



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29 October, 2021

Term 4 – Issue 2

Thank you, Biral Parents and Carers, community members,

Your support for each other and our children, and your contributions to the busy life of Biral is much appreciated!

On your behalf, particular thanks to the Biral Work Team, as working around last week's wild weather and on Saturday, they spent their precious off-work time, preparing and building our Shade Shelter! Now for building approval, concreting the connecting path and levelling ground surface under the shelter for its use!



On Wednesday we farewelled a much-appreciated Enrolments and Administration Officer, Diane. Diane was touched by your recognition of her significant contributions through the growth of Biral.

Our capable and skilled Biral staff have once again demonstrated their capacity and agility for ensuring a smooth as possible end Term 4 for all our Biral students and families. Staff have stepped positively into supporting our Biral student learning and the Biral community. For my part, I am extremely proud of their professionalism and commitment to Biral.

On Thursday 28 October, Birali community acknowledged all our Education Team members! World Teachers' Day on Friday 29 October is an important day to recognise their extraordinary efforts - and their continuing positive, proactive professionalism!

Our Indigenous Cultural connections are a priority for Birali. In late November, Birali students are delighted to welcome a significant Gubbi Gubbi community member, Christine Stuart, to share Gubbi Gubbi culture.

This link below might offer community members an opportunity to be involved in Indigenous Cultural Awareness please [click here](#).

To offer support to the developing Mary Valley Steiner School and community, we are pleased to share the following fundraising opportunity including performances by our very own Birali Instrumental Tutor, Maetreyii please [click here](#).

This week the SEQ Steiner School Principals were able to meet and share further collegial discussion. Birali Steiner School staff have appreciated the generous support and advice of these experienced and expert Steiner leaders during the various challenges of 2021, through offering opportunities for our school education team to visit and participate in their established Steiner community learning, and to plan for our continuing inter-school connections and education priorities in 2022.

Once again a busy Birali world - and our appreciation to each one of you for your ongoing and various positive contributions to our growing school!

Helen Starr, Interim Principal,

on behalf of our Birali Steiner School Staff.

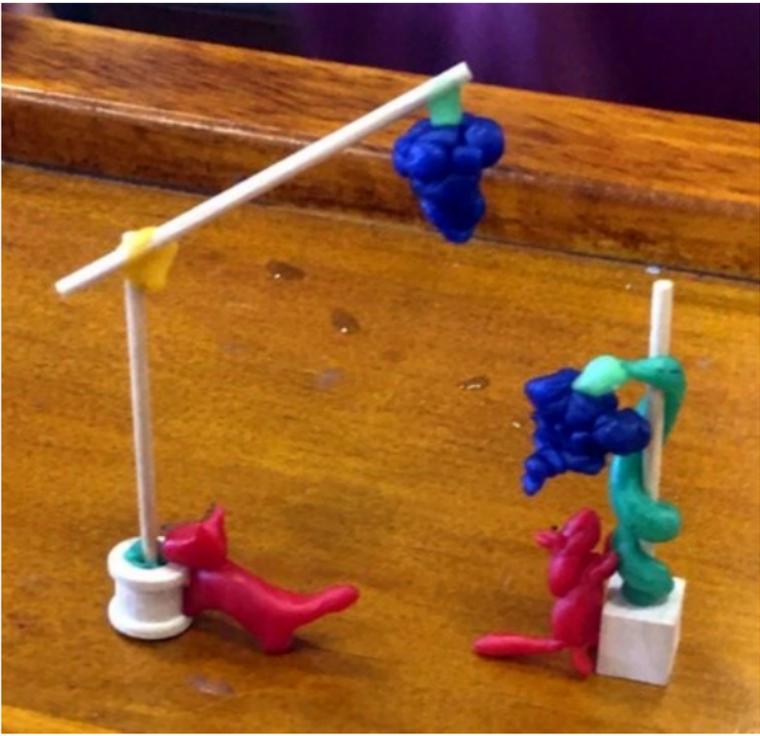
## FEATURE ARTICLES

### Jo – Class 1/2

In Class 1/2 we have been practising our balancing, throwing and catching skills. We have made our obstacle course more challenging by walking around it, while balancing a beanbag on our heads or another part of our bodies. Each morning, we practise counting while throwing and catching a beanbag and we are learning to throw and catch with a partner.



Our first Main Lesson this term was Animal Fables. We have loved hearing these stories and learning lots of morals from the animals, that we can use in real life situations. The children have drawn some beautiful illustrations and created wonderful beeswax figures of some of the animals from these stories. The ones you can see in the picture is about a fox trying to get some grapes off the vine.



We are so happy to have welcomed some lovely new children into our class this term. Rachael, Jayde and Sophie have all made a great start and we love having them in Class 1/2.



## Michelle – Pippi Room

The Pippi's have been busy building our woodworking skills over this semester. We began by learning how to safely use our woodworking tools and how to negotiate space and equipment. After this we all built cars together. This involved sanding, polishing and using a hammer and nails.



Our next project involved building boats. This time we sanded, polished, drilled, glued and stitched. These beautiful boats then made it into our play.



We had so many sailing days!

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## 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.

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## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Seeking Volunteers Book Covering](#)
- [People's Long Weekend - Moreton Bay Region \(Holiday\)](#)
- [Recycling Bread Tags](#)
- [School Transport Assistance Scheme](#)
- [Individual Enrichment Extra Lesson](#)

## REMINDER

Photographs and videos taken at school events are for personal use only. Any such photos and videos must not be sold and must not be put on the web/internet. Photographs and videos must never be taken during performances. The teacher will allocate one person as 'photographer' if they feel this is required. At the conclusion of such events, time will be made available for parents to photograph their child/ren. For other events, the school will decide if photography and videoing will be permitted and staff will inform parents at the beginning of the event. Children must never be photographed changing for performances or events. These conditions also apply to other persons who may be present at school events (e.g. Grandparents or family friends).

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## BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

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

**Week 1 - Courage**

**Week 2 - Determination**

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

**28<sup>th</sup> Oct** World Teachers Day Celebration

**29<sup>th</sup> Oct** People's Long Weekend

**5<sup>th</sup> Nov** Prep Vision Testing

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov** Working Bee

**8<sup>th</sup> Nov** Mindful Parenting – Dr Jolene- Ohana

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov** Opening of Upper Primary 1.45 pm

## 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)

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](#)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Click here to visit: [Biral Classifieds](#)

### Parent Run Social Media Groups:

- Biral Parents [\(Click here to join\)](#)
- Biral Bazaar (Buy & Sell) [\(Click here to join\)](#)
- Please ask Biral Parents for links to class pages

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