What’s on Weeks 6 and 7?  
In Term 1 at BSPS?

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Bathurst District Swimming Carnival

Well done to David Blackburn at the District swimming carnival on 19th February. David came 3rd in the 11yr boys freestyle and 1st in the junior boys backstroke. David will now compete at the Regional swimming carnival at Dubbo on Friday 4th March. Good Luck David in both events!

OBERON SHOW

Congratulations to all students for entering in the Oberon Show. A super effort everyone and big thanks to the staff involved. Well done!

In Photography Mary came first in Juniors and was also Grand Champion. Liam was 2nd in Juniors.

In Glass Christmas decorations 10-12 yrs Mary was first, David 2nd and Brayden 3rd. In 6-9yrs Anthony was first and Liam 2nd.

In Drawing 9-12yrs Brayden came first, Mary 2nd and David 3rd. In 6-8yrs Liam came 3rd and in 5yrs and under Patrick came 1st, Kaiden 2nd and Kayden 3rd.

In felting 10-12yrs David came 3rd and in 6-9yrs Liam came first and Anthony 2nd.

Principal’s Report

Bathurst Small Schools Swimming Carnival

On Friday 12th February students from Black springs Public School competed in the Bathurst Small Schools swimming carnival. Congratulations to all students for their great participation and sportsmanship.

Highlight results include Mary Maher 4th in girls 10yrs freestyle, 8th in girls junior 50m breaststroke and 5th in girls junior 50m backstroke. Liam Blackburn came 3rd in the boys 9yrs 50m freestyle, 5th in the boys junior 50m backstroke and 6th in the boys junior 50m breaststroke. David Blackburn came 1st in the boys 11 years 50m freestyle, 1st in the junior boys 50m backstroke, 2nd in the boys 100m open freestyle and 2nd in the boys junior 50m butterfly. David also competed in the District swimming carnival on Friday 19th. To top off the day our students were awarded two trophies for the highest point score at the carnival. An awesome effort by all the students.

SURPRISE VISIT

On Friday, 12th February 2016, while the older students were at the swimming carnival, we had a surprise visit from ‘sooty’ a steam traction engine. His owner, John Preston, has owned this 4hp, 10 tonne convertable roller since 2001 and has rebuilt it to its former glory.

‘Sooty’ used to work for Camden Council building roads and was built in 1926. Its top speed is 10kph and on this morning’s trip from Oberon to Black springs ‘Sooty’ used 400L of water and about ¾ tonne of firewood.

‘Sooty’ and John were visiting the Oberon area for the Steam Festival. Thanks for visiting our school.
Fruit Break

Thank you to everyone who sends fruit to school each day. We encourage all students to eat a healthy fruit snack in the morning. To save time we would be grateful if fruit could be prepared ready to eat, i.e. cut into pieces. Thank you.

iPAD APP - BISCUIT

One vocabulary app that the students are enjoying at school is Biscuit. Biscuit is a great vocabulary helper. Faster than a dictionary, it is easier to use than traditional flashcards or word lists. We can create our own beautifully designed word lists in seconds using simple gestures.

GALA DAY

Students 8 years and over are invited to Bathurst Small Schools Cross country Gala Day on Friday, 24th March. All other students will attend school as usual.

Gala Day includes tryouts for various sports. More information to follow.

HOME READING PROGRAM

The Home Reading Program has begun. Most of the books sent home with the children are new and we would appreciate that each child looks after their books with an appropriate bag. Your support in replacing the ziplock bag that the first book was sent home in would be gratefully appreciated and will help to make this a long term program for all students. One option is to purchase a home reading bag from school.

It is required that if books are lost or damaged a nominal replacement cost of $5 WILL BE PAID. Please sign the acceptance note attached and return to school.

Book borrowing will continue when the note is returned. Thank you.

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.

Volunteers

There is a new process to be followed 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.

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

Newsletter Distribution

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

K-6 News

EOI FOR ALADDIN THE MUSICAL

Thank you to all who have returned the Expression of Interest form for Aladdin the Musical. This musical will be at the Capitol Theatre in Sydney in August 2016.

