



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Issue 4

## From Our Principal

Spring has certainly sprung this week and the air is warming up quickly! As we get ready for the end of Term 3, the classes are preparing for the Spring Festival next week (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September).

This week, the Primary School classes enjoyed a performance of the Class 3/4 Play – The Theft of Thor's Hammer. The Class 3/4s are presenting their play for parents next Tuesday.



This week, Class 7/8 attended an evening excursion at QPAC called "Yuldera", a performance by the Sydney based Bangarra Dance Company.

Class 9/10 have been away on a two-week Agriculture Camp at Kilkivan. We will be welcoming them back on Wednesday!

*Chloe Ann Francis*  
**Principal**



## Maddie – Class 2

Class 2 have just completed their maths main lesson, where students engaged with patterns on a daily basis. With the title of Pattern Seekers, students became awakened to the idea of patterns surrounding them, whether it be in nature or in the magical world of numbers. Students developed an understanding of square numbers through the story of King Squared and were introduced to the Addition Pattern Tree that lies within the forest. Each day, students were provided with riddles to solve, identifying a pattern hidden behind 1 of the 3 doors. Class 2, has now unlocked patterns  $\text{odd} + \text{odd} = \text{even}$ ,  $\text{even} + \text{even} = \text{even}$  and  $\text{odd} + \text{even} = \text{odd}$  to help as a checking strategy when working out addition sums. It's been lovely to hear Class 2 show such enthusiasm

when identifying new patterns and even requesting to plant out our new garden bed with patterns in mind!



## Becci – Prep

Every day as educators we are amazed by the imagination and creative use of the open-ended materials used in the children's play. Watching this year's class, the block play stands out as particularly impressive; the children display great attention to detail and careful balancing.



Block play is a mathematical and scientific learning experience as children problem-solve and use

critical thinking to create their structures. Mathematical activity, like “measuring how tall,” enables natural use of mathematical language and the practical application of math concepts within real-life experiences.



The sense of pride in each creation and sense of accomplishment when peers acknowledge what they have built, strengthens and supports the developing sense of self.

This class is now engaging in increasingly complex block play – far more advanced than the simple stacking that the younger child engages in.

The children’s own structures spark imaginative play and represent things they have seen and experienced in real life. The design elements have become more intricate and represent actual details, for example, rooms become named and labelled for purpose.

These photos are only a few of the spectacular creations we see daily.



## 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**

Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> – Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class 9/10 Farm Camp
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jump Rope for Heart
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Tour
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3-4 Play
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Festival & Last day of Term 3
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Spring School Break
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Term 4

## **UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED**

- [Yarn Bombing](#)
- [Creative Spirit Fair](#)

## **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 7 – [Responsibility](#)**

**Week 8 – [Tolerance](#)**

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

## STEINER QUOTES

Reverence, enthusiasm, and a sense of guardianship, these three are actually the panacea, the magical remedy, in the soul of the educator and teacher.



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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## GOLD



## SILVER



## BRONZE



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