



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th of May 2023 Term 2 – Issue 3

From Our Principal

As autumn comes to an end, we can feel the wintery air creeping in each morning! As we move into the last half of Term 2, preparations for the Winter Festival are well underway. The students have been busy making lanterns and learning their winter songs, and the Class 7/8s have been practicing the Fire Eurythmy routine which they will perform around the bonfire at the Primary and High School Winter Festival.



The Winter Festival occurs at the end of Term 2, celebrating the Winter Solstice. The Solstice occurs when the Sun travels the shortest path through the sky, and that day therefore has the least daylight and the longest night (*Wednesday, 21st June 2023*). The Winter Festival is a celebration of light and holds a reverent and reflective mood throughout the evening. Everyone is offered the opportunity to enter into a reflective space through the beautiful sounds and sights, bringing an inward feeling through the candlelit spirals and labyrinth.



The Winter Spiral allows for a rekindling of our inner light during a time of darkness, where we experience the longest night and the shortest day of the year. It is the balance point within the year, asking for slowing down and taking time for introspection. This time then becomes the turning point, as the days start to lengthen again and we walk from the darkest time back into the light, moving with nature towards spring and summer.

The Winter Festival for the Pippi Room and Playgroup families will be in the evening on Wednesday 21st June.

The Primary and High School Winter Festival will take place on the last day of Term 2, Friday 23rd June at 5:30pm.

Warm regards,

Chloe Ann Francis

Principal

Christoph – Classroom Music

For the first few weeks of this term, Music Lessons in all classes helped prepare for the musical contributions to the Biralil 10 year birthday celebration. It was wonderful to see how the whole school came together in song and sound, from Class 1 to 10, plus a whole staff chorus! Some students from Class 5/6 and Class 9/10 answered my call to write new verses for the iconic song 'I am Australian', coining the new term 'Biralian'. It was wonderful to hear the enthusiasm with which this song was sung at the celebration. The High School students did a fabulous job supporting the singing with their



drums, guitars, bass guitar and keyboard. Stay tuned for the next musical contributions for our celebration of National Reconciliation Week next Wednesday!

Class 1 received their pentatonic recorders last week and are already well on their way to becoming the next generation of skilled Birali musicians. Class 3 have moved from the pentatonic recorder to the descant recorder as they continue with music reading. Class 4 will be starting marimba classes this term, and Class 6 have started on their journey to play the ukulele this term, which they are embracing with enthusiasm. Class 5/6 students are rehearsing a piece of music that will accompany the Fire Eurythmy presentation by Class 7/8 at the Winter Festival, incorporating strings, marimba, recorder, clarinet and percussion.



Vanda – Class 3/4

We are excited to share that in Class 3/4 we have started presenting our individual building projects. There are still a few weeks to go until the end of the term and we are already amazed with the variety and quality of the shelters built. We cannot thank you enough for your unconditional support. It's wonderful to see how our students are proudly and confidently presenting their projects to the class. We are looking forward to receiving more individual projects in Class 3/4 until Week 8.



We have also embarked on a fantastic journey to the Northlands. We sing and we say verses that remount to our ancient Norsemen era. Then, we listen to stories of the creation of the worlds where fantastic living beings lived. There are many gods and goddesses that, like the human beings, have their strengths and weaknesses, and that lived incredible adventures.



We wish you all a wonderful end of Term 2.

School Activities

Community Singing

Every Tuesday afternoon in the Hall
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Whole School 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 Playgroup in the Pippi Garden

Wednesdays
9 – 11am

REMINDERS

Collaborative Home-School Relationships

The school recognises that the relationships between teachers, parents and students is essential. Throughout the year there are many opportunities for parents to enhance their understanding of Steiner Education and support their children's development. Parents are encouraged to attend education events such as talks, seminars and workshops. These events are advertised in the newsletter, on the school's website and Facebook page. The deeper your understanding of the principles of Steiner Education and how our school functions, the more you will understand your child's progress and the stronger will be your ability to support your child in getting the very best of what the school has to offer.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 27 th	Working Bee & School Tour
May 31 st	National Reconciliation Week Event
May 31 st	The Great Book Swap
June 21 st	Mid Winter Early Childhood Festival
June 23 rd	Class 1-10 Winter Festival
June 23 rd	Last Day of Term 2
July 18 th	Term 3 Commences

UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Craft Schedule Term 2](#)
- [Carpark Reminder](#)
- [Smoking Ceremony at our 10th Birthday Celebration](#)
- [Our new portable flag and stand have arrived.](#)

ENROL NOW FOR 2024

If your child is currently enrolled at Birali and you plan on enrolling a sibling in the future, it's recommended that you submit an enrolment application as soon as possible. This is because waitlists are currently being established and may become longer over time.

BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

Each week the school explores a new virtue.

Week 5 – [Honesty](#)

Week 6 – [Helpfulness](#)

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Biralı 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:

- Biralı Parents ([Click here to join](#))
- Biralı Bazaar (Buy & Sell) ([Click here to join](#))
- *Please ask Biralı Parents for links to class pages

Little Waldorf School - OSHC

Biralı 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 lwoshc@outlook.com or phone 54976729.



**LITTLE WALDORF
SCHOOL**

Where big futures begin

**Open Monday - Friday
2:30pm-6:00pm**



We have Steiner trained teachers offering a leisure based program suitable from prep through to highschool

After School Care has arrived at
Biralı Steiner School

STEINER QUOTE

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 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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