



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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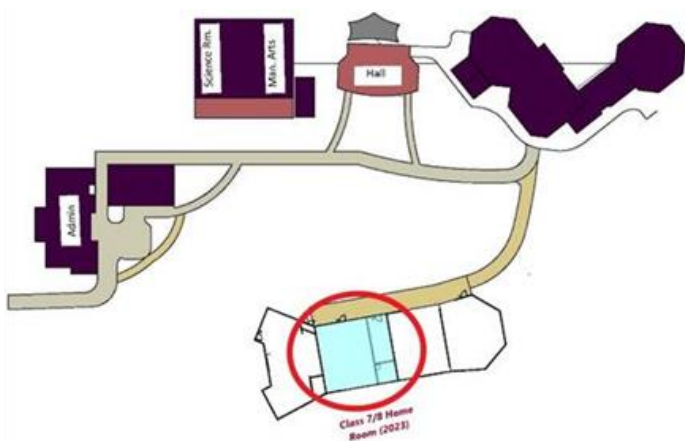
## From our Principal

It is hard to believe that we are already in the last half of Term 4! There is always so much happening in the last half of any term, and this term is no exception...

The Pippi children are excitedly preparing to enter the Primary School next year, as they finish off their craft projects and help polish the Pippi Room toys. Last week, Class 2/3 enjoyed their first school sleepover as an introduction to the camp program. Class 4/5 have been busily preparing for their class play *"The Odyssey"*. Next week, we will have two classes away on camps - Class 6/7 leave on Wednesday for Thunderbird Park and Class 8/9 will spend the whole week at Kilkivan for a Biodynamic farm camp. Class 1 will also be performing their first class play, *"Briar Rose"*, next week as well.

The last week of Term 4 is typically when the Primary School classes move classrooms to make space for the new Class 1s for the following year. As we are still growing, this hasn't happened for us every year, but it is something that the students will be looking forward to in the last week of this term!

In case you missed communications from earlier this year, we have been in the process of securing a bank loan to kickstart our next building stage! This process has been very positive and we have been



liaising with our wonderful consultants to finalise the approvals for our new learning space.

**Construction for this room will commence soon, to be completed in early 2023!**

We are currently in the process of seeking funding through the Block Grant Authority (BGA) for the surrounding rooms, while we self-fund the construction for the room highlighted in blue. This will allow us to accommodate the growing High School cohorts and resources. At the end of this term, Nich's Class will move down into the Science Room while the construction for the new classroom is completed early 2023!

Warm regards,

*Chloe Ann Francis*

**Principal**

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## Christoph – Music



**(Christoph in Switzerland)**

Marianne was teaching all music students for the first two weeks of the term, giving them a different experience and the opportunity of learning some new pieces. Thank you, Marianne for 'holding the fort' while I was visiting family and immersing myself in my old culture in Switzerland. All classes were offered a cultural and musical journey through the land of cheese and chocolate on my return, which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Now class 1 is busy with practicing many songs for their upcoming class play, as well as musically welcoming the rain and the warmer weather of spring. They're also very excited to embark on their journey of playing an instrument, starting with their beautiful pentatonic flutes. Class 2/3 are progressing in leaps and bounds on their pentatonic and descant recorders thanks to Vanda's and Dekota's great daily teaching and practice support. Class 3 is also very excited to start out on their journey of playing a string instrument. Daily short practice sessions at home are the best way to progress quickly on that journey. Some students may need their parents or carers to help them remember...



Class 4/5 is very busy preparing for their class play, which includes some beautiful songs. We've also been singing some Greek songs and accompanying the warmer weather with some lovely spring rounds. The class is also learning skills to start composing and writing their own music. Class 6/7 have

been exploring sound and rhythm through a number of exercises, using the body and various objects to create short layered rhythmic pieces. Class 8/9 is progressing on their journey to make music together, using various instruments and their voices. We've also been exploring layering various sounds with a loop pedal and a microphone to create interesting musical effects.

## Lily – Playgroup



We've been having lots of spring fun in our Birali Garden Playgroup each Wednesday!

Caterpillars have eaten new green leaves and fallen asleep in their cocoons .. and woken with beautiful wings!! Bees are busy in our jasmine and honeysuckle vines, who are heavy with sweet, scented blossoms. The children have been busy too - making paper butterflies and painting peg doll bees, setting the table for





morning tea, and washing up their plates, helping to pack away the sandpit toys.

We have several children moving up into the Pippi Room for Prep next year. Our garden playgroup provides the perfect gentle transition – alongside a trusted parent or carer – into their first formal year of schooling. Playgroup rhythms, circle time, breadmaking and stories help to familiarise each child with all the magic to come.

Welcome little butterflies

We will love you as you fly

Gently, gently you will come

With your message from the sun

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## REMINDER

### **Withdrawing a Student**

A full term's notice in advance of your intended withdrawal date is required in writing otherwise the fees for the term of withdrawal will be charged in full (e.g. to withdraw the Student at the commencement of Term 2, you will need to advise the school by the end of the first week of Term 1 to avoid Term 2 fees being charged).

It is routine practice for an *Exit Interview or Questionnaire* to be offered as part of the departure process in the event of withdrawing a student from the school. We ask that parents complete this for feedback to the school.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Parent Teacher Interviews</u></a>
Nov 14 -18th	Class 8/9 Kumbartcho Camp
Nov 16 -18th	Class 6/7 Thunderbird Park Camp
Nov 20th	<a href="#"><u>Working Bee</u></a>
Dec 9th	<a href="#"><u>End Term 4</u></a>
Dec 21st	<a href="#"><u>Birali Office closed</u></a>
Jan 4th 2023	<a href="#"><u>Birali Office open</u></a>

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## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Safety in the Carpark](#)
- [Covid Update](#)
- [Can you help?](#)
- [World Teachers Day](#)
- [Biodynamic Agriculture - LIFE and MOTION](#)
- [2023 Term Dates and Schedule of Fees](#)

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## 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.](#)

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# 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 DRUMMING

Monday afternoons from 2.45 to 3.30pm

## BIRALI BOOK GROUP

Every Tuesday 8:45am – 9:30am

## BIRALI COMMUNITY SINGING

Wednesday afternoons from 2.45 to 3.30pm

## BIRALI PLAYGROUP in the Pippi Garden

Wednesdays

9 – 11am

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

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

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

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## 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

## STEINER & ANTHROPOSPHICAL LINKS

These Steiner/Anthroposophical related activities and services, whilst not directly related to 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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