BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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A beautiful week enjoying Birali…

Our thanks to the 2 parents, 3 parent staff members and students, and Dave for your recent Saturday morning commitment! The freshly mulched carpark garden with safety fencing will feature school safe native ground cover. The newly laid pathway, shade shelter, lattice cover and garden bed planting around Birali Pippi area are welcome cost-effective grounds improvements.

Parents are invited and welcomed to their children's Birali Steiner Parent Reporting Meetings, which commence Monday 15 November until Friday 26 November. Each teacher is looking forward to an opportunity to meet with you, to share and celebrate student learning and engagement.

This Tuesday 16 November at 1.45pm, the Official Opening of Birali Stage 2 Learning Spaces will be held outside Birali Reception and Office area, with Mr Terry Young representing the Federal Minister Mr Tudge, and including representatives of the Commonwealth Building Authority, who, with NAB, funded the Stage 2 Project. Birali Architect, Andrew Webb and Midson Project Manager, Greg Nation will be attending, along with Birali Board Executive members. Birali Instrumental Music students will be once more performing.

Our particular thanks to all class teachers, and students, who with Birali 'Clean Team' have successfully relocated classrooms to continue learning programs, preparing for a smooth end to Term 4 - and in readiness for 2022.

With only 3 weeks of school remaining, we extend our best wishes to our relocating and exiting families.

During these last few weeks, there will be opportunities for the Birali school community to gather: Class 5/6 students will be participating in the Birali Olympiad, Class 7/8 will be presenting their learning projects in a Birali Showcase Evening.

To end Term 4, Instrumental Students will again perform, and Class 1/2 will present their Nativity Play supported by Class 3/4 students with singing and music accompaniment. Pippi Room children will gather with their families, to celebrate and conclude their Pippi year. Look for further advice of all these exciting Birali events, to be shared with you through SchoolStream.

Helen Starr, Interim Principal,

on behalf of our Birali Steiner School Staff.

FEATURE ARTICLES

Emma & Ted – Class 7/8 Camp

At the beginning of Term 4, in Week 3, Ted, Agnes and I took the Class 7/8 students on a camping, hiking adventure to Lamington National Park. From Term 3 2021, Class 7/8 had been preparing for their Lamington National Park Camp-out, as you know from previous Newsletter updates! Previous to our departure we had practised at school using our camp equipment and cooking our food! Students were grouped to support each other with cooking food, and with activities! After a long bus trip down toward the National Park, and with high spirits and huge excitement, we arrived and set up our camp!

For three nights we slept with the ants, watched the storms roll by, marvelled at the stars and full moon … we climbed rocks and walked even when our feet wanted to stop, we cooked on our tangiers, and we saw things we have never seen before. The photos do not do justice for the beauty in the gigantic trees, the waterfall, the rockpools even the moss was magical.

The students hiked for 15kms on the Qld NSW border range track, and all of them did such a fantastic job. At times it was challenging for all of us.

However, all in all, it was a once-in-a-lifetime, 'will never forget' amazing trip to Lamington National Park for all of us. Thank you so much to our Class 7/8 parents and carers, who ensured that each student's required camp equipment was organised and assisted by supporting 'camp food' shopping'.

Ted has written a poem about "Walking the Border Trail" ***click here to read the poem.***

Lily – Playgroup

Birali Playgroup have had an overwhelmingly positive response to our new Garden playgroup, averaging around 40 participants on Wednesday each week since our relocation! Exciting for our Birali Playgroup Team, led so wonderfully by Lily.

Both Birali Playgroup sessions now gather in the Pippi garden after arriving - for our welcome circle, into our mill wheel songs, then knead our bread dough before children run off into a free play session in the sandpit or cubby house, while parents help plant out seedlings, prepare tables for our fruit break or cuddle up on the hammock with their child. So enjoyable for all of our playgroup participants.

With the growing attendance the playgroup has recently received a volunteer assistant, the lovely Dekota, who has recently completed her Teacher Aide training in Class 1/2 and assisting in Pippi Room and with other activities across the school.

This Wednesday our Birali Garden Playgroup Team will begin sharing a Steiner-Inspired Advent story, by first gathering stones, crystals and shells from the mineral kingdom, then the plants and animals respectively in coming weeks, to prepare the scene, until our Children of Light Summer celebration on Wednesday Dec 1st ☼

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

- Class 7/8 Showcase Evening Invite
- Schedule of Fees 2022

REMINDER

Hats & Sunscreen

Hats: In line with our Sun Safe policy parents are reminded that It is a requirement that all students wear their school hat at school and for excursions. While outside, the school will enforce a "No Hat – No Play" policy at all times during the school day (8:30 AM – 2:30 PM). Students not wearing hats will be required to play in the undercover areas. When playing in the shade of the bushland, hats are still required for all outdoor activities.
Students will wear their hats home each day and are expected to bring their hats to school each morning. Those that forget their hats may be able to borrow a spare hat, however, repeatedly forgetting a hat will result in **"No Hat–No Play"** being enforced.
Sunscreen: Birali Steiner School is a "Sun Smart" School. As such, we ask that you apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school and provide a supply of sunscreen in your child's bag for use at school.

BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

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

Week 5 – Enthusiasm
Week 6 – Co-operation

To read more about the virtues program please: ***Click here.***

IMPORTANT DATES

16th Nov	Opening of Upper Primary 1.45 pm
25th Nov	Class 7/8 Showcase
26th Nov	Greek Olympics
1st Dec	Playgroup Celebration
2nd Dec	Nativity Play & Performances

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: Birali Classifieds

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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