If you have not returned the note please complete and return by Friday 26th February as the tickets go on sale next week.

Thank you.

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.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Patrick – Great progress in writing.

David – Being very helpful with new Kindy students.

**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**

The first event for 2016 will be a Welcome Party on Friday, 11th March 2016.

**ETTER 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.
**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, 4th March**
**Friday, 18th March**
**Friday, 1st April**

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**SCHOOL BIZ TIPS**

**PHONICS**

Helping your child to have fun with letters and sounds.

- Read with your child every day – read to them, read with them and let them read to you.

- Help your child learn letter names and say the sounds they make, e.g. play letter/sound games, say rhymes, use alphabet cards and charts.

- Help your child identify letters and words in signs, posts, etc. and talk about the sounds that different letters make.

- Encourage your child to hear and say the sounds in words. Help them to listen for the individual sounds in words, pull them apart and put them together.

- Ask your child to find letters that they can name, e.g. in their own name and in the names of family members and friends or while shopping at the supermarket.

- Play word games such as Junior Scrabble or Boggle or give them a baking tray with some magnetic letters.

- Try writing to family and friends and lists of different events (birthdays) or items (shopping) together.

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**Dates to Remember**

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**Pledge**

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

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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.
The train came to our school. The train’s whistle scared me.

Kaiden

The train came to our school. It didn’t scare me.

Kayden

The train came to our school. It didn’t scare me but it scared Mrs Behan!

Patrick
Friends is a program about learning how to be brave and what friends mean.

First we get split into two different groups. One group is for Yr3 to Yr6. The other group is for Yr2 and Kindergarten.

Next we told our group a happy thing for the week. When we finished all our work we saw Penny the possum.

After we saw Penny we had a meditation session by lying on the floor. We imagined we were in a forest and a creature came out of the forest to a magic pond.

I thought it was fun and relaxing.

Anthony

Rob is nice. I play the drum. I like music. Music is cool.

Jack
DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Friday 19th February I went to the District swimming carnival.

We had to be there for a 9:30 start. My Dad took me to the carnival and my Nana and Grandad came to see me swim as well.

My first event was the 100m freestyle and I came second in my race. Then I did my 50m freestyle and I came third. Lastly, I swam my 50m backstroke and I came first.

It was really fun at the swimming carnival.

David

GYMNASTICS

On 19th February 2016 we did gymnastics with Sophie. First we did some warm up games. We played Stuck in the Mud and we had to make a Bridge. If we got tagged someone had to crawl under our bridge.

Next we learned some positions. We then jumped on the trampoline and tried the positions and then rolled down a soft ramp. We each had three turns of each position.

It was really cool. It gave us a lot of energy.

Mary
**ART**

For Art we’re making Easter hats every Thursday afternoon using a papier mache method.

We first blew up the balloon and painted it with glue and stuck newspaper on it. This is the first part of making our hat.

I really like making the hats and I hope we can finish them for Easter.

Brayden

**OBERON SHOW**

On Saturday, 20th February we entered some art and craft in the Oberon Show.

On Monday at school we sat down and Mrs Blackburn gave us our awards. I came 2nd in the photography and also 2nd in the glass decorations. I came 3rd with the hand drawing and 1st in felting. When we were done we had photos with our awards.

It was cool.

Liam
DISTRICT SWIMMING
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.

Parent/Carer Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………
GYMNASTICS
HOME READING PROGRAM 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Most of the books sent home with the students for the Home Reading Program are new and to help make this a long term program for all students it is required that a nominal replacement cost of $5 per book be paid to the school for lost or damaged books.

Please sign the agreement below and return to school. Thank you

Karolyn Blackburn
Principal

Name of Student/s: ___________________________________

I agree that if books are lost or damaged a nominal replacement cost of $5 per book will be paid to the school.

Parent/Carer Name: ....................................................................................

Signed: ......................................................................................... Date: ..........................................................