



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From Our Principal

As the last week of term approaches, classes across the school are busily preparing for the Autumn Festival. In the Southern Hemisphere, the 21st of March marks the midpoint between summer and winter solstices known as the **Autumn Equinox**. The Autumn Equinox marks one of two points in the year where the day and night are of equal length as the Sun is exactly above the equator. It is at this time when the festival of Michaelmas is celebrated - The Archangel Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, seen as a protector against the dark of night and a true picture of courage. As we move into Autumn, the weather is changing, and the season of Michaelmas asks us to be thankful for the plentiful harvest of the preceding year and to face the approaching darkness of winter with courage. As we courageously meet the darker days, we often encounter the darker places in ourselves symbolised by the dragon. We are called to face these challenging times with Michaelic courage to tame the dragons in our worlds!



Autumn Festival Dragon Play - 2022

Next week, the Autumn Festival will be celebrated across our school; The Pippi children are welcoming Autumn with Easter activities, baking and crafts. Primary School classes come

together to perform the Dragon Play and the High School students will be exercising their skills in teamwork and cooperation as they participate in the Games of Courage.



Admin Nature Table

Warm regards,

*Chloe Ann Francis*

**Principal**

## Emma & Jenny - Class 9/10

The Class 9/10's have had a jam packed first term, which started with a hands-on Chemistry Main Lesson with Jenny. During this practical unit, the students enjoyed some grape stomping as part of the process to make a take-home herbal remedy.



We have harvested several handfuls of cotton from our garden and picked all the seeds out ready for re-planting and spinning. Our second Main Lesson was Autobiographies and Biographies where we looked inward to ourselves and

outward to the world. The students are still deep in reading novels of great inspiring persons. The students have been very excited to use the school's new iPads and are now making PowerPoint presentations to share with the class. They have just started their final Main Lesson for the term, a Maths unit working with patterns and proofs.

It is a very exciting and busy time, and we are looking forward to sharing what we have been working on for the Autumn festival with you all on the last day of term.

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## Lisa - Class 5/6

Class 5/6 started the year with a Botany Main Lesson which focused on how the plant world relates to human being growth and development, starting with how mushrooms grow. The class planted a tray of seedlings each to look after as well as planting new vegetables in their new garden area.



To follow on from this Main Lesson we went on camp to Wild Mountains. The Wild Mountains team vision sees people sharing life's amazing natural wonders through programs that help visitors to understand their relationship to the natural world. The children were engaged in many activities throughout the 3-day program where the facilitators demonstrated through physical objects, how energy and minerals change form however, are constant.

We have gone back to Ancient Greece for our next Main Lesson, where the children are learning the story of Perseus and Heracles. They have also been given a project to research on an architectural structure from that period.



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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### 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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## REMINDERS

### Whole School Dress Code

Birali Steiner School has a strict dress code that has been thoughtfully created with your child's best interest in

mind. Our school is committed to protecting students from the damaging effects of UV rays. We adopt a policy of teaching the children the importance of preventative strategies when outdoors. Sensitive areas such as the face, ears, the back of the neck and shoulders must be covered.

While there may be slight variations within different areas of the school, some overarching guidelines are consistent. Clothing for students across all grades must be:

- Comfortable and allow for freedom of movement
- Modest and appropriate, relative to the season
- Sun-safe with shoulders covered
- Free from inappropriate language or imagery
- Free from large logos or commercial influences (*ie. TV shows...etc*)
- Neat, clean and tidy

ALL CLOTHING will be ideally plain in colour, or with a simple pattern.

***Students in Prep - Class 3 must keep a spare change of clothes in their bag.***

Shoes

Fully enclosed shoes must be worn coming to and departing from school. Inside shoes/socks may be worn in the classroom. Please speak to your child's teacher regarding suitable inside shoes.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term & Autumn Festival & Dragon play
Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed for Training
Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 Commences
Apr 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meet & Greet

## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Food donations for vulnerable local community members](#)
- [Drop-off Bays & Carpark Reminder](#)
- [Craft Schedule Term 1](#)
- [Our Children's Wellbeing](#)

- [Working Bee & School Tour](#)

## BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

Each week the school explores a new virtue.

### Week 7 – [Forgiveness](#)

### Week 8 – [Joyfulness](#)

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

## 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 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

The realms of life are many.  
For each one, special sciences develop.  
But life itself is a unity, and the more  
deeply the sciences try to penetrate  
into their separate realms, the more  
they withdraw themselves from the  
vision of the world as a living whole.

Rudolf Steiner



## Steiner & Anthroposophical 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](#)