



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30 April, 2021

Term 2 – Issue

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a joy to see the school become a wonderful hive of creative activity this week as we launch into a new term. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from the families I have had opportunity to meet this week.

It is looking like the cooler weather is upon us. Please remember that warmth is of utmost importance for the health and wellbeing of young ones and send your children with multiple layers of clothing from now throughout the Winter months.

With the Autumnal equinox behind us now, the approaching change in the season is beginning to become more outwardly apparent. At this time of year, I relish the hint of crispness in the early morning air that provides a promise of the approaching Winter. During the Autumn months, we can cultivate within ourselves a mood of courage that can carry us through the Winter.



Although the seasons are experienced comparatively subtly in our Queensland environment, if we really pay attention, we can find different soul moods arise within us at different times of the year. I believe that the Autumn gesture was wonderfully expressed at the end of last term, as the community courageously and determinedly pushed on with the Autumn Festival, despite a reduced timeframe for preparation due to the unexpected lockdown. As part of the festival, a collection of canned and non-perishable food for donation to Caboolture Community Action was commenced. We would like to complete this part of the festival tradition and request any further donations be brought to the office prior to Friday next week when they will be delivered. Thank you everyone for your support and participation.

We have four new students who have joined school this term and at the very end of last term. I would like to warmly welcome them and their families to the Birali community. I hope that their journey ahead is rich and joyful. Amidst the chaos of the last week of term 1 our new Individual Enrichment Teacher, Paige Gill, joined the teaching team. Welcome Paige!

We have many exciting things ahead of us this term including a planting day in the Bio-Basin & of course the Birali Creative Spirit Fair....stay tuned.

With warmth,

Pep Wright.



FROM THE BOARD

Welcome back to school and for new families a welcome to the Birali School Community and the exciting future the school is planning. Welcome also to Pep Wright the Interim Principal her capable and experienced leadership style valued by the Board, Staff and Community.

Strategic planning for the next three years was a focus for Staff during the break from school days.

The Staff and the Birali Board Directors shared a two-day workshop of professionally lead strategic planning, beginning to map the future vision for Birali Steiner School. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, commitment, and genuine excitement the Staff and Board collectively exhibited while diligently focusing on planning the next few years. The Strategic Plan will continue to be a focus in Term 2 2021.

This term will also include the MBBSSA inc Annual General Meeting. This will be held on Monday June 7th at Birali Steiner School the exact time and details will be released in coming weeks. Thank you to those of you with interest in volunteering as a Board Director for your RSVP to attend the next Board Meeting on Tuesday 4 May at 2pm.

If you have not renewed your MBBSSA membership or would like to become a new member so you can participate in the AGM voting process, please visit the school website and download a membership form or contact the school office.

Thankyou for your continuing support for Birali Steiner School and the MBBSSA Birali Board.

from the MBBSSA Board

FEATURE ARTICLE

Marianne – Classroom Music

The songs, games and movement brought to the children in Classroom Music, unfold awareness of rhythm and melody and build knowledge of this global language. Many songs across cultures use the same patterns, often built around five 'pentatonic' notes.

In Jo's class, nature focussed and animal themed songs are used to experience these patterns and develop pathways using fingers toes, and body to jump, roll, skip, sing, work with a partner, cross left and right and use above, below and around.

In Lisa's class we enjoy singing rounds and partner songs, developing singing in parts and playing instruments with songs. 'Shelter' is a favourite. This term we are practising note names, and further exploring music visuals through activities.

Luke's students have practised melodic, rhythmic and reading the musical staff skills and currently enjoy some Australian themed songs and games. We might even create a bush band.

The older students have participated in activities which develop knowledge and skills in playing chords and rhythms. This term we will hear snippets of music from many genres, look at instruments (conventional and created), make some instruments and create music with and in the immediate environment.



Our magical, Creative Spirit Fair is back!

Class 7,8,9 has been allocated the Tie Dye stall and have come up with a great idea of donating/finding Op shop clothing to use at the stall. We are after white cotton/bamboo shirts, singlets, leggings, socks, tote/library bags, baby suits, pillowcases, headbands; anything that is white, in good condition and that you are willing to donate to the school. We have proposed if we can gather enough white items to run the stall within 2 weeks, we will not have to outlay extra money to buy brand new clothing which will be more beneficial for our profits and better for the environment.

If you have any white items, you would like to donate please send them to school with your child or bring them to the manual arts room before Monday the 10th of May.

Regards, Emma

Keep an eye-out for a notice regarding the selling raffle tickets. Many fabulous prizes on offer.

CALLOUT FOR MARKET STALL VENDORS!!

If you know of someone who would be interested in having a market stall at our fair please forward the link below where they submit their application.

Please complete the online registration form by clicking [here](#).

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Creative Spirit Fair 2021 - 07 5429 0511
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LIDS FOR KIDS – UPDATE

To date we have collected 7,020 lids for 2021. These will go to create up to 13 prosthetics for children. Thankyou everyone, keep the lids coming in term 2!!

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 – [Service](#)

Week 2 – [Orderliness](#)

To read more about the virtues program please:
[Click here.](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- 30th Apr - Mindful Parenting with Lorraine Birse
- 3rd May - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 8th May - Heart Songs & Meditation
- 6th May - Mindful Parenting with Becci
- 14th May - Mindful Parenting with Lorraine Birse
- 30th May - Creative Spirit Fair
- 31st May - Pupil Free Day
- 5th June - Heart Songs & Meditation

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](#).

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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