What’s on Weeks 4 and 5?  
In Term 1 at BSPS?

| Wk4 | Fri 19th | Playgroup  
|     |         | District Swimming  
|     |         | Better Buddies Party  

| Wk 5 | Fri 26th | Visiting Artist  

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 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.

Principal’s Report

MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING RESOURCE

A big thank you to the Black Springs Progress Association for funds provided to purchase a new maths problem solving resource at the end of last year.

Healthy Fruit

Bathurst City Centre Woolworths has kindly agreed to donate fruit again this year to our school for the Crunch and Sip program.

SCRIPTURE

After many years of supporting our school Mrs Pointon decided at the end of last year to no longer teach Scripture. There will be no Scripture lessons until further notice.

We chose Black Springs Public School for our son because of the small school environment and the opportunities offered. The school has resources to aid with quality learning experiences and the friendly support that all staff members offer help our child to have valuable learning experiences.

Toni and Rob Gilmore
VOLUNTEERS

There is a new process to be following when volunteering at school. A person with a volunteer clearance can be engaged as a volunteer at school and no fee is applicable. Please visit the website at www.kids.nsw.gov.au for more information.

OBERON SHOW

The students have been busy since returning from the school holidays making art and craft works to enter the children’s competition in the Oberon Show and also to accompany the school display. See you at the Show next weekend.

EOI FOR ALADDIN THE MUSICAL

Attached is an Expression of Interest form for Aladdin the Musical. This musical will be at the Capitol Theatre in Sydney in August 2016. Please complete the EOI and return to school. Thank you.

Annual Permission Notes

Thank you for returning the annual permission notes. It is important to keep this information up to date. Please let us know of any changes.

Travel Arrangements

Thank you for returning up-to-date travel arrangements forms to the school. It is imperative that the school be notified of any changes to students travel arrangements after school, e.g. catching a different bus.

If your child(ren) will regularly (or irregularly) be collected by another person who is not one of their listed emergency contacts then you need to notify the school in writing so that we can record your authority to release your child(ren) into their care. Thank you.

Schools Clean Up Day

The Schools Clean Up day is on Friday, 4th March. This day is specifically designed to allow students to participate in Clean Up Australia as part of a school activity.

It is a great way for your child to learn about how to reduce the impact of waste on our environment and make a real difference in their local community.

For more information visit: www.clanup.org.au/campaigns

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that uniform items are available for purchase from Jennifer in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays only. A copy of the updated uniform price list is available from school. Please pay for the uniform item at the time of purchase. There are some second hand items available for purchase. Attached are photos of our school uniform.

Artist, Musician and Bush Poet To visit Black Springs

Our local Bush Poet, Brian Beesley, and Artist, Maja Meinhardt, and Musician, Rob Shannon will be continuing their visits to Black Springs Public School this year.

We are very privileged to have such talented people visiting our school and working closely with our students.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

We kick off the year with the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Friday, 12th February at Bathurst Aquatic Centre. The carnival is open to students 8 years and older who can confidently swim 25m.

Transport to the carnival is by private arrangement. Mrs Blackburn will meet students at the pool: please ensure you go to her at 9.30am sharp to have your name marked on the roll. Do not leave at the end of the day until your name has been marked off the roll.

All students not attending the carnival are expected at school.

Bathurst District Swimming Carnival

All students who are successful at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival will go to the Bathurst District Carnival on Friday, 19th February. Those students who qualify for District will be given a letter at the pool on the day of the Small Schools Carnival. Before you leave the pool that day, be sure to check with Mrs Blackburn whether you have qualified.

Newsletter Distribution

Wednesdays: 24th February, 9th March, 23rd March and 6th April

K-6 News

Our first School Assembly for 2016 will be on Monday, 29th February at 2:45.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first School Assembly for 2016 will be on Monday, 29th February at 2:45.
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.

BETTER BUDDIES – CHANGE OF DATE

There will be special Better Buddies events held during the year, the first of which will be a Welcome Party on Friday, 11th March 2016.

BETTER BUDDIES WELCOME PARTY
Friday, 11th March
The event is a Teddy Bear's Picnic so please bring along your teddy bears and picnic rugs.
Please bring a food plate to share.
It is also a PURPLE and YELLOW mufti day

EASTER FUN DAY

On Wednesday, 23rd March 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.

Ambulance Cover

Since 2012, the Department has negotiated an agreement with the NSW Ambulance Service to commence an annual licensing arrangement for school student ambulance cover for all public schools in NSW. Arrangements for the scheme have now been confirmed for the 2016 school year.

The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme.

Accident Insurance

To insure you child against any medical costs of accidents arising at school you are strongly advised to take out private health insurance or check if your school is covered by school accident insurance available via your schools P&C Association.

Student Conduct When Travelling

When travelling between home and school, students must adhere to various regulations regarding passenger behaviour and the codes of conduct for travel by bus.

Code of Conduct for school students on buses:
It is every student’s responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

Behaving appropriately
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers, such as no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking – except water – unless the bus operator gives written permission
- Obey reasonable directions from the driver such as where to sit or to remain in the bus
- Keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus
- Refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency

Respecting property
- Protect bus property
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised
- Report any vandalism, such as graffiti and window etching

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution.
Play Group at Black Springs

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

Friday, 19th February
Friday, 4th March
Friday, 18th March
Friday, 1st April

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Anthony – Participating in his first Swimming Carnival

Brayden – Participating in his first Swimming Carnival

School Biz Tips

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.


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.

Find out more:
Dates to Remember

Fri. 12th Feb  
Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Fri 19th Feb  
Playgroup
Mon 29th Feb  
Assembly
Fri. 4th March  
School Clean Up Day Playgroup
Regional Swimming
Fri. 11th March  
Better Buddies
Fri. 18th March  
Playgroup
Wed. 23rd March  
Easter Fun Day
Fri. 25th March  
Good Friday
Mon. 28th March  
Easter Monday
Fri. 1st April  
Playgroup
Fri 8th April  
Last Day of Term

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.

FEEDBACK FORM

Black Springs Public School welcomes constructive feedback about the School Newsletter and its good news stories.

Please tear off this slip and return to school with your thoughts/ideas.
Staff and students like to hear what you think.
Thank you.

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Parent Carer Name: ..................................................
SPORTING SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS
BLACK SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Stage Performance of Aladdin the Musical

We would like to confirm parents/carers who are prepared to send their child/ren to The Capitol Theatre in Sydney to attend a performance of Aladdin the Musical in Term 3. It is envisaged that all students will attend. Please note that you need to commit to sending your child/ren without a parent attending.

Travel will be by bus or car and the cost of the excursion will include ticket price PLUS the cost of bus or car transport. Performances usually run for approximately 2 hours including an interval. Thus the students will be returning back to school after normal home time.

Please complete the information below and return to school.

Thank you.

Karolyn Blackburn
Principal

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – ALADDIN THE MUSICAL

Yes, I would like my child/ren.............................................................. to attend a performance of Aladdin the Musical at the Capitol Theatre in Sydney in Term 3, 2016.


Signed: ________________________________ Dated: ____________________