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 8 and 9 In Term 3 at BSPS?**

| Wk8 | Mon 31st | Music with Rob |
| Wk8 | Wed 2nd | Narrabeen Excursion |
| Wk8 | Thurs 3rd | Narrabeen Excursion |
| Wk8 | Fri 4th | Narrabeen Excursion |
| Wk9 | Mon 7th | BRAG Excursion Assembly |
| Wk9 | Wed 9th | Regional Spelling Bee - Brayden |

**MINI iPADS**

A big thank you to Oberon Council who kindly donated funds to purchase some more mini iPads for the students to use in their learning. The Council has been consistently generous to our school for many years.

**EXCURSION TO ART GALLERY**

On Monday, 7th September 2015 Black Springs' students will be travelling to Bathurst to see an exhibition 'The Greatest Wonder of the World'. This is a State Library of NSW exhibition. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Monday, 31st August. There is no cost to students for this excursion.

**BATHURST EISTEDDFOD**

This year the students will be competing in the Bathurst Eisteddfod at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre in the following sections:

- K-6 small schools percussion ensemble
- K-6 primary entertainment ensemble

We will be performing on Monday, 14th September at 9:30am at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. Please complete the attached permission note. Please note we will be leaving school at 8:30am sharp on the day.

**BOOK WEEK**

On Monday the students celebrated Book Week. The students dressed up as either their favourite book character or in a costume based on the theme 'Books Light Up Our World’. They also made a diorama about their favourite book.
**Smart Transition to School**

I am currently conducting interviews for prospective parents and new Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. Time to tell your friends and neighbours.

**Black Springs Hall Committee**

A committee has been formed to assist in the running of the Black Springs Hall and would like to have a school parent on the committee. If you are interested please contact Oberon Council.

**NAIDOC Week**

Recently the students celebrated NAIDOC week. Students learned about Australian animals and their Aboriginal words.

**Flashing Lights**

School zone signs and flashing lights have been installed in Black Springs. The lights should improve driver awareness of the need to travel at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children coming and going from the school area.

**Camp Quality Tractor Trek**

Camp Quality is a children’s family cancer charity. Camp Quality Tractor Trek and puppet show will be at Black Springs Public School on Friday 18th September 2015.

The program consists of a live, educational puppet show focusing on cancer education, optimism and friendship.

**Oberon Little Athletics**

With the season quickly approaching Oberon Little Athletics will be holding registrations outside IGA.

Oberon on:

Saturday 29th August from 10am – 1 pm
Saturday 12th September from 10am – 1 pm
Friday 25th September from 3.30pm -5.30pm
Registration is $65 per athlete.

You are able to register your little athletes online at www.lansw.com.au following the links. You will need to get your username and password for RE-registrations. If you put in your email address it will be sent through to you easily (check your junk folder too). If your email address was not registered, just contact me on 02 6336 1626 and I can get your username etc. to you.

It really is a sport for the whole family to enjoy together.

**Newsletter Distribution – Term 3**

9th September

**P&C MEETING**

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th September at 3:15. All welcome.

**K-6 News**

**WARM MILOS**

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

**School Assembly**

Our next School Assembly will be held on Monday, 7th September 2015 at 2:45pm. The new Mayor of Oberon, Kathy Sajowitz, will be attending.

**TISSUES**

It’s the season for runny noses! Could each student please bring a box of tissues to school to sit on their desk for their own use. Thank you.

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*
Galloping Gumnuts 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 12noon
Thursday, 10th September

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.

Pledge

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Ben – Book review for Book Week.

Anthony – Following school routines well.
On Monday, 24th August we had Book Week celebrations. We dressed up as characters from our books. I was ‘Jamie’, a character in Dinosaur Cove.

First we listened to a song about Book Week. Next we darkened the room and used our torches while we talked about our books. Then we had some food and games. Mary dressed up as ‘Silky’, Liam dressed up as an army person, Anthony dressed up as ‘Zac Power’.

It was cool!

David

Music with Rob

Rob came to school on Friday, 21st August to teach us more about our two songs.

When we all got down to the music room we started playing percussion for our first song that we are doing in the Eisteddfod. We are doing a second song as well but we were only practising the first song.

Rob said that we are getting better with our music skills.

It was awesome.

Ben
On Friday, 14th August Mr Beesley came to do poetry with Stage 1 students. First we read a poem called ‘The Witches Song’. Then we read a poem called ‘The Old Knight’.

After that we did something where you choose a word and we chose the word ‘magic’. The words we made were mighty, magician, mean, man, awesome, great, good, intense, inspirational, cool, crazy and cold.

We chose a different word then. The word we chose was ‘verse’. The words we made were variety, entertaining, real, silly, special, sad, song and ends.

I thought it was fun.

Anthony

On Friday, 14th August Maya came to do art with Yr3-6 kids. First, we did some sketching. We could choose whatever we wanted to sketch. Then we used watercolour paints to paint our sketches. Some of the waterpaints didn’t work.

I enjoy doing art with Maya.

Brayden
Dear Parents/Carers,

**THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE WORLD**

**On Monday 7th September 2015** students from Black Springs Public School will be travelling to Bathurst Regional Art Gallery to see an exhibition ‘The Greatest Wonder of the World’.

This is a State Library of NSW exhibition. This exhibition features the extraordinary Holtermann collection of photographs, the most comprehensive and detailed record of nineteenth century goldfields life, especially Hill End. Through enlargements, digital images and a selection of vintage prints and wet plate negatives, the exhibition tells the remarkable story of the A&A Photographic Company and the philanthropy and vision of Bernhardt Holtermann.

Travel will be by bus. Students should wear full school uniform and bring packed recess and lunch.

There will be no cost to students for this excursion.

Please complete the permission note below and return to school by **Monday, 31st August 2015**.

Karolyn Blackburn  
Principal

**THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE WORLD - EXHIBITION**

I give permission for my child(ren) ________________________________ to attend the exhibition of ‘The Greatest Wonder of the World’ at Bathurst Regional Art Gallery on Monday, 7th September 2015.

I understand that travel will be by bus.

Students should wear full school uniform and bring packed recess and lunch.

There is no cost to students for this excursion.

Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________________________

Signed: _____________________________ Dated: ____________________________

(Parent/Carer)
Dear Parents/Carers,

**BATHURST EISTEDDFOD 2015**

This year Black Springs’ students will be competing in the Bathurst Eisteddfod in the Small Schools Percussion and Primary Entertainment sections on **Monday, 14th September 2015** at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre.

Travel will be by bus leaving **Black Springs Public School at 8:30am**. Students should bring packed recess and lunch.

Students should wear full school uniform.

Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by **Friday, 4th September 2015**.

Thank you.

Karolyn Blackburn
Principal

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**Permission for Bathurst Eisteddfod 2015**

I give permission for my child(ren) ________________________________ to perform at the Bathurst Eisteddfod at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre on Monday, 14th September 2015.

I understand that travel will be by bus and students need to be at school ready to leave at 8.30am.

There will be no cost to students for this excursion.

Parent/Carer Name: __________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Dated: ________________

(Parent/Carer)