



From Our Principal

Welcome back to the start of 2024 – and what a start it was!

I hope that everyone has recovered from our false start last week. It has been wonderful to see the students all back this week and settling into their new class routines and rhythms for the year.

Unfortunately, Beachmere Road is still closed due to structural damage from the floods. The road will re-open once engineers have deemed it safe to do so – however this may end up being closed