



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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National Reconciliation Week 2022



The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2022 is -

Be Brave.

Make change.

This statement is a call out and challenge to all Australians—individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to **Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation** so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

Steiner Education has a great appreciation of the value of all ancient civilisations and how sharing these cultures, knowledge and skills embedded in these epochs can enrich and guide us in this age. The role the First Nations people have played for over 60,000 years in Australia still needs further exploration and reverence so that the truth about one of the most enduring and sophisticated yet misunderstood human cultures can shine bright and guide us all. An Australian Aboriginal proverb states, *“We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to*

observe, to learn, to grow, to love... and then we return home."

National Reconciliation Week is a reminder that all Australians need to make the time and be committed to embarking on their own learning journey that is respectful of the role the first nations peoples played for over 60,00 years and continue to play in forming and governing this nation. At this time, all people in Australia face challenges in a variety of ways and the knowledge systems of the Indigenous people offer ways of meeting these challenges. One example of a challenge is the disconnection and disrespect that is occurring between us and our natural world- the very thing that sustains us. As Worimi Elder Uncle Steve Brereton suggests *"Healing Country is healing us. We are Country and Country is us. We are all one."*

National Reconciliation week is a time to face the challenge and dive into one of the most fascinating, timeless and endearing cultures the planet has to offer.

Kindest regards,
Nich, on behalf of the Birali Reconciliation Team

Vanda Class 2/3



From farming to trading

We've learned in Class 2/3 that old civilizations, such as those in Mesopotamia, felt the need to trade. They used to give their goods to the king and receive a clay tablet with cuneiform writing, which was a receipt they could use to buy the goods they needed. Then, coins were created.



Our Class decided to create a market where they could buy and sell. We have had different currencies: pine cones, stones, crayons and bids. Then, we thought it would be easier to create a class currency before we held our second market. Our classroom was transformed into a money factory, where we invented "gems". Playing selling became even more exciting as we could sum amounts of money, give change and tips to good sellers. When we used Australian dollars to buy and sell, we got even more excited. We were thrilled every second of this journey.



Christoph – Music



In music we started this term celebrating the autumn season, singing many beautiful autumn and harvest songs and enriching them with a variety of instruments, ranging from clapsticks to the double bass. As the days are getting cooler and shorter, we shift our focus to the theme of winter and the winter festival. Class 1 have been developing their love of gnomes further this term with some engaging gnome songs.



Class 2/3 are developing their skills at singing in a round with some of the fiery winter songs. Class 4/5 are learning to sing in up to 6-part songs and rounds and are loving the challenge! They have also been practicing Sanskrit chants to accompany their Ancient India main lesson. They learnt and practiced a couple of dances to those chants and honed their rhythmic skills with a variety of percussion instruments.



UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Our Future - Birali Steiner School](#)
- [New playground - can you help?](#)

REMINDER

Daily Rhythm

Please allow enough time for your child to settle into school as late arrivals interrupt the flow of the joyful and reverent morning activities for both the child who has missed something, and for the class and their teacher.

Primary & Middle School

08:30am to 10:30am	Morning Circle/Main Lesson Session
10:30am to 11:00am	FIRST BREAK
11:00am to 11:45am	Middle Session One
11:45am to 12:30pm	Middle Session Two

12:30pm to 01:00pm	LUNCH/SECOND BREAK PLAY
01:00pm to 01:45pm	Afternoon Session One
01:45pm to 02:30pm	Afternoon Session Two
02.30pm	Class dismissed

Morning and Afternoon Sessions can include main lesson follow up, specialist teacher lessons (Music/Japanese), as well as other practice lessons in a variety of learning areas.

BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

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

[Week 5 - Honesty](#)

[Week 6 - Helpfulness](#)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

6 -10 th June	Parent Teacher Interviews
13 – 17 th June	Parent Teacher Interviews
22 nd June	<u>Pippi Winter Festival</u>
24 th June	<u>Class 1 – 9 Winter Festival</u>
24 th June	<u>End of School Term 2</u>
7 th & 8 th July	<u>Office Closed (staff training day)</u>
11 th July	<u>Term 3 begins</u>

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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

BIRALI PLAYGROUP in the Pippi Garden

Wednesdays

8.30 am – 10.30 am and 12.15 pm – 2.15 pm

Download the Playgroup Registration Form by [clicking here](#).

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

[Community Singing – Tuesdays after school](#)

[Drumming for fun – Wednesdays after school](#)

[Birali Book Group – Friday mornings](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Birali Steiner School believes in the importance of community. We have created this page for our local community to share events, workshops or promote their business.

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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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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