



BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th of December 2023

Term 4 – Issue 5

From Our Principal

Term 4 is always a busy time in schools, and this term has proven to be no exception to that! It has been a term of events with class camps, excursions and plays.

This week, we farewelled our first class of graduating Class 10 students. Their send off included a graduation dinner on Friday night, followed by an excursion to Aussie World on Monday, finishing with the graduation ceremony on Tuesday morning. We are so very proud of these young people and what they have achieved at Biral!



In Week 9, the students were able to share some of their wonderful learning at our Music Concert. It was wonderful to see the growth of the Music Program across the grades and how it responds to the developmental stage of the students. A big thank you to the Music Faculty for coordinating this event!



Wednesday night, many families joined us at the Beachmere Community Hall for a community play, *Brigid of Iona*. Seeing this magical Christmas story come to life at our old stomping ground was a wonderful way to conclude the term. Thank you

to Christoph, and the staff and students who have been involved in this initiative.

Wishing everyone a safe and restful holiday break! Looking forward to seeing everyone back in the new year with school starting back on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

Warm regards,

Chloe Ann Francis

Principal

Fran – Class 9/10

Hello beautiful Birali Community, what a busy term it has been!

At the beginning of Term 4, my role was changed up to include being Class 9/10 Class Guardian and English teacher. I have been privileged to work with an amazing group of individuals. The maturity of these teenagers to engage with some very profound topics astounded me.



It has been a significant milestone for the school too, seeing our first Class 10 students graduate from Birali. I think we gave them a pretty memorable send-off. Head, heart and hands were indeed covered!

Last Thursday, the students shared their deep personal reflections gathered over the Main Lesson and English lessons. The theme was



Know Thyself. Then we celebrated with a beautiful dinner at the Black Cat Eatery - the food was absolutely amazing! And thank you to Lenny, who was our photographer for the evening. Monday we had an exciting excursion to Aussie World, followed by an 'official' graduation ceremony on Tuesday, complete with red roses and certificates.

Krista – Craft

Across our vibrant school, hands are busy crafting beautiful and useful creations.

In Classes 1 and 2, nimble fingers have been knitting wonders, transforming yarn into chickens, sheep and knitted friends. The rhythmic click-clack of needles echoes the joy of newfound skills and shared experiences.



Class 5 & 6 have been sewing, creating charming felt animals. They went through the process of using a pattern, choosing the materials, and bringing their animal to life.

Class 3 & 4 have been designing a cushion with the challenge to sew in the moment without drawing it onto the felt first. The



children enjoyed this approach and began to experiment with different ideas and ways of sewing.

Lunchtimes have become a time for a collective effort as we come together as a school to knit a cozy blanket for the sick bay. As students from all classes gather to chat and knit a row, they weave threads of care and friendship into every stitch. We can't wait to see how it turns out!



Michael – Class 1

Class One has journeyed far this year.

From humble beginnings of learning to use crayons to build beautiful drawings to learning about number patterns and common words.

Class One worked diligently on their play “The Bremen Town Musicians” this term and was able to work together to create a wonderful feast of the eyes and ears. As they prepare to transition to class two, class one is brimming with excitement and confidence. A true joy to behold.



IMPORTANT DATES

8th December
29th January
30th January

Last Day of School – finish 12pm
Orientation & Meet and Greet 2pm
First Day of Term 1, 2024

UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Working Bee](#)
- [Class 7/8 Project and Class 9/10 Presentation](#)
- [Open-ended free play](#)

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, 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 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 9 – Generosity

Week 10 – Gentleness

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, 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

"If I meet a man and blame him for his shortcomings, I rob myself of power to attain higher knowledge; but if I try to enter lovingly into his merits, I gather such power. The student must continually be intent upon following this advice."

-Rudolf Steiner



Steiner & Anthroposophical links

These Steiner/Anthroposophical related activities and services, whilst not directly related to 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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