



This week is NAIDOC Week 2020.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020

This year's theme - *Always Was, Always Will Be* - recognises that First nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme>

This week, classes have been singing indigenous songs and hearing indigenous stories.

Remembrance Day was also acknowledged in classrooms with a minute's silence on the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. This was the time in 1918 that armistice was called, approximately two months after the founding of the first Steiner/Waldorf School.



Last Friday class 4/5 presented their class play *Demeter and Persephone*. It was a fantastic performance with wonderful costumes, well designed sets, props & insightful interpretations of the characters. Luke is to be congratulated, particularly in the view that this was the first play presentation for several students.

Lines were delivered with pathos and the students obviously enjoyed the whole experience.



Later that afternoon tents were being erected on the village green in preparation for the Class 2/3 sleepover. I did hear that there was not much sleep for some but again a very enjoyable experience for the students.



These events create rich memories which will be fondly recollected in years to come & foster a strong sense of belonging; growing social and emotional intelligence.

Thank you, the parents/carers, in supporting these events with your attendance.

Student engagement has been a focus of the College of Teachers this term with staff reviewing vision and values and reflecting on positive teacher practise.

Class 6/7/8 have returned from camp and finished their astronomy main lesson. One of the students wrote a poem I have shared in this newsletter.

As this extraordinary year comes to a close we will be celebrating on Friday 4th December with a Pippi Room Festival and Nativity Play.

Chris Jack





FROM THE BOARD

Dear Association Members, School Staff and Community,

The school year of 2020 does not have many weeks left. The Board would like to thank you for your continued support and work towards the growing Birali Steiner School and Community.

The last term of school is always a busy one for staff and students. There has been school camps and plays combined with a continued learning focusing on individual student progress and achievements in readiness for 2021 and a new school year.

A most important responsibility of the Birali Board is focusing on compliance and policy.

The recent General Meeting before the Annual General Meeting approved changes to the Rules of Moreton Bay Birali Steiner School Association Inc. – The Constitution endorsed by Moreton Bay Birali Steiner School Association Inc. Membership 09/2020.

The updated Constitution has now been forwarded to the Office of Fair Trading for approval and endorsement.

Looking forward to a wonderful end to 2020 for the whole community.

Warm wishes,

Birali Board Secretary

FEATURE ARTICLES

Chloe Ann – Class 6/7/8



We have had a very exciting week in Class 6/7/8 with our camp at Thunder Bird Park! The first day started with the Tree Top Challenge High Ropes course. It was a lot of fun and pleasing to see the students encouraging one another and being so supportive of their friends.



Other activities included mining for Thunder Eggs, mud challenge course, outdoor laser skirmish and a teamwork activity using rope tying skills to construct a catapult out of logs.



We planned to engage in some stargazing as part of the astronomy Main Lesson work, however cloudy skies and rain at night wasn't on our side. However, the students were very excited to learn a new group game called Werewolf, which is now a regular request for afternoon game sessions!

Everyone had a wonderful time, and I was pleased to receive compliments about how helpful and well-mannered the group were. Thank you, Emma for joining us for a wonderful camp!

JO – Class 1

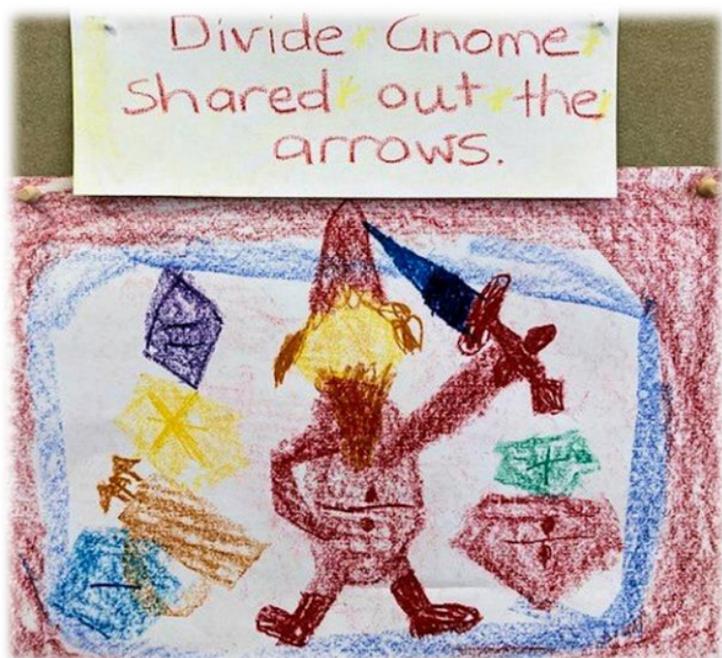
Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all the amazing children and their families, in Class 1, for making me feel so welcome at Birali this term. We have had a wonderful start to the term!

We have learned about the four mathematical processes through exciting stories about King Equals and The Gnomes, in Main Lesson. King Equals sees the same wherever he looks, Plus Gnome keeps what he finds, Minus Gnome always has bare pockets, Divide Gnome likes to share things equally and Multiply Gnome

entertains us with cartwheeling around to make higher amounts more quickly. The Gnomes went through a long journey to King Equals' castle, encountering lots of tricky situations along the way.



Our next Main Lesson is all about Stories from the Dreaming. We look forward to learning together about these interesting stories from the past.



The Luna Eclipse

By Madi Mavroudis

A rose grows deep beyond the woods
Softening from the darkness
The light and warmth has disappeared
As if the sun is heartless.
Petals fall as the sun fades away
The moon comes into view,
I look out past the horizon
And my eyes lay right beside you.

As the stars glow bright above me
The moon passes over the sun
All the light has disappeared
All of them but one.
The small faint crescent of the moon
Lay just beside the shadow.
I squinted through the darkness
To see what then would follow.

The moon continued its slow natural course
Again, revealing the sun.
The moon rose higher, the sun set deeper
And again, nature won.
It still ceases to amaze me
The wonders of this planet
And to this day I am forever grateful
That at least I can have it.



UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Please Click to follow the links:

- [NAIDOC Week](#)

REMINDERS

With the weather warming up, it is becoming even more important that students are able to access drinking water easily during all activities. Please check your child is bringing and using a water bottle each day.

Filtered water is available for drinking. Please supply a water bottle for each child so they can refill this throughout the day at school.

LIDS FOR KIDS – UPDATE

To date we have collected 12,429 lids.

These will go to create up to 22 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 5 - [Enthusiasm](#)

Week 6 - [Co-operation](#)

To read more about the virtues program please:

[Click here.](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- 14th Nov – Heart Songs & Meditation
- 14th Nov – Wet Felting Weekend
- 17th Nov – Mindful Parenting with Lorraine Birse
- 25th Nov – Class 2/3 Craft Sale
- 4th Dec – Last day of Term 4



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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