, Liam and Mary all got awards for their sport in the Bathurst Small School events.

It was great! I hope the others are looking forward to next year.

Ben
On Wednesday, 11th November our school went to Burraga for an IT day. When we got there we did a little quiz to see if they remembered our names.

Next we got a beebot and were put into groups so we could take pictures. Afterwards we made a map for our beebot. Then we made a little movie.

I liked going to Burraga and I’m looking forward to going again next year.

Brayden

On Tuesday, 10th November we had a glass workshop with a visiting artist, Bridget.

First, we went down to the art room. After Bridget explained what we were going to do we chose some glass to use. Using a laminating process I made a camping ground picture with some hills by gluing on the chosen glass and filling the gaps with grout.

To finish off the day we also made some Christmas ornaments.

It was very exciting.

David
On Monday 9th November our lovely bus drivers came to assembly. Their names are Mrs Cunyngham and Mrs Hanrahan.

Ben and Mary were the assembly leaders. First, we sang the national anthem and we said the school pledge. Then Mrs Cunyngham and Mrs Hanrahan handed out the special awards. Next we sang the school song. After that Mrs Turek handed out the rest of the awards.

It was fun to be the leader. Thank you special guests and parents.

Mary