



## **Welcome back to term 4**

I hope that everyone appreciated the holidays and had a chance to rejuvenate before we head towards Christmas. This year has been an exceptional, challenging year which has presented opportunities to relook at ourselves and our world.

Early risers (predawn) may have noticed the red planet in the west this month. Mars named after the Roman God of War is the closest it will be to the Earth for the next 16 years. It is the second smallest planet and the fourth from the sun. Ancients considered the influence of the planetary bodies to be significant, and one wonders about the influence of the red planet at this time of turmoil? Mars is also prominent in the East each evening.

Class 6,7,8 have started their astronomy main lesson and will be learning more about the planets and their cycles. They also have a camp this term. Steiner graduates often recall their camp stories with great fondness, particularly challenges that are overcome building resilience.

We have welcomed Ted Muller into the Middle School, Jo Lovell in to Class One and welcome Kellie Stimson next week as Japanese Teacher and assisting with Learning Enrichment this term.

Good news this week is that Samford Valley Steiner School will be hosting the two-day Class 5 Olympics in November after postponing earlier in the year. Class 4/5 are also preparing their class play this term.

Class 2/3 are starting the term with the Farming and Gardening main lesson and have an excursion to a local farm planned.

Class One have begun a numbers main lesson continuing working with the four processes.

Our new Class One Teacher, Jo Lovell, has enlisted four puppets to help bring this topic in an engaging, imaginative way.

Our new Teachers have had a great start to the term and are enjoying the 'vibe' of Birali.

The Pippi children return to the beach for nature day this term as presented in the newsletter this week.



Interest in the school continues with an article in 'The Educator':

<https://www.theeducatoronline.com/k12/news/how-to-choose-a-rightfit-primary-school/273646>

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## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Pippi Room – Becci

Firstly, a big 'Thank You' to Maetreyii, Lisa, Lily and Agnes for helping to create our Spring Celebration puppet play of 'Briar Rose'. The show was performed for the playgroup, preschool and their families on the last day of Term and then again in the afternoon for the primary school. It was a magical way to end the Term.

Nature Day has returned to the beach this Term and there has been much joy and excitement! We have splashed in the water, climbed onto logs as the tide came in and found crabs, jelly fish and sea snails. We are looking forward to more adventures each week.



In the garden, the children have helped harvest our lavender to mix with our dried rose petals. Once dried they will make little scented bags.



The process allows them to watch as the plants dry and change form (developing skills of scientific observation and creating a deep connection to nature).

Term 4 is always busy in the preschool, as children busily finish their long-term craft projects in time to make Christmas decorations for our classroom and end of year celebrations.



## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Please Click to follow the links:

- [Reminder to order School Photos](#)
- [Heart Songs & Meditations](#)
- [Planting Morning 25<sup>th</sup> October](#)

## REMINDERS

### Attendance

Steiner schools incorporate teaching through periods of main lesson blocks and practice lessons, with each day building upon the next. As such, consistency in attendance is essential for your child's education. Parents have a legal requirement to ensure their children attend school, unless in times of illness and other family circumstances.

Please notify administration by 9:00am providing reason for any absence.

Lack of notification and reason for absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

The school is required to record all absences, late arrivals/early departures.

Any absence of ten days or more, requires prior approval by the school's principal.

The Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, and other governing bodies, require data from the school regarding attendance, as well as unexplained and extended absences.

## Drop-Off and Pick-Up - Primary School

Staff will be on playground duty from 8.15am. If you arrive prior to 8.15am, please remain with your child until 8.15am. Students will deposit their bag into their lockers. Students can play in the play areas provided, prior to school commencing.

For late arrivals after 8.30am, please ensure students go to the school Administration Office to obtain a late slip before proceeding to their classroom. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm by their Class Teacher and gather their bags and belongings from their lockers. Teachers will escort students out to the drop-off zone and will supervise students to ensure their safety until released into your care. After 2.45pm remaining students can be collected from the Administration Office.

Please inform Administration if you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child that is not listed on your child's Collection Authorisation form.

## LIDS FOR KIDS – UPDATE

To date we have collected 11,942 lids.

These will go to create up to 20 prosthetics for children.

Thank you everyone & keep the lids coming!

## BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

Each week the school explores a new virtue, with the introduction made at assembly on Mondays. Please click the links below to view each Virtue.

**Week 1 - [Confidence](#)**

**Week 2 - [Kindness](#)**

To read more about the virtues program please:

**[Click here.](#)**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Heart Songs & Meditation  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Mindful Parenting – Resilience  
21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Class 2/3 Excursion – Taverna Farm  
21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Mindful Parent – Pastels  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Mindful Parenting – Resilience  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Tree Planting  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Working Bee  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Heart Songs & Meditation  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Mindful Parenting – Biographies



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### PLAYGROUP

Thursdays 9am – 11am  
Registration required via Admin.

## THE MONDAY MORNING MEET-UP NOW AT THE HUB!

Every Monday Morning after drop off, Birali Parents & Carers are invited to get to know the other members of the Birali community.

BYO cuppa & meet at the Birali Hub for a casual catch up.

## BIRALI PARENT CRAFT GROUP

Wednesdays 8:45am- 12pm  
to view the full schedule please [click here](#):

### Birali Collective (Craft Shop)

open during term 4  
Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.00pm  
Fridays 8:30am- 9.30am

We do have a maximum of 4 people in the Birali Craft Shop at the one time.

## STEINER & ANTHROPOSPHICAL LINKS

These Steiner/Anthroposophical related activities and services, whilst not directly related the school, can be seen to be in sympathy with and supportive of the impulse of Steiner education.

- **Waldorf 100** Learn to change the world [Click here](#)
- **Waldorf Resources** for schools, parents and teachers. [Click here](#)
- **Waldorf Today** [Click here](#)
- **Sydney Rudolf Steiner College**
- **What's on Teacher Training and Adult Education.** [Click here](#)
- **Steiner Education Australia SEA** is the peak body for Australian Steiner Schools. SEA support, advocate and represent the free and healthy development of Steiner education in contemporary, diverse contexts. [Click here](#)
- **Keeping the Light Alive!** Monthly articles demonstrating Rudolf Steiner's relevance to today's world. [Click here](#)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Parent Run Social Media Groups:

- **Birali Parents** [\(Click here to join\)](#)
- **Birali Bazaar (Buy & Sell)** [\(Click here to join\)](#)
- Please ask Birali Parents for links to class pages

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