



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Issue 4

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As we near the end of the school year, the school is buzzing with events a plenty! On Tuesday Week 10, we are farewelling our first Class 10 graduates - an exciting milestone for Birali.

At the start of each year, the new Class 1s are welcomed into the Primary School with a rose, given by some of the senior students in the school. As we farewell our Class 10s, the Class 1s will farewell our seniors with a rose, as they move out into the next phases of their schooling and move towards adulthood. The whole community is invited to join us for the Class 10 Graduation Ceremony – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 8:45 AM in the Hall.



This week, the Class 9/10s had an introduction to blacksmithing working with the forge. This term, they have been making a camp knife, a product that is supremely

functional and which could last their whole

lifetime if made correctly and looked after properly. Some visitors were walking by at the time, and some of the students were able to explain the steps of the heat-treating process and how this affects the properties of the steel.



We have several events scheduled in these last few weeks, as many classes have been performing class plays, Music concerts and the Brigid of Iona Community play in Week 10. Please check School Stream regularly in these last two weeks of the year so that you don't miss any important events and updates!

**Warm regards,**

*Chloe Ann Francis*

**Principal**

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## LILY – PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup has enjoyed high attendance all year - with the help of our wonderful admin supports. Connections are strong and friendships are being established that will follow the children and their families into their Prep year next year and beyond.

We have started singing in the Summer King and marching around our ring in golden capes and crowns as the sun brightens towards its midsummer apex.

Last week our Advent countdown begun. Week by week we will honour each of the living kingdoms of nature by preparing our grotto stable for a very special guest, who will arrive in our Child of Light story, that will be told on our last day of term.

Even though the story is about the first Christmas revered by Christians, it is rich in universal spiritual archetypes and is told simply and sensitively for all to receive.

Last week children each carefully placed crystals, seashells and stones in the stable, for light in fact lives within all living things. This week we will gather plant-life and next week the significance of the animals will be illuminated. Wishing our precious playgroup families, along with our whole school community, a blessed Summer time   

*It's feeling like a summer's day*

*The spirits of light all dance and play*

*So join our ring and let us sing  
The sun he is our shining king!*

*Children will dance like  
donkeys on our last day  
celebration of the light ☺*



*Dave visited the  
playgroup with a  
very big  
snakeskin!*



*'Fruits of the Sun' are  
served to families  
each week.'*

## **YUKA – JAPANESE**

This term, everyone participated in a Japanese Cultural day, engaging in an "Awa odori" workshop. This gave the students a great opportunity to be immersed in Japanese culture through their various activities.



Throughout the Japanese lessons, the students are able to

experience another culture and deepen their perspective of the world.



Class 5/6 students performed a Japanese presentation for the rest of the school in Week 5. They presented an Omikoshi (portable shrine) for the community. The students made Birali's Omikoshi during the lessons and carried it around the school together, dressed in traditional Japanese garments. The students enjoyed this a great deal and performed amazingly well!



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Community Singing

Tuesday afternoon in the Music Room  
2:45 pm – 3:30 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

24<sup>th</sup> November

25<sup>th</sup> November

26<sup>th</sup> November

30<sup>th</sup> November

School Tour

Trish's Fleece Angel Workshop

Working Bee (Sunday)

Music Concert

4 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 1-4 Nature Day in Beachmere
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Graduation Ceremony
6 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>End of year social gathering and the 'Brigid Of Iona' Play</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School – finish 12pm

## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Thank you Lions Club of Beachmere](#)
- [High School - correlation in subjects](#)
- [TribalLink Incursion](#)
- [Term 1 - bus changes](#)

## REMINDER

*As previously announced, Biral Steiner School has partnered with Edstart to improve our school fee payment options.*

*From Term 1, 2024, all instalment payments will be managed by Edstart.*

***Please set up your Edstart account as a matter of urgency before November 30<sup>th</sup>, if you have not already done so.***

***To set up your Edstart account:***

- Visit <https://edstart.com.au/biralisteiner>
- Have your Family Code ready (***this can be found at the top left of your account statement***)

*You can contact Edstart on 1300 139 445 or email [contact@edstart.com.au](mailto:contact@edstart.com.au) if you have any queries or require assistance with setting up.*

For more about Edstart please see the following information brochures:

[Edstart Brochure](#)

[Edstart Factsheet](#)

## BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

Each week the school explores a new virtue.

**Week 7 – Modesty**

**Week 8 – Perseverance**

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

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

Join parent and craft coordinator Trisha Hanley in the Fleece Angel Workshop at Birali Steiner School on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November from 9:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Experience the peaceful outdoor surroundings of Birali Steiner School for a lovely morning learning how to make a fleece angel for the Christmas season. All materials provided in the form of a kit.

-All tools provided

-Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

-Birali collective will be open for purchases

-Please note this is a child free event.

-No experience required

Leave feeling refreshed and inspired to continue your fleece angel 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

The task of understanding is not to replicate in conceptual form something that already exists, but rather to create a wholly new realm, that together with the world given to our senses constitutes the fullness of reality.

-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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