



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Issue 3

From Our Principal

Spring has certainly sprung these last few weeks at Biral. The school has been alive with energy and excitement as we prepare for the Spring Festival!

The Spring Festival is a celebration of life as we say goodbye to winter. Nature begins to re-invigorate, and the energies of rebirth, transformation and renewal are finally here! Children experience time and nature's path through the seasons, particularly in springtime's joy: days getting warmer, buds starting to flower, the fresh green grasses, birds singing in the morning and baby animals being born. The earth is breathing out again as the coolness of winter passes. It is time to get the garden ready for planting, joyful singing and dancing!



Biral had the privilege of hosting the Greek Olympics this year – we welcomed Class 5 students from several of our neighbouring Steiner Schools for a 2-day sports event. The school was filled with excitement and energy with 150 students camping overnight to



Chloe Ann Francis

Principal

Michael – Class 1

Class One has enjoyed new growth in literacy skills this term. Continuing on from strong foundational literacy work in Semester One, this Main Lesson called "Letters to Text", has the class enjoying the wonderful story of "The Golden Bird". This Main Lesson aims at giving the class a sense of writing, informal sentence structure, letter formation and begins to familiarise the class with common words that will often pop up in their journey to learn to read and write..

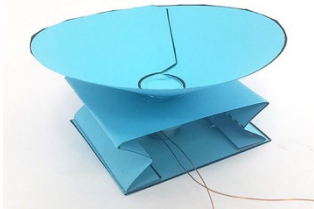


The creative element to this Main Lesson is a new challenge and an enjoyable opportunity to develop their drawing skills further while also refining a compositional element more formally.



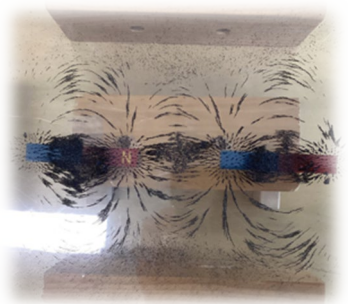
Jenny – Science

This term's science focus for our high school students in Class 7/8 and Class 9 were aspects of the natural science area of physics. Following Rudolf Steiner's practical indications to '*teach first of all acoustics and electricity, including magnetism, so that the pupils can understand how the telephone works*' (Rudolf Steiner Lecture 22 September 1920), the Class 9 students explored how the

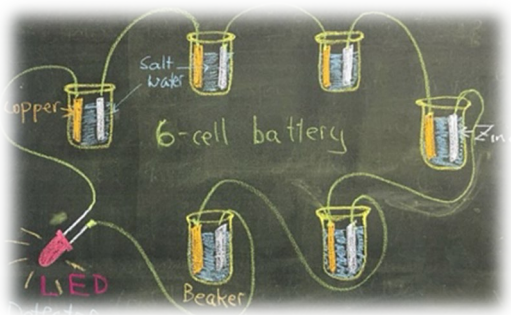


(Image courtesy of www.sciencebuddies.org)

human voice could be transformed into electrical signals to be transmitted by electrical circuits. They constructed simple carbon microphones capable of transmitting sounds to a speaker system, and then they built paper speakers through which they could play their favourite songs. They investigated how changing variables such as cone size, coil length or magnetic strength affects the transmitted sounds.



Class 7/8 explored many physics topics in their main lesson related to the development of electrochemical cells (batteries). They learnt about the dramatic Luigi Galvani vs Alessandro Volta debate of the late 18th century, about the nature of electricity, and extended their knowledge of another invisible force – magnetism. They determined the magnetic fields present around magnets, and discussed if the North Pole is really the North Pole and how many magnetic poles there are.



Here's a riddle for you: I left my campsite and hiked south for 2 kilometres, then turned east and hiked for another 2 kilometres. Finally I turned north and hiked for 2 kilometres, at which time I came upon a bear inside my tent eating my food! What colour was the bear?

Lisa – Class 5/6

Class 5/6 had the wonderful pleasure of participating in the 2023 Greek Olympics right here at our school. This was the first time that Biralī had hosted this event and it was a wonderful success! We had several Steiner schools attend the event, from Cairns down to N.S.W. Events included long jump, javelin, discuss, wrestling, relay and a marathon run.



All the schools camped the night after a shared Greek Feast! A big thank you to all of the parents of Class 5/6 for your help and support – we couldn't have done it without you!



For our next Main Lesson, we will be continuing our journey through history as we move to studies of Ancient Rome. We have started rehearsing our spring dance "The Banner Dance" – something that requires a lot of persistence and teamwork. In Craft Lessons, we are working on our stitching and have started to make either a felt whale or an elephant.



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 27 th	Creative Spirit Fair 9 am – 3 pm
August 28 th	Student Free Day – School Closed
Aug 30 th – Sep 13 th	Class 9/10 Farm Camp
September 8 th	School Tour
September 15 th	Spring Festival & Last day of Term 3
Sept 18 th – 29 th	Spring School Break

UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Greek Olympics](#)
- [Prep Nature Day](#)

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 – [Peacefulness](#)

Week 6 – [Respect](#)

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 4 pm.

*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

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.

GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE



CREATIVE SPIRIT FAIR MAP AND PROGRAM



EXPERIENCES ON OFFER

MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

- 9:15 – 9:30- Whole school & community choir
- 9:30 – 9:45- Principal Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country
- 9:45 – 10:30- Samoko African Drumming
- 10:45 – 11:10- Upper Primary & High School Performances
- 11:15 – 11:45- Samoko African Singing
- 12:00 – 1:00- Strings Ensembles
- 1:15 – 2:15- Samoko African Drumming
- 2:15 – 2:30- Raffle draw
- 3:00- Close

SCHOOL TOURS

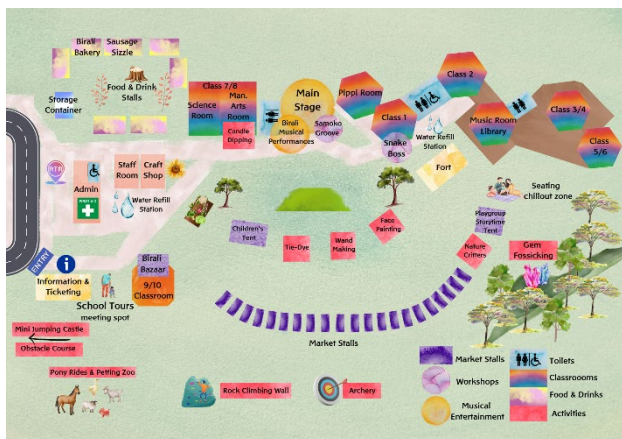
- 9:30am - 10:30am
 - 11:30am - 12:30pm
- Meeting spot behind info stand

RIDES & ACTIVITIES

- Party Ponies - 2 Tokens
- Petting Zoo - 2 Tokens
- Obstacle Course - 2 Tokens
- Mini Jumping Castle - 2 Tokens
- Rock Climbing Wall - 3 Tokens
- Archery - 2 Tokens
- Wand Making - 1 Token
- Snake Boss - 2 Tokens
- Tie Dye - 2 Tokens
- Candle Dipping - 2 Tokens
- Gem Fossicking - 1 Token
- Joyologist Face & Body Paint - 2 Tokens
- Treasure Coat - 1 Token
- Children's Treasure Tent - 2 Tokens
- Nature Critters - 1 Token

FOOD & DRINKS

- Lips and Lattes
- Iced Tea Co.
- Biralí Bakery
- Sausage Sizzle
- Pizza & Porketta
- Lam Lams
- Kangaroo
- Currywurst
- Tangled Tatoes



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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