“Students in small schools are known by their teachers
and, as a result, discipline problems and dropout rates go down, while attendance goes up.”

**What’s on Weeks 2 and 3 In Term 2 at BSPS?**

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**Principal’s Report**

**BATHURST SHOW**

Black Springs students achieved great results in the recent Bathurst Show. The school won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the Small Schools section.

In the Junior Recycled Materials section Ben gained First Prize, Anthony Scorgie gained Third Prize and both David and Jack received Highly commended with their tin robots.

In the Junior Craft section Jack gained First Prize, Ben gained second prize and Mary gained Third Prize.

Congratulations to everyone.

**100 YEARS COMMEMORATION**

As part of the official commemorations marking 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli during World War 1 Oberon Council organised street parade and military memorabilia display which were held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Students from our school participated in these events as part of the street parade. Well done.

**NAPLAN DATES**

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are:

- Tues. 12 May - Language conventions
- Wed. 13 May - Writing
- Thurs 14 May - Reading

**OBERON WASTE TO ART COMPETITION**

The awards for the Oberon Waste to Art competition will be held at the Robert Hooper Community Centre on Friday, May 29 at 5:30pm. Our school will be entering one whole class item, tin robots.

**SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The Bathurst Small Schools Athletics carnival is being held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The carnival will be held at the Bathurst Sports Ground from 9am to 3:30pm.

Transport to and from the venue is the responsibility of parents. Students aged 5, 6 and 7 will be participating in the Infants carnival. Students who turn 8 in 2014 and all older students will participate in the senior carnival. Each event is supervised and coordinated by a teacher.

Please complete the attached permission note and return to school Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**School Photos**

School photos will be taken next Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. Students should wear full school uniform. Envelopes have been sent home today and should be returned with exact money if not paid for over the internet. Thank you.

**QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND**

A reminder to all families that Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June is a public holiday and the school will be closed.
Stewart House

Stewart House is having their annual Donation Drive. Donations of $2 and above are eligible for a chance to win a $4,000 family holiday. Attached is an envelope if you wish to participate. Please return envelopes to school by Friday 15th May. Thank you.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM

Our students will be participating in the sporting schools pilot program this term with a focus on athletics. The program will be presented on Fridays after lunch for 6 weeks by an accredited athletics coach sourced from Athletics Australia.

K-6 News

Excursion to Eglinton Public School
‘Pioneers in Petticoats’

On Tuesday, 28th April 2015 students from Black Springs Public School will be travelling to Eglinton Public School to join with other small schools to see a performance of ‘Pioneers in Petticoats’.

This performance brings to life the stories of three little known Australian women - Mary Bryant escaped the colony in an open boat to Batavia (Timor), twelve year old Eliza Hawkins survived crossing the Blue Mountains on a bullock dray to Bathurst with her pioneer parents, grandmother and seven siblings and Lola Montez who refused to be confined by social rules.

There is no cost to students for this excursion. Students should wear full school uniform and bring packed recess and lunch. We will be leaving Black Springs School at 10:30am and returning for normal home time.

Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Friday, 24th April 2015.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

For those students attending the Stage 2 excursion on 18th and 19th June this year please send the balance owing of $155.00 to school by Friday, 15th May 2015. Thank you.

NARRABEEN EXCURSION

This year students will be travelling to Sydney Sport Academy at Narrabeen from 2nd to 4th September 2015.

To ensure booking can be finalised parents/carers are required to pay a $50 deposit per student. Please bring this non-refundable deposit to school by Friday 22nd May. Thank you.

Newsletter Distribution – Term 2

Wednesday, 6th May, Wednesday 20th May, Wednesday, 3rd June, Wednesday 17th June.

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Lachlan who celebrates his birthday this month. Happy Birthday Lachlan!

School Assembly

Our next School Assembly will be held on Monday, 18th May at 2:45 in the Library.

School Biz Tips

Parent-teacher interviews
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.


School calendar

What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView
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

Thursday, 23rd April
Thursday, 21st May
Thursday, 18th June

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.

Dates to Remember

Fri 24th April      ANZAC Day ceremony
                   At 12 noon
Tues 5th May       School Photos
12th, 13th 14th May NAPLAN