



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Issue 3

From Our Principal

In the last two weeks, we have welcomed our visiting Eurythmist, Jan Baker-Finch. Jan works with Pacifica Eurythmy College, who will be graduating their second group of Eurythmists this year!

Steiner describes Eurythmy as the art of movement that expresses and makes visible the sounds of speech and the tone and intervals of music.



Jan visited us in Term 2 this year for 2 weeks, as well as two 2-week blocks last year, and it has been so wonderful to see the growth in the students in that time. I have enjoyed joining some of the classes for their Eurythmy sessions as well as the sessions that Jan has run at our College Meetings with staff.

It has been wonderful to see each class enjoying Eurythmy and we hope to continue to grow this offering as the school grows!



Our High School students had their first Archery session last week, as part of the Health and PE classes. Facilitators from the Abbey Museum will be coming every Friday afternoon for the rest of the term to teach the High School students about medieval archery and the evolution of this sport over the years.



Warm regards,

Chloe Ann Francis

Principal

Lisa – Class 5/6

Class 5/6 started their first Main Lesson of the term, “Ancient Rome Part II”, where they have been rehearsing their play *Roma – Amor*, which will be performed in Week 8. This play has been challenging in all areas as it is their first play that is not in rhyming form.



Class 6 went on a band camp at Samford Valley Steiner School where they experienced 2 days immersing themselves in music, which finished with a concert for the parents and

community. The class were able to meet up with new and old friends which was lovely to see.



The students have enjoyed learning some new skills in portraiture, which they have been embracing at every opportunity.



The recent hot weather has brought on some enjoyable water play, which has been a lovely social activity for the students.

Becci – Pippi Room

As the Prep class 'graduates' from the Pippi Room each year we reflect on how different each group is in their strengths, challenges and in their varied interests. The Pippi children of this year share so many impressive traits as a group:



- I'm impressed by the kindness and the understanding they have of each other
- The deep fascination with insects and small creatures
- The complex block constructions

- A love of grinding chalks to make paints and potions to use in their play
- Engineering skills coming through in building water flows that leave the sandpit and goes under the fence
- The use of loose parts in creating patterns and mandalas



Each day, we laugh at stories shared and have enjoyed our adventures together. This class has taught me many things and we wish them well as they prepare to enter into the Primary School with their Class One Teacher next year.

Christoph - Music

Students from classes 6 to 8 recently had the great opportunity to participate in a combined Steiner School music camp at the Samford Valley Steiner School. They were joined by students from Noosa Pengari, Rainbow Ridge and Samford Valley Steiner Schools, around 200 students in total.



For two days they were engaged in music making in one of four ensembles: Symphony orchestra, guitar ensemble, percussion ensemble or camp choir. Dale, our strings and guitar teacher, was co-leading the guitar ensemble, Lisa (class



5/6 teacher) was supporting the clarinet section in the orchestra, and I was fortunate enough to co-lead the camp choir. During break times, the students were enjoying socialising with students from other schools and making new friends. Camp participants were spoilt with delicious wholesome food and enjoyed a bush dance evening on the first night. The very successful camp concluded with a concert for parents / carers and the wider school community, where the students could show off some of the beautiful music they had been working on.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Community Singing

Fortnightly Tuesday afternoon in the Music Room

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

11 th of November	Slow Stitching Workshop
16 th of November	Class 1 Performance for Parents and Caregivers
16 th of November	Mindful Parenting – Introduction to Steiner Education (part 2)
24 th of November	School Tour
26 th of November	Working Bee (Sunday)
30 th of November	Music Concert
5 th December	Graduation Ceremony
8 th of December	Last Day of School – finish 12pm

UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- Classroom Chalkboards
- World Teachers Day
- 2024 Schedule of Fees

Reminder – Insect Repellent

Mosquitoes are especially common at certain months of the year, which can present a health hazard. Please apply insect repellent to your child prior to arriving at school. Please also provide a supply of insect repellent for use at school. This should be a roll-on or pump spray (**not aerosol**) and labelled with your child's name.

BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

Each week the school explores a new virtue.

Week 7– Enthusiasm

Week 8 - Cooperation

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

Upcoming Workshops:

Join parent and craft coordinator Trisha Hanley in the Slow Stitching workshop at Birali Steiner School on the 11th of November from 9:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Experience the relaxing and creative process of hand stitching, allowing your thoughts to flow freely. Create a fabric collage using simple stitches without a set pattern.

No sewing experience is required. All materials provided. Leave feeling refreshed and inspired to continue your slow-stitched creations.

To book your tickets, [click here](#)

*spots are limited

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, and 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 p.m.

*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 QUOTE

Truth is a free creation of the human spirit, that never would exist at all if we did not generate it ourselves.

-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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