



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Issue 1

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, especially the many new students and families that join Biral this year.

The Rose Ceremony, acknowledging each child as they transition from Early Childhood into Class One, was certainly a beautiful beginning for their Class Teacher Journey.



Seeing all of the students back at school, some much taller, some with missing teeth was an absolute pleasure. It's also exciting that we are offering Class 9 this year with the 7/8/9 composite comprising the rapidly developing Middle School. Biral continues to grow each year.



With Covid restrictions partly relaxed, welcoming parents onto the school grounds has fostered a very warm and welcoming community atmosphere. Our Parent/Carer Meet and Greet and Craft Group were very well attended as was playgroup.

The demand for Steiner Education has seen the school receive numerous enquiries and the Office has been extremely busy responding.

This term will witness the onset of Autumn which Birali celebrates with Festivals including the play 'St. Michael and the Dragon'. The theme of overcoming our lower nature (our dragons) through courage and the protective sword and shield forged from meteoric iron is well represented in this dramatic rendition. The harvest leitmotif also acknowledges the changes in the natural environment at this time of year.



Wishing everyone a flourishing term and year ahead.

Chris Jack



FROM THE BOARD

A warm welcome to Birali Steiner School for 2021.

If you are a continuing family or a new family to Birali Steiner School we welcome in the year 2021 knowing the Birali Community is ready for whatever happens this year. The Flexibility and Cooperation that was needed in 2020 showed how this school can thrive in uncertain times and we know this will continue throughout 2021.

The Birali Board is continuing to focus on compliance, finance and policy so that the Birali Steiner School can expand, prosper and provide an enriched education curriculum for the Head, Heart and Hands for your children.

New families to the school are welcome and encouraged to join the Moreton Bay Birali Steiner School Association in support of the school. Information regarding the Association is on the school website. Information for renewal by existing members will be sent out in coming weeks.

The updated Constitution Endorsed by Moreton Bay Birali Steiner School Association Inc. Membership 2020 has now been approved and endorsed by the Office of Fair Trading and is available on the School Website.

Enjoy the start of the school year with your children; each year brings new exciting times for the children with new developmental phases to enjoy and nurture.

Warm wishes,

Birali Steiner School Board

FEATURE ARTICLES

Becci – Birali's Rose Ceremony

Like many Steiner schools Birali starts the year with a rose ceremony where the older children welcome the new class one students into the primary school community. We wanted to share the symbolism behind it.

As many would have noticed this year, we replaced the Arch with a bridge. The bridge and previously arch is symbolic of this threshold moment for the child leaving the early childhood classroom and entering the 'big school'. As the early childhood guardian, I walk each child to the threshold which they then walk over on their own and are meet by their new primary teacher/guardian.



The bridge felt like it held a deeper connection into our place in Beachmere near the Caboolture River. We also placed lotus flowers bringing in our school logo.



Why a rose?

Roses have an intrinsic beauty and are recognized all around the world as markers of significant moments. They are perfect gifts for graduating students: complex, beautiful, and ready to open to the world.



UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Please click to follow the links to School Stream:

- [Updated Policies](#)
- [Class 1/2 Meeting](#)
- [Principal's Welcome 2021](#)
- [2021 Student Residential Address Collection and Other Information](#)

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

REMINDERS

Lost Property

Please remember to label all clothing & water bottles. The lost property basket is located to the right of the reception door.

Any valuables can be collected from Reception.

MBRC Parking Patrols

As a new school term commences, Council's Local Laws unit undertakes a Proactive School Patrol Program where officers undertake scheduled school patrols, both in the morning and afternoon, to ensure that vehicles are parked in a safe and lawful manner. The primary aim of the program is to partner with schools across the region to ensure that students and family members/caregivers are able to safely move around the school area as part of dropping off or picking up students from the school. Your school forms part of this Proactive program where Local Laws officers may be scheduled to attend at some time throughout the school term.

Parent Handbook has been updated please [click here to download.](#)

Hair and Accessories

Hair should be neat and tidy and long hair tied back. Jewellery must be minimal and not present a safety hazard during any school activities.

Drop Off – Primary & Middle 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 more detailed information regarding Drop Off & Pick-up please consult the [Parent Handbook.](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

13th Mar – Working Bee

LIDS FOR KIDS – UPDATE 2021

This year we have started off well collecting 1082 lids to date. These will go to create up to 2 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 2 – Purposefulness

To read more about the virtues program please:

[Click here.](#)



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am – 11am

Registration required via Admin.

Click the links below to download:

- [Playgroup Registration Policy](#)
- [Playgroup Code of Conduct](#)

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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