What's on Weeks 8 and 9
In Term 1 at BSPS?

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Principal's Report

School Attendance Policy

I would like to inform parents and carers that there has been a change to the Department of Education and Communities School Attendance Policy. As part of the implementation of the National Standards for Students Attendance Data Reporting, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, parents will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave-Travel, at the school office for the approval of the Principal. If the application is approved your child’s absence will be marked as Leave. If you have any questions regarding the new DEC procedures, please contact our school office.

Regional Swimming Carnival

Last Friday David travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Regional Swimming Carnival. He competed in the 10 year boys 50m and the junior boys backstroke. David swam to the best of his ability and displayed very good sportsmanship. Well done David.

iPads

Another good spelling app for the iPad is Little Big car factory. Students are able to type in and practice their school spelling words and enjoy a rewarding game at the end. Great for home practice as well.

GALA DAY

Students 8 years and over are invited to Bathurst Small Schools Cross Country Gala Day on Friday 13th of March.

Gala Day includes tryouts for Hockey (girls), Rugby League (boys), and Touch Football (girls). Netball tryouts for girls will be held at a later time as well as Boys Touch Football.

All other students will attend school as usual with Mrs Gilmore. Please return permission note to school by Friday 6th March.

Homework Books

The books have now been received and have been handed to the students. Please have your child/ren complete one unit per week and hand in for marking on Fridays.

Waste to Art Competition

This year the students will again be entering the local waste to art competition. The theme for this year is scrap metal. Could all students bring their own empty food tin to school in the next week as we are planning to make some small robots. Other small pieces of scrap metal would also be helpful to complete the desired features of the robot.

Home Reading Program

The home reading program has begun. Most of the
books sent home with the children are brand new and we would appreciate that each child looks after their books with an appropriate bag. Your support in replacing the zip lock bag that the first book was sent home in would be gratefully appreciated and will help to make this a long term program for all students. One option is to purchase a home reading bag from school.

It is requested that if books are lost or damaged a nominal replacement cost of $5 WILL BE PAID. Please sign the acceptance note attached and return to school. Thank you.

**Text Book Contributions**

With the exception of some small stationery items, the school provides all materials that the students need - including folders and all text books.

The annual (voluntary) Text Book Contribution we ask of parents does not cover the total expenditure of these items but does help towards the cost. The rates - which have increased are as follows:

1 Child = $45.00  
Family Rate = $75.00 (2 or more children)

We thank you all for your support and would appreciate payments be made by the end of Term 1.

**Training and Development**

Mrs Peard attended professional learning regarding road safety last week. Mrs Blackburn will attend professional learning this week to learn more about supporting students with additional learning needs.

**OYC Community Fun Run**

Oberon Youth Council are organising a Community Fun Run on Saturday 21st March 2015.

Warm up session at 8.30am, with Runs starting at 9.00am.

This will be followed by the Live Well in Oberon Event at 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Registration form and details of route attached.

**NAPLAN dates**

May 12th, 13th and 14th.

**Bathurst Show**

Students will again be entering the Bathurst Show. The sections will include junior art, junior craft, junior recycled materials and small schools.

**Newsletter Distribution**

Thursday March 12th and Thursday March 26th

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**K – 6 News**

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**3 – Day Excursion To Sydney Sport Academy 2015 - Narrabeen**

Parents please note that the cost of this excursion will be approximately $300.00 per child. This will depend on travel cost yet to be included.

**Oberon Council ANZAC Day Commemorations**

As part of the official commemorations, marking 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli during World War 1, the Council has organised a street parade and military memorabilia display to be held on Saturday 11th of April 2015. Black Springs Public School has been asked to participate in this event as part of the street parade. Please complete the attached EOI to indicate your availability.

This takes place in the School Holidays.

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 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. Thursday, 12th March; Thursday 26th March

**School Assembly**

Our next school assembly will be held on Monday 30th March at 2.45pm in the library.

**St Patrick’s Day**

The SRC are organising a Multi Fun Day for St Patrick’s Day on Tuesday 17th March 2014. It is a fundraising event. If children could dress in green for the day and donate a gold coin that would be great. Please bring a plate of food to share. The SRC are also organising some Irish activities.
**Easter Fun Day**

On Thursday, 2nd April we are having an Easter Fun Day where we will all join in and have lots of fun. An Easter Hat Parade will begin at 12noon. On this day we will also be having a sausage sizzle and holding an Easter Egg Hunt. Yum!

This day is being sponsored by the P&C so there is no cost to families for Easter eggs or sausages. Please complete and return the attached Easter Fun Day note to school as soon as possible to assist us with catering.

We hope to see you there! … Student Representative Council

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Great understanding of literature, and learning, during this term.

Congratulations Mary

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**School Biz Tips**

**Jargon buster**

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


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**Avoiding injuries**

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


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**Maths questions**

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.


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**Helping your child with homework**

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


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**Galloping Gumnuts Play Group**

**At Black Springs**

Black Springs Playgroup is held in the school Library from **10am – 12noon**. 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 12noon**

**Friday, 20th March**

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**Dates to Remember**

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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

**Pledge**

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

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**GALLERY**
THE LISTIES MAKES YOU LAUGH OUT LOUD

ON TUESDAY 16TH MARCH

THE LADY SAID GO SIT IN THE FRONT ROW, AND WE DID.

THE SHOW STARTED, THE TWO GUYS CAME ON AND ONE OF THEM DID THE KNOCK KNOCK.

IT WAS SO FUNNY, LOL, IT WENT ON FOREVER.

AFTER THAT THEY WENT ON A CAR TRIP AND WENT UP TO SPACE AND WE ALL THREW TEDDIES AT HIM.

IT WAS REALLY GREAT

LOL, HA, HA, HA,

From Charlie
BREAKFAST PROGRAM

EACH DAY IN THE MORNING WE PLAY FOR A LITTLE BIT AND THEN MRS BLACKBURN CALLS OUT FOR BREAKFAST. WE GO UP INTO THE HALLWAY AND LINE UP NEXT TO THE LOCKERS. WE CAN GET ONE WEEETBIX, ONE RAISIN TOAST (BUTTERED OR NOT), AND A PEAR OR APPLE.

From Ben

SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY

ON FRIDAY THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY, WE HAD CLEAN UP DAY AT THE SCHOOL, WHILE THE OTHERS WENT AROUND THE VILLAGE TO PICK UP ALL THE RUBBISH. I LOVED IT.

From Brayden
BETTER BUDDIES PARTY
WE TOOK OUR TEDDY BEARS TO SCHOOL.
FIRST WE HAD SOME FOOD, CUPCAKES, AND CHIPS. THEN WE PLAYED TAG WITH OUR TEDDY BEARS.
WE THEN WENT TO MAYA, WHO IS AN ARTIST AND WE DREW OUR BEARS.
IT WAS AWESOME.
From Jakob

VISITING ARTIST
WE DID SOME EASTER PAINTINGS WITH MAYA. WE ALSO GOT TO CHOOSE WHETHER IT WAS OF A TEDDY, EASTER CARD OR A NORMAL PAINTING
IT WAS GOOD
From David