What’s on Weeks 8 and 9? 
In Term 1 at BSPS?

| Wk 8  | Fri 18<sup>th</sup> | Visiting Poet  
|       |                   | Play Group 
|       |                   | Sporting Schools Soccer |

| Wk 9  | Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> | Easter Fun Day |

| Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> | Small Schools GALA Day |

**REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Last Friday, David travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Regional Swimming Carnival. He competed in the 11yr boys 50m and the 11yr boys backstroke. David swam his best time ever in the backstroke to come first in his heat and 8<sup>th</sup> fastest time overall. Well done, you did yourself proud!

**GALA DAY**

Students 8 years and over are invited to Bathurst Small Schools Cross Country Gala Day on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Students will also learn skills in Hockey, Touch Football, Soccer and Rugby League.

**Waste to Art Competition**

This year the students will again be entering the local Waste to Art competition. The theme for this year is used tyres. Our ideas are confirmed and materials collected. Now to start making!

**FOR SALE BY TENDER**

The school has some Colorbond fence panels for sale by tender. There are 22 panels approx. 2m long by 1.8m high plus one panel with a gate.

Tenders must be delivered to the school by Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March in a sealed envelope. Please include name and contact phone number with your tender.

Please note that the successful tenderer is responsible for all costs for removal of the panels.

**Principal’s Report**

**School Attendance Policy**

I would like to inform parents and carers that there has been a change to the Department of Education School Attendance Policy. As part of the implementation of the National Standards for Students Attendance Data Reporting, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will not be included as absences. A certificate of exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations.

If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, parents will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave - Travel at the school office for the approval of the Principal.

If the application is approved your child’s absence will be marked as ‘Leave’. If you have any questions regarding the new DoE procedures, please contact our school office.
**NAPLAN Dates**

NAPLAN dates this year are 10, 11 and 12 May.

**BATHURST SHOW**

Students will again be entering the Bathurst Show. The sections will include junior art, junior craft, junior recycled materials and novice weaving and pottery.

**Newsletter Distribution**

23rd March, and 6th April

4th May, 18th May, 1st June, 15th June

**K-6 News**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Our next School Assembly for 2016 will be on Monday, 4th April at 2:45.

**St Patrick’s Day**

The SRC are organising a Mufti Fun day for St Patrick’s Day on Thursday, 17th March, 2016. It is a fundraising event. If children could dress in green for the day and donate a gold coin that would be great. Please bring a plate of food to share. The SRC are also organising some Irish activities.

**BETTER BUDDIES WELCOME PARTY**

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

**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

**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, 18th March

Friday, 1st April

**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.

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.

Friday, 18th March

Friday, 1st April
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Mary – Better Buddies Leadership.

SCHOOL BIZ TIPS

What Makes a Good Book for Young Kids

Any book they want to read!

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

- Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.
- Good books are authentic, credible ad captivating.
- Resist the desire to choose only books you read as a kid.
- Don’t worry if the words appear hard; this exposes kids to more complex language context.

Dates to Remember

Fri. 11th March  Better Buddies  
Thurs. 17th March  St Patrick’s Day  
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
THE GALLERY

ASSEMBLY
SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY
ASSEMBLY

Last Monday we had an assembly and three parents came. The awards went to everyone and we sang the school song and said the pledge.

Anthony said congratulations to the award winners and then we sang the Australian national anthem and then we left.

It was cool.

Liam

GYMNASTICS

We did gymnastics with Sophie on Friday, 4th March.

We did relays and the first one was running, then crab walking sideways. We did sidestepping and then jumping. We did some hopping and finally skipping with skipping ropes and then some stretches.

We did some balancing on the balance beam and jumped in some hoops and ran in and out of the cones. Then we did it backwards. We did ice cream scooper. We had to do everything the same that we did on the balance beam. I thought it was awesome.

Mary
On Friday, 4th March we had Eilagh from the Oberon Library come to our school.

First she read a book called ‘Thelma, the Unicorn’. Then Eilagh read ‘When Sheep Sleep’. It was about when a girl had to count sheep so she could sleep with her teddy. But all the sheep were sleeping and the girl went to find another animal to count, but they were all sleeping. Finally, we got to put books from the library in the racks in the classroom.

It was very interesting.

Anthony

On Friday, 4th March I went to the Regional Swimming Carnival. After school I went to Dubbo. It took four hours to get there. When we got there we went in the pool at the motel. It was fun in the pool. Then we went to bed.

In the morning I got ready to go to the carnival. When we got there my first event was freestyle and I came 10th. My second event was backstroke and I came first.

It was awesome going to Dubbo.

David
On Friday, 4\textsuperscript{th} March our school did ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ around the community.

First we got our gloves on and made two little groups. The first group was Mary, Anthony, Kayden and Patrick. The other one was me, Kaiden and Jack. When we formed our groups we got trash bags from Mrs Turek and Mrs Behan.

Secondly, we went around our community picking up loads of rubbish with Mrs Turek and Mrs Behan. We found lots of paper, plastic, aluminium, metal and glass.

I think more people should stop littering to protect our environment.

Brayden
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: .................................................. Date: .................................

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

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.