



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Issue 4

Our Biral Steiner students and community are preparing for a joyful Festive Season and a relaxing and enjoyable vacation.

The excitement of this term's activities have been shared across the school and with our community. The Official Opening of our beautiful Learning Space entertained by our Biral Steiner Instrumental Ensemble pictured below...



Our Eurythmy sessions for Prep through to Class 8 with Pacifica College for Eurythmy- with Prep pictured below.



Class 5-8 Indigenous Traditional Ochre painting with Gubbi Gubbi descendant and language advisor from Bulu Yabun - pictured below.



Class 5-8 Biodynamic Gardening with our Noosa Pengari expert and Board member... and this week further Indigenous Cultural history immersion sessions for Classes 1-8, our Class 7/8 Showcase and Class 5/6 Olympic challenge!

As well, our committed staff have been extending their days conducting Parent Interviews, with each teacher looking forward to opportunities to share and celebrate student learning and engagement. Additionally, a number of School Tours have been led by staff, with significant numbers of interested new families indicating their appreciation of the informative sessions and impressed by the professional and pleasant approach of our Biral staff as 'guides'!

With only one week of school remaining, we thank all our staff who through their enthusiastic professional and personal education contributions, their administration roles supporting the learning environment of our students, committed support or specialist roles which have enriched our students' lives and growth... and all of us at Birali acknowledge those leaving our school community for interesting and varied opportunities and interests elsewhere – and wish them the very best for the future.

We welcome you all to celebrate 2021 with us on Thursday 2 December from 1pm , or Pippi families with Pippi Room on Friday 3 Dec at 10.30am. Advice regarding these celebrations at Birali have recently been shared with Birali community through School Stream. Our best and warmest wishes to you and all your families, near and far, for a wonderful Festive Season!

Helen Starr, Interim Principal,

on behalf of our Birali Steiner School Staff.

FROM THE BOARD

The Birali Steiner School year 2021 is coming to a close. What an eventful year it has been!

The Official Opening of Birali Stage 2 was a wonderful afternoon, and a significant milestone for the school. It has been a year of progress, change and at times uncertainty.

What remains certain is the resolve of the Birali Board to continue to work with our valued Birali staff and community to ensure a thriving school and continue the amazing growth seen at Birali over the last few years.

Special thanks to all the Birali school staff for their diligent focus on student education and wellbeing.

Our appreciation to Birali Leadership, and to Helen Starr for her professional and positive leadership ... nurturing, holding and guiding the school during Term 3 and Term 4.

Best wishes to everyone for the Festive Season, and summer vacation. We look forward to 2022 and all it has to offer each of us.

Birali Board (MBBSSA)

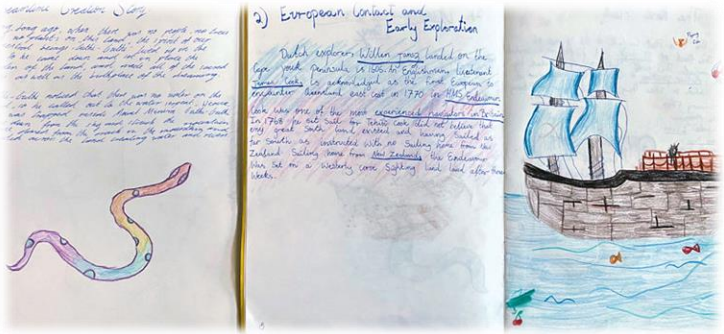
FEATURE ARTICLES

Chloe Ann – Class 5/6

Class 5/6 have been busy preparing for the Greek Olympics for several weeks! The students have been practicing the various disciplines: javelin, discus, Greco Wrestling, standing long jump as well as relay, and morning marathon running training(1.5km). The Birali Greek Olympics was this Friday, with the opening ceremony starting at 8:45AM, and parents and families – as well as Birali school community enjoyed the spectacle of the day.



Earlier this term, continuing with stories from the ancient epochs, we explored Ancient Rome. We enjoyed tales of the Seven Early Kings, Hannibal crossing the Alps and the Twelve Tables of Roman Law. The final Main Lesson of the term has brought us back to Australian History, as we explore the early settlement of Australia and the Federation.



During Craft lessons, the students have enjoyed making their own sewing kits with embroidery name labels and tie-dyeing drawstring craft bags, as well as preparations for the Greek Olympics, including making clay medals to be presented to athletes, designing and painting banners, and stitching colours of their City-State onto tunics.



The Class 5/6 have all participated enthusiastically in various aspects of the Greek Olympics today, an exciting conclusion to our Class 5/6 learning and activities!

Yuka - Japanese

In Class 7/8 this term, we have been studying about combination Hiragana which is now at the final section of Hiragana characters. Some of consonants like き+three of small や、ゆ、よ= Kyaきや kyuきゆ kyoきよ.

| Modified Syllables: Consonant combined with ya, yu, yo | | | |
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| b | びや | びゆ | びよ |
| p | ぴや | ぴゆ | ぴよ |

In Class 5/6 this term, we have been studying about basic Hiragana, through making book marks, bingo games and so on.

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In Class 3/4 this term, we have been learning sports and asking questions to make a conversation.

Q: Sumou wo shimasuka? (Do you play Sumou?)

A: Hai, shimasu. (Yes, I do.) / Iie, shimasen.(No, I don't.)

Q: Donna supootsu wo shimasuka? (What kind of sports do you play?)

A : Yakyuu wo shimasu. (I play baseball.)

In Class 1/2 this term, we have experienced little bit of Japanese sports day and a national sport (Sumou).

For cultural study, all classes have experienced making dango (rice ball) for the Japanese Moon viewing custom.

UPDATE YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Wet weather reminder](#)
- [Welcome, Maddison, 2022 Class 1 Teacher](#)
- [End of Term events and information](#)
- [Update to the Public Bus Service for Term 1, 2022](#)

REMINDER

As next week is end Term 4 please take some time to check the lost property basket outside of reception.

BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

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

Week 7 - [Modesty](#)

Week 8 - [Perseverance](#)

Week 9 - [Generosity](#)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

2nd Dec End Year Performances

3rd Dec Pippi Festival

3rd Dec Last day of Term 4

24th Jan First day of Term 1 - 2022

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

BIRALI PLAYGROUP in the Pippi Garden

Wednesdays – during Term time.

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)

During Term time.

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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