



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



It is hard to believe that Autumn has come around again! As the air starts to cool, preparations for the Autumn Festival are in full swing throughout the school. As part of the Autumn Festival, Steiner schools will mark the 'Harvest Season' by collecting food to donate to a good cause. After only a few days, we are already collecting quite a sizeable harvest!

Wednesday morning was very exciting for Class 5/6 as they left for the "Earthkeepers Camp" at Wild Mountains. We look forward to welcoming them back on Friday afternoon!

**Warm regards,**

*Chloe Ann Francis*

**Principal**



## Christoph – Music



In Birali Music land preparations are in full swing for the upcoming Autumn Festival and Dragon Play. For the first few weeks of term, the lower primary classes have been learning new songs about summer and related themes, like swimming, bushwalking, thunderstorms, and windy weather. Class 2 have been learning songs about bush animals, relating back to their

animal fables main lesson. Class 3/4 is embarking on their journey to become proficient music readers, which will be of great value on their journey of becoming skilled recorder and strings players.



Class 5/6 is continuing to journey deeper into the land of harmonies, learning to sing in three or four parts. This involves reading a musical score, remembering what it should sound like, listening to themselves, their group, and the other groups at the same time, while also paying attention to and following the conductor's guidance. Not an easy task to achieve as a group, but when it comes together, the sound is wonderful!

In High School, we're starting to venture more into the land of popular music and instruments, setting up like a band with electric guitars and bass guitar, ukuleles, acoustic guitars, drums, keyboard, and microphones for singing. One of the students has taken on the challenge of learning how to connect all the electric bits via a mixing desk to an amplifier, and mixing the sound, so everyone can be heard. It's great to

see how engaged the students are in playing favourite songs, and even beginning to create and play their own music.

## Vanda – Class 3 & 4



Dear families,

It has been wonderful to see how much our students in Class 3/4 have grown and to feel how much they love to learn.

We started the school year enthusiastically learning about different types of shelters around the world. We heard stories, made drawings and used clay to make various dwellings. We also discussed the importance of the weather in different regions when planning and building houses. The students brainstormed choices of the materials used for building and the purpose of that choice in that construction. Would you like to see some of the amazing works we've done?





As we know, the human being has always developed their creativity to make the tools and objects they needed for their daily lives. Long ago, we used our own voices and horns of animals to make instruments to produce sounds. Then, we started developing musicality in more complex forms as it involved instruments. In Class 3/4, we have been making our own clapping sticks as an exciting woodworking project!

Our clapping sticks will allow us to create rhythms and beat in our songs, as we are exploring the elements of music in our Main Lesson. We are also learning about the history of music and how to read and write music. We are fascinated with what we're discovering in our journey to The Land of Music!

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## Little Waldorf School OSHC

Birali is pleased to have Little Waldorf School operating an after-school care program from the school grounds each Monday to Friday – 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Afternoon tea is provided as well as all recourses including arts & craft materials.



Please Contact Tess & Lucy for more information  
[lwosch@outlook.com](mailto:lwosch@outlook.com) or phone 54976729.

Enrolment packs are available in the Birali Office, at Little Waldorf School or at after school care in the Hall.

It has been such a pleasure seeing the children enjoying After School Care each afternoon.

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## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

### **WEEKLY EURYTHMY CLASSES**

(with Ty Hungerford)

Thursdays 6 pm – 7 pm

View flyer [here](#) for more details

### **COMMUNITY SINGING**

Every Thursday morning in the Hall

8:30 am – 9:00 am

### **BIRALI COLLECTIVE (SHOP)**

Tuesday & Friday 2:30 pm - 3 pm

Wednesdays 8:45 am – 11:45 am

### **BIRALI PARENT CRAFT GROUP**

Located under the pergola outside reception

Wednesday 8.45 AM to 11:45 AM

### **BIRALI BOOK GROUP**

Every Friday 8:45am – 9:30am

### **BIRALI PLAYGROUP**

in the Pippi Garden

Wednesdays

9 – 11am

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## **REMINDER**

### **NAPLAN**

Birali follows the Australian Steiner Curriculum Framework (ASCF). The ASCF is a nationally recognised curriculum based on the indications of Rudolf Steiner. Birali is required to offer

NAPLAN for all students enrolled in Class 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students are not trained directly for NAPLAN and parents are provided with an opportunity to withdraw their student/s from sitting NAPLAN.

### Contacting Class Teachers

Each Class Teacher will inform parents at the start of the year of the best way to contact them. Prior to this please use their school emails.

Unless a matter is urgent/day specific, please allow teaching staff the time before school to prepare for their day.

### Administration

Administration can be contacted via phone, email, SMS or in person. Reception is open Monday to Friday: 8:15am – 3:00pm. If contacting outside of these hours, please leave a message or send an email and you will be responded to as soon as possible. General Administration contact details are: [info@biralisteiner.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@biralisteiner.qld.edu.au) | P: 07 5429 0511 | M: 0412 014 165

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Moreton Bay Kids Festival
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	National Close the Gap Day
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Tour
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term & Autumn Festival
Apr 13 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed for Training
Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 Commences

## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Autumn Festival - Food donations for vulnerable local community members](#)
- [Save the date – Creative Spirit Fair](#)
- [Naplan – revised date](#)
- [PCSchool rebranding to FACTS](#)
- [Updated Parent Handbook](#)
- [Drop-off Bays & Carpark Reminder](#)
- [Our Children’s Wellbeing](#)

- [Working Bee & School Tour](#)

## BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

Each week the school explores a new virtue.

**Week 6 – [Flexibility](#)**

**Week 7 – [Forgiveness](#)**

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Click here to visit: [Biralí 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 Organised Activities:**

Each Friday afternoon (after School) families are welcome to gather at Clayton Park in Beachmere to wind down after a busy week.

Moreton Bay Mobile Library is also at Clayton Park each Friday until 4pm.

\*Please note that this is not a school run activity.

### **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 QUOTES

If I meet other people and criticize their weaknesses, I rob myself of higher cognitive power.  
But if I try to enter deeply and lovingly into another person's good qualities, I gather in that force.

Rudolf Steiner





## STEINER & ANTHROPOSOPHICAL 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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