



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Issue 2

## From Our Principal

The school has been buzzing with excitement this week as we prepared to host some of our neighbouring schools for the Greek Olympics! Class 5 students from Cairns Steiner School arrived on Wednesday afternoon, with Samford Valley and Noosa Steiner Schools joining on Thursday morning. Such a wonderful opportunity for the students from all of the schools to come together for this two-day sports event.

At a Staff College meeting recently, Michael shared some of his Class 1 practices. As colleagues, we were privileged to participate in a Blackboard Drawing activity Michael had designed for us. The next day the Class One students were surprised by an interesting blackboard. They were absolutely delighted to be invited to add to the drawing that the teachers of the school had prepared for them. A special moment indeed!



Warm regards,

*Chloe Ann Francis*

**Principal**

## Vanda – Class 3/4

Who could imagine that time flies so fast when we are doing what we love? We have been having exciting days at school. Our journey to the Northlands has been taking us on many adventures in Asgard, the land of the Aesir gods, and to Jotunheim, the land of the giants.

Soon, we will tell you one of our favourite stories. We are already working on our play and we couldn't be more excited!

Last week, we went for a walk, and we were so happy when we found the place where some of us used to come for Nature Day, when we were 5 years old in the Pippi Room – such beautiful memories for the children! On the way, we found many stones and rocks, and we brought them to our flower garden. Soon we will start working on our veggie garden.



Our building project has been a wonderful learning experience for us! Each week, we work in groups for practical experiences of measuring and making calculations as we build the class cubby. We have completed the foundations and we are working on the floor. We can't wait to see it done!



We cannot thank enough our class parents who volunteer so often to support us at school. It would be impossible to do all this without your valuable help.

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## Dale – Strings

Class 3 & 4 have made an excellent start to the term on their string instruments, and we are preparing some songs for performance at the Creative Spirit Fair. As part of learning to play the songs on our instruments, we are also learning to sing them. Singing is important in developing the musical ear required to play a stringed instrument well. In encouraging practice at home, you could ask your child to sing the songs for you, and then play them as well.

Class 5 & 6 are also preparing for the upcoming Creative Spirit Fair when the class will be combined with a community Youth Orchestra that will be visiting the school. This will be a great learning opportunity for our students. After the Fair the students will be preparing for the Spring Festival, making for a very busy term. There have been a number of new students in the class this year, all are learning the violin or cello for the first time. They are making excellent progress in catching up to their peers.



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## Emma – Class 9/10

Class 9/10 have just begun a new Main Lesson titled 'Tragedy and Comedy' and will be exploring the history of theatre for the next three weeks. The students will be experimenting with dramatic elements, creating masks and presenting from Oedipus the King, chorally and individually. Studying the history of theatre and looking deeply into tragedies and comedies, can have a nurturing effect on the socio-emotional growth of students in their 9 and 10 years of schooling as well as help the students self-identify who they are and where they fit in this world. Keep an eye out for any impromptu dramatic presentations on the school grounds.



“The theatre aspires to wake the soul with tender strokes of art, to raise the genius and mend the heart.” Alexander Pope

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Community Singing

Fortnightly 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

## IMPORTANT DATES

August 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	Greek Olympics
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee – 7:30 – 10:30 am
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ekka Public Holiday – School Closed
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Creative Spirit Fair 9 am – 3 pm
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Student Free Day – School Closed
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> – Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class 9/10 Farm Camp
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Tour
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Festival & Last day of Term 3
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Spring School Break

## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Prep Classroom Creativity](#)
- [Thriving Gardens at Birali](#)

## 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 3 – [Courtesy](#)**

**Week 4 – [Patience](#)**

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

# CREATIVE SPIRIT FAIR-SPONSORS

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the businesses who have so generously sponsored this year's Creative Spirit Fair

Thank you to our **GOLD** sponsors



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## STEINER QUOTES

You can certainly get an idea of the value of memory if your memories can carry you out into the world no matter how utterly dissatisfied you may be with the present and wish you could get away from it.

BIRALI

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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