



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd Of June 2023

Term 2 – Issue 5

From Our Principal

In the last few weeks of term, everyone has been busily preparing for the Winter Festivals.

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.



On Wednesday evening, I joined the Playgroup and Pippi Room families for the Early Childhood Winter Festival. Families and students met on the beach, lanterns in hand, for a magical winter puppet show and candlelit spiral.



Friday evening is our Primary and High School Winter Festival for Classes 1-10. All the Primary School students have been busy making lanterns to carry on the lantern walk. The High School students have been rehearsing a Firestick Eurythmy performance, timed to music played by the Class 5/6 ensemble.

The Winter Festival offers everyone the opportunity to enter a reflective space through the beautiful sounds and sights, bringing an inward mood through the candlelit spirals, taking away a feeling of reverence into the holiday break.

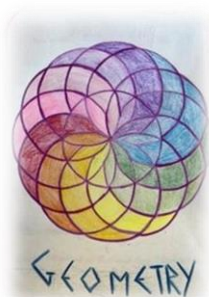
Warm regards,

Chloe Ann Francis

Principal

Lisa – Class 5/6

Class 5/6 students have had a big term! During our Geometry Main Lesson, they all received their own compass which allows them to create accurate geometric forms with increased complexity. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine through as they are discovering other shapes and patterns that could be found within the circle forms.



Our garden gave us a crop of sweet potatoes and we were able to make a delicious curry that fed our class and staff. We



also harvested cucumbers, red chillies, beans, parsley and tomatoes.

As part of our Botany Main Lesson, we enjoyed an excursion to Ildiko's house and kitchen garden. The students were able to make their own comfrey cream, elderberry syrup and teas. They learnt how they can grow their own healthy foods and the health properties of various plants.



Marianne & Agnes - Individual Enrichment - Extra Lesson

Greetings from Individual Enrichment "Extra Lesson".

The Extra Lesson exercises and activities align strongly with Rudolf Steiner's concept of the 12 senses and their importance in influencing how successfully we adapt to the world. There are many interruptions to human development today due to the bombardment of the senses through televisions and other device distractions. Our adult world has become so busy that often the simplest things are hardest to do or seem unimportant, but there are ways to recalibrate you and your child.



You must exercise the will to hold your ground, but consistency in routines provides safety and definitely pays off.

Limit choices and hold to your parental decisions.

Supportive aids to sensory development and family harmony include towelling dry your child after showering, taking time

to dress your child, laying clothes out the night before and establishing limited choice options. Allowing a lot of time in nature (trendy but true) and not hovering around your child when they play, can help them to be calm and give space to release frustration.

Footbaths recentre the physical and emotional body and lemon ones have a powerful effect on colds, as does inhaling the steam from a cup of chamomile tea. The work of childhood is to get into the body, and this is done through simple secure routines and play. There is a strong connection between the body and nutrition.



Finally, a treat of a link: [Download the "Big Feelings Guide" HERE!](#)

It may be a helper in the holiday season, and beyond.

Enjoy the winter break.

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 Wednesdays
8.45 AM to 11:45 AM

Birali Playgroup

in the Pippi Garden
Wednesdays 9 – 11am

REMINDERS

Tax Time is almost upon us.

As a small, growing school, we are always ready to welcome assistance from the wider community.

MBBSSA is registered with ACNC as a charity and with ATO as a Deductible Gift Recipient for the school's Building Fund which allows us to accept donations that can be a tax deduction to you. To find out more about deductible donations, visit the [ATO](#) or talk to your accountant today. By donating to our school building fund, you are part of the success of our thriving school.

Donate by cheques payable to Birali Steiner School or deposit to:

Birali Building Fund: NAB

BSB: 084-004

Acc: 917 211 870

Please ensure to advise our accounts team so your tax deductible receipt can be sent to you.

Email: accounts@biralisteiner.qld.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES

June 23rd	Class 1 – 10 Winter Festival
June 26 th	3 week Winter Break
July 18 th (Tues)	Term 3 Commences
July 18 th	Parent Meet & Greet after drop off

UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Bagworm Moth in the Garden](#)
- [Birali's New Front Fence](#)

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 9 – [Understanding](#)

Week 10 – [Compassion](#)

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

However true it may be that we have estranged ourselves from Nature, it is nonetheless true that we feel we are in her and belong to her.

It can be only her own working which pulsates also in us. We must find the way back to her again.



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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