



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15 October, 2021

Term 4 – Issue 1

Dear Parents, Carers and Biral community,

It has been wonderful to see all of the students' joyful faces back at school. Walking around the school everyone is settling back into their classroom routines immersed in creative learning.

In the Pippi Room, Morning Circle has explored the classic story of The Musicians of Bremen. Class 1/2 have been immersed in the Animal Fables, extending on their knowledge of phonics and sentence structure.

Class 3/4 have re-visited the world of Norse Mythology as they prepare a class play, "The Theft of Thor's Hammer".

Class 5/6 have been moving forward with their study of the ancient epochs, bridging the world of mythology and history through the tales of Ancient Rome.

Class 7/8 have been busily preparing for their hiking camp as part of their Patterns and Rhythms Main Lesson. We wish them all the best as they set off to Lamington National Park next week!

As Biral parents, carers and community members, who hold the educators of our young people in such high esteem, you will be pleased to acknowledge and celebrate the valued contributions of all our staff to our Biral students. There is no better opportunity for this than World Teacher's Day. (Further details of how Biral will celebrate this day will be sent separately.)

We thank each of our Class and Specialist Teachers, and education assistants - our TAs, for their encouragement of our students, their strong focus on each and every student's learning and well-being, and their commitment to Birali.

Your confidence in their knowledge and experience is well placed!

The rich and extensive experience in Steiner education across the Birali professional team is significant, as is the collegial support demonstrated by all.

At our recent College meetings, we have enjoyed focussed discussions on Steiner's indications on Child Development and how this knowledge can be applied to enhance our practice as educators.

World Teachers' Day is Friday 29th October. On Thursday 28 Oct at 2.10pm, a special celebration is planned, including another opportunity to enjoy our students' instrumental performance - and you are invited.

Helen Starr, Interim Principal,

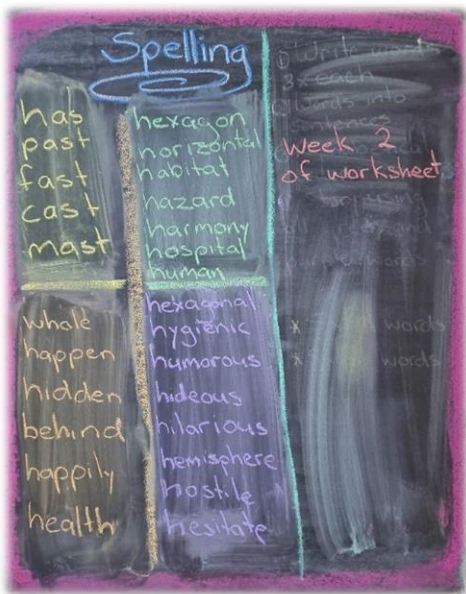
on behalf of our Birali Steiner School Staff.



FEATURE ARTICLES

Lisa – Class 3/4

After our lovely performance of the Maypole last term, this term we head straight into our play rehearsals, "The Theft of Thor's Hammer". Class 3/4 children are excited and have been learning their lines, songs and Bothmer moves for the play. Drama is an important aspect of the curriculum as it enhances the participants' speech through a living experience, and it creates a new world of expression, thought, feelings and actions.



Our next main lesson will be focussing on understanding the "Spirituality of the Dreaming". This will take us into a new depth of awareness and sympathetic understanding of the traditional Indigenous culture. We will be creating weaving baskets, grinding our own ochre, and making clapping sticks.



Our last main lesson will be "What have we learnt in 2021". Together Class 3/ 4, our supportive TAs and I will go back through the year, reviewing our literacy and numeracy topics to make sure the children have grown in their deeper understanding of what they have learnt, and to further explore any learning they may have not understood when first presented, but now are ready to gain better understanding.



Maetreyii – Instrumental Tutor

As Birali's Instrumental Tutor, (now including Birali Strings Program from Semester 2, 2021), I am currently coordinating and teaching our students' Instrumental Music programs and performances.



Our students have started practising for a variety of different events, including the end of the term presentation, Birali Advent Celebrations, Class plays - and more!

Each student and music group are offered an opportunity to enjoy their music and be acknowledged for their learning, their performance and their participation, before the end of our 2021 school year. Some students will be performing to the other students during lunch time, a wonderful experience for our school! At the end of this term, Instrumental Music performances - including strings, marimba, recorder - will be presented across Class 4 up to our senior students. So many of our students are very enthusiastic, and it is easy to see that they have fun while playing music. It is such a joy to me when I hear students say, "That was so much fun!"



Birali Collective has a new home!

Trisha & the team have been busy over the holiday moving the Birali Collective Shop. Birali Parent Craft is now located under the Pergola outside reception and Birali Collective is now located in the former Library near Reception.

Make sure you drop in Tuesday & Fridays 2 - 3pm during term time to check out all the beautiful stock!



Recycling



Please note that it is only the bread tags being collected at present (not bottle lids). A red box with relevant signage has been placed outside of Class 1/2 in which to put the tags.

We thank Steph for this wonderful program offering for Birali families and staff.

UPDATE YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Seeking Volunteers Book Covering](#)
- [People's Long Weekend - Moreton Bay Region \(Holiday\)](#)
- [Recycling Bread Tags](#)
- [Clay with Jenny](#)
- [School Transport Assistance Scheme](#)

REMINDER

Be aware that with the warmer weather now upon us, mosquitos and ticks are more active. Please ensure students have their own mosquito repellent available, parents are reminded to refresh on the recommended method of tick removal by [clicking here](#).

BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

Each week the school explores a new virtue, with the introduction made at assembly on Mondays.

Week 1 - [Confidence](#)

Week 2 - [Kindness](#)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

19 th Oct	Mindful Parenting – Clay with Jenny
28 th Oct	World Teachers Day Celebration
29 th Oct	People's Long Weekend
5 th Nov	Prep Vision Testing
6 th Nov	Working Bee

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

BIRALI PLAYGROUP in the Pippi Garden Wednesdays

8.30 am – 10.30 am and 12.15 pm – 2.15 pm

Afternoon group has places available.

Registration required via Admin.

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

BIRALI COLLECTIVE (SHOP)

Re-opening during Term 4

Tues & Fri 2.00 PM – 3.00 PM

BIRALI PARENT CRAFT GROUP

Located under the pergola outside reception.

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](#)

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- Biralisteinereclassifieds Bazaar (Buy & Sell) [\(Click here to join\)](#)
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