



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Issue 1

FROM OUR INTERIM PRINCIPAL



Dear Biral Community,

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3, with some cold mornings and beautiful sunny days. Our students have been enjoying the new play spaces and basketball half court which were installed over the holiday break.

Walking through the school this week, it has been wonderful to see the students so happily engaged in their learning! Morning Circle in the Pippi Room is a mid-winter theme; Class 1 have been exploring Dreamtime Stories; Class 2/3 are commencing Hebrew Mythology and the Creation Stories; Class 4/5 are learning about the Gods of Ancient Egypt; Class 6/7 have been looking out towards the night skies with their study of Astronomy and Class 8/9 have been studying the Physics of Air and Water.

These past two weeks, I have been working with Lisa and Class 4/5 as they prepare for the Greek Olympics at Noosa in a few weeks. During the studies of the Ancient Epochs, the students learn about the Greek Gods and Ancient Olympic Games. Part

of this learning includes an inter-school sports day, where the students are divided into City States, competing in the disciplines of Javelin, Discus, Long Jump, Running and Greco Wrestling.

During our College Meeting this week, we conducted a review of our recent Winter Festival. During this process, Pep encouraged us all to engage in a retrospective reflection of the evening. This was a wonderful process as we relived the beauty of our festival night together. Thank you everyone for coming together and making our festival a success!

Keep your eyes in the coming weeks, as we will be distributing our Parent Feedback Survey. Input and feedback from our community is an important in shaping the growth of our beautiful school!

Thank you everyone for your ongoing love and support.

Warmly,

Chloe Ann Francis

Fiona Bradshaw – Individual Enrichment Teacher

Hello, I'm Fi Bradshaw, the Individual Enrichment teacher here



at Birali Steiner School. Since graduating from university 30 years ago, I've taught students from Prep to Year 11, in both private and public schools, abroad and locally. Over the past ten years, I have been teaching students

with special needs, which has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. If a student has a disability or is struggling with numeracy or literacy, I work with them either individually or in small groups to provide them the skills they need to access the curriculum. Sometimes it's just for a short while, and other times it may be longer. I work with whole body actions, hands on activities, provide real-life scenarios, and repetition to consolidate the knowledge.

Nothing is more thrilling than to hear a student say, "Oh, I get it now!"



Lisa – Class 6/7



At the end of last term, Class 4/5 held an Indian Feast at school. The children had been practicing cooking Indian dishes all term with the wonderful help of Sheena (Alkira's mum) along with creating beautiful table lanterns and learning songs and dances of the Indian culture. It was lovely to see the children and parents dressed in traditional Indian outfits and coming together for a shared feast! The night was a beautiful success!

This term we have arrived in Egypt, learning about the River Nile and the Egyptian Gods. In Week 9, we head off to The Abby Museum to understand mummification and experience an Egyptian dig.



In Week 5, the class will venture to Noosa Pengari Steiner School for the Greek Olympics. They have been practicing their running and now we have started the Javelin, discus, long jump and wrestling. Chloe Ann has been supporting us to learn the techniques for each of these events.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The Birali Board welcomes all students, parents, carers, and staff members back to school for Term 3 2022.

A huge thank you to Chloe Ann for willingly stepping into the Interim Principal role, with support from Helen Starr as Leadership Advisor. The stability this gives the school, enables the Board to continue a robust recruitment process for a permanent Principal.

Work continued for many during the term break, including an extended Board meeting where we affirmed the roll out of Class 10 in 2023 as per the Birali Strategic Plan. More immediate, the addition of the new playground equipment will create another wonderful element to the outdoors for the students' education and socialisation.



Thanks to the Birali Leadership Team and parent supporters for the many months of planning, fundraising and work involved in creating these spaces.

PARENTLINE



Parentline is a FREE virtual counselling service for parents and caregivers offering support from 8am to 10pm every day across Queensland and the Northern Territory. Parentline can provide one-off or ongoing support to clients by

taking a parent-centred and child-focused approach to meet the needs of children and improve family connection.

For FREE, non-judgmental and confidential counselling support available seven days a week, call 1300 30 1300 or Webchat with us via parentline.com.au or email admin@parentline.com.au

Please take a look at our YouTube channel that shared Parentline information plus an informative recording on transition from primary to high school.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAT-WOKLBOZm7U2t74o_ZhQ

[Parentline QLD&NT - YouTube](#)

Parentline is a confidential telephone service providing professional counselling and support in Queensland and the Northern Territory. Our phones are open every day from 8am – 10pm.

UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Term 3 – Community Singing](#)
- [Term 3 – Community Drumming](#)
- [Our Future – Birali Steiner School](#)

REMINDER

Visitors

A friendly reminder that all visitors are to report to the Administration Office to sign in. This includes Parents who attend the school throughout the day to attend various activities and/or volunteer in the classrooms.

This is **IMPORTANT** so we know who is onsite in the case of an emergency.

BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

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

[Week 1 - Assertiveness](#)

[Week 2 - Compassion](#)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

July 23 rd	<u>Working Bee 8 – 11am</u>
July 28 th	<u>Mindful Parenting - Development and Behaviours with Pep Wright</u>
August 3 rd	<u>Mindful Parenting – Home Health Care (Pt 2)</u>
August 8 th	<u>Public Holiday - Royal Queensland Show - School Closed</u>
Sept 11 th	<u>Creative Spirit Fair</u>
Sept 12 th	<u>Student free day</u>

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

BIRALI COLLECTIVE (SHOP)

Tuesday & Friday 2 – 3pm

BIRALI PARENT CRAFT GROUP

Located under the pergola outside reception.

Wednesday 8.45 AM to 12.00 PM

BIRALI COMMUNITY SINGING

Tuesday afternoons from 2.45 to 3.30pm

BIRALI COMMUNITY DRUMMING

Monday afternoons from 2.45 to 3.30pm

BIRALI PLAYGROUP in the Pippi Garden

Wednesdays

9 – 11am & 12.15 – 2.15 pm

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

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

Download the playgroup Registration policy [clicking here](#).

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Click here to visit: [Biral 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](#)