



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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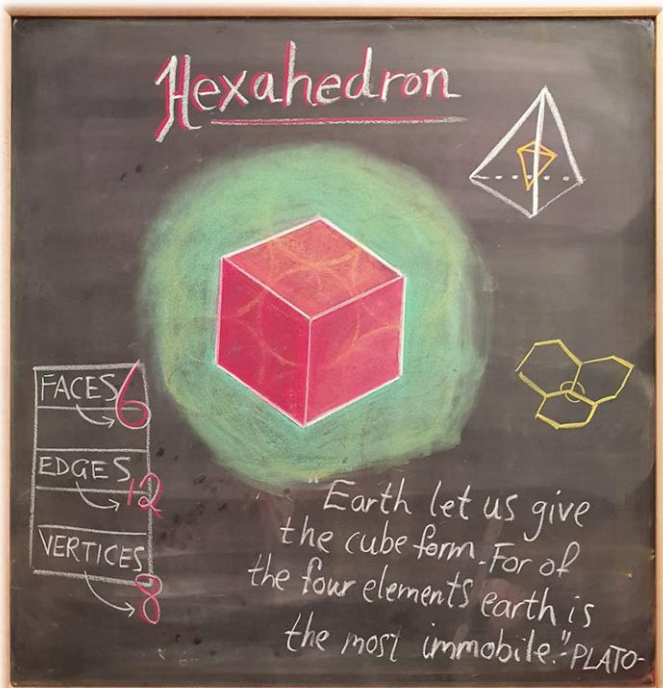
Term 1 - Issue 2

**As the year gets underway rhythms and routines consolidate to provide a sense of security, belonging and well-being.**

It has been delightful to have parents accessing the school more freely now that the Covid restrictions have been partly relaxed. Playgroup on Tuesdays and Thursdays has been running beautifully and the new Pippi children really enjoyed their Nature Day on Wednesday.



Class 1 are learning their letters while Class 2 write sentences, Class 3/4 have been enjoying looking at shelters, Class 5/6 Indian mythology and Class 7 have been studying Geometry while Class 8/9 have been investigating and making platonic Solids. Library has been a very welcomed addition to the educational programme.



Looking towards the end of term, preparations are starting for the St. Michael and the Dragon Play as part of the Autumn Festivals. Disappointingly, this tradition did not happen last year due to Covid, so we are really looking forward to making up for that this year. The play depicts overcoming the lower nature of the dragon which is put to purposeful work with the help of St. Michael.



**Chris Jack**

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## FEATURE ARTICLES

### Lisa – Class 3/4

Along with seven new students joining the class, we also had 2 more additions, Mr. Piggles and TD our Guinea pigs. The children have embraced them with lots of love and cuddles, however we keep changing our minds whether they are male or females.



Our first main lesson was part 1 of building. The children learnt what shelters other people around the world live in, from tree houses 36 m above the ground to caves under the ground, from yurts to adobes. From there they painted, waxed, and clayed a variety of shelters.



Ziggy brought his snakes in again to see how much they had grown, along with a couple new additions, blue tongue lizards. It was lovely to see the children getting more comfortable holding them and the new children excited to touch them.

## Jo - Class 1/2

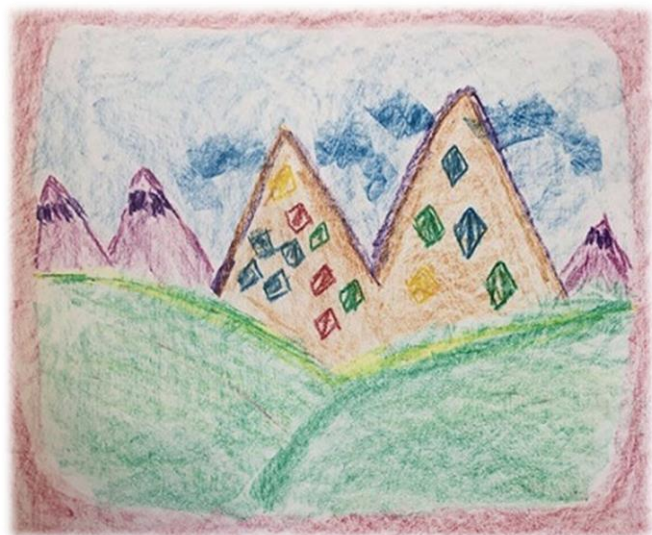
It has been a fantastic start to the year in Class 1/2! We have welcomed many new wonderful children to our class and have delighted in making many new friends with each other. The class is full of vibrant personalities all starting out on our journey together through primary school. What an exciting and special time!



We have looked around the classroom and in the playground to find a variety of different curved and straight lines for our first Main Lesson. The children have made some wonderful structures representing these lines and had a lot of fun moving their bodies into curved and straight lines. Class 2 enjoyed expanding on this by creating form drawings.



Our second Main Lesson, this term, is all about the alphabet. We have heard many exciting fairy stories and were delighted to start our very first Main Lesson book this year. These books will be something special to treasure for many years to come. The class have drawn beautiful pictures of animals and objects depicting shapes of some of the letters of the alphabet. The Class 2 children have written some amazing sentences to summarise the stories.



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## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Please Click to follow the links:

- [Principal's Update 12.02.21](#)
- [Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme](#)
- [Prep Enrolments Filling Rapidly](#)
- [Come be part of our Creative Spirit!](#)

If you are not signed up to School Stream and receive your updates via email please check your emails.

# REMINDERS

## SUNSCREEN

Birali Steiner School is a "Sun Smart" School. As such, we ask that you apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school and provide a supply of sunscreen in your child's bag for use at school. Cancer Council brand sunscreen is provided and made available for use at all classrooms. If you object to your child using the sunscreen provided, please advise the school office in writing, and support the class teacher with reminding your child about appropriate use.

## INSECT REPELLENT

### Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are especially common at certain months of the year, which can present a health hazard. Please apply insect repellent to your child prior to arriving at school. Please also provide a supply of insect repellent for use at school. This should be a roll-on or pump spray (not aerosol) and labelled with your child's name.

### Ticks

Please be aware that ticks inhabit the school grounds. To assist in tick prevention, we ask that parents:

- Apply insect repellent to your child before school.
- Provide a supply of repellent, clearly labelled, in each child's bag.
- Check your child regularly at home for ticks.
- Ensure suitable school clothing that will aid in preventing ticks.

As part of the enrolment information, parents are required to sign a consent form regarding tick removal.

## LIDS FOR KIDS – UPDATE

To date we have collected 2,151 lids for 2021. These will go to create up to 4 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 3 – [Thankfulness](#)**

**Week 4 – [Unity](#)**

To read more about the virtues program please:

[Click here.](#)



Mural painted by Class 6/7/8 in 2020 ready to install.





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## IMPORTANT DATES

- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Heart Songs & Meditation  
11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mindful Parenting with Chris Jack  
13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Working Bee  
21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Harmony Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – End Term
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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am – 11am

Registration required via Admin.

- Download the Playgroup Registration Form by [clicking here](#).
- Download the Playgroup Code of Conduct by [clicking here](#).

### 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

Tues & Fri 2.00 PM– 3.00 PM

Weds 8.45 AM to 12.00 PM

## 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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