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

SCHOOL PIE WARMER

The school now has a new small pie warmer. The pie warmer is available, Monday, Thursday and Fridays for students to bring lunch food to school to be reheated for lunchtime. The food is to be brought to school ready prepared e.g., wrapped in foil and handed to staff in the morning before lessons. For healthy lunch ideas have a look at this website: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/food/recipes#.VUhxY9g0w3g.email

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Bathurst Small Schools Athletics carnival is being held on Thursday 28th 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 23rd May.

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. Please return envelopes to school by Friday 15th May. Thank you.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday, 21st May 2015 at 3:45 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please send agenda items to the Secretary, Toni Maguire.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Black Springs 2014 Annual School Report has been completed and is available on the school website.

What’s on Weeks 4 and 5 In Term 2 at BSPS?

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Principal's Report

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
- Thurs 14 May  - Numeracy

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.

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

A reminder to all families that Monday 8th June is a public holiday and the school will be closed.
**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.

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**NARRABEEN EXCURSION**

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

Black Springs P&C has very generously subsidised this excursion. The cost will be $150 per student.

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 22rd May. Thank you.

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**ANZAC PERFORMANCE**

**TRUNKEY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Black Springs students will be travelling to Trunkey Public School on Wednesday, 20th May to see the ANZAC Show. This show commemorates the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC landing on Gallipoli.

**There is no cost to students for this excursion.**

Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Friday, 15th May. Thank you.

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**WARM MILOS**

Warm milos for 50c will be available for recess in Terms 2 and 3. Children should see Ben before 9.15am and give their 50c to place their order.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Congratulations to Mary and Ben who celebrate their birthdays this month. Happy Birthday Mary and Ben!

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**Newsletter Distribution – Term 2**

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

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**School Assembly**

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

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**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.

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**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.*

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Brayden - for excellent work in Maths.
Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


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, 21st May**
**Thursday, 18th June**

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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 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.
So far we have done two athletics lessons this term. The first thing we did was play a warm up game called ‘stone bridge tree’.

After the warm up game we played ‘clockwork’. There were four gears. Gear one is walking, gear two is jogging, gear three is sprinting.

Then we played relays. After the relay we played tag.

I think it is awesome.

Lachlan
ANZAC STUDENT REPORT

On 24th April we went to the Black Springs memorial with Mr Wilcox, Mrs Behan and Mrs Blackburn.

When we got there Mary and I held the flag. Then we sang The Last ANZAC and put the wreath down and had a minute of silence while the trumpets played The Last Post. We finished with the National Anthem.

I am grateful that they fought for our country.

Brayden

PIONEERS IN PETTICOATS STUDENT REPORT

On 28th April 2015 we went to the Pioneers in Petticoats performance at Eglinton Public School.

When we got to Eglinton school we sat down on the floor and waited for five minutes then a lady came on stage and said ‘I will be all the characters’.

Then she started acting. The first is a girl prisoner who was wanting to get off the ship. Next was a twelve year old girl who was moving to Bathurst with her family.

It was nice and the reason they did this is because girls are a big part of our history.

Ben
On Thursday, 2nd April we had our Easter Fun Day.

The Easter Bunny came and gave us two Easter eggs each. When he was gone we played hangman.

Then we did the Easter hunt. The years 3, 4 and 6 hid the eggs first. I hid one of my Easter eggs beside the sports shed under some grass. The 1-2’s had to find them.

It was really fun and awesome.

Jakob