“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 6 and 7 In Term 2 at BSPS?

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Principal’s Report

DONATION CHEQUE

Last week the school was presented with a donation cheque from Oberon Mawhoods IGA courtesy of their community chest fundraising. The donation will help to purchase the new interactive projector for the classroom.

FRUIT DONATIONS

Thanks to Bathurst City Centre Woolworths donation the students are regularly provided with a supply of fresh fruit to eat throughout the day. This is in addition to fruit brought from home for morning fruit break.

BATHURST EISTEDDFOD

This year our students will be competing in the Bathurst Eisteddfod at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre in early to mid-September. Further information to follow as the date approaches.

SPELLING MASTERY

Students are able to access the spelling city website, with their own username and password, to practise their spelling. Spelling city has a variety of engaging games for students to practise the spelling words they are learning at school.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Reports will be sent home following parent interviews at the end of Term 2. An interview timetable will be sent home to all families in Week 6 so that parents may choose a suitable time to discuss their child’s report.

SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL

Please ensure any money sent in to school is in an envelope carefully marked with student(s) name, what the payment is for and how much is enclosed.

Please also ensure that money does not include foreign currency.

Tip: Keep the envelopes you receive in the mail and recycle them for school payments.

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is mandatory that all students have their absences from school explained by parents or caregivers. If your child has time away from school a handwritten note on their return will be sufficient.

Partial absences during the day must also be explained in writing with a reason provided. Please complete the absence forms located in the front foyer rather than disturbing classroom activities or see Jennifer in the office (Mondays, Tuesdays and every second Wednesday).

Spare absence notes are included in this week’s newsletter for your convenience.

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.
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.

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.

K-6 News

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 22nd May. Thank you.

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.

Newsletter Distribution – Term 2

Wednesday, 3rd June, Wednesday 17th June.

School Assembly

Our next School Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 23rd December at 2:45 in the Library.

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

PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Sporting Challenge includes a range of initiatives with one common purpose – to have more students being more active more of the time! The challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy active lifestyles.

The Premier’s Primary School Sporting Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge.

A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

Our school has registered 11 students in the 10 week Challenge which will begin in Term 3 this year. We welcome your support in encouraging your child’s participation in this exciting program

For more information go to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/psc.

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.

School Biz Tips

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:


Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Jakob - Trying hard in Maths.

Liam – For spelling enthusiasm.

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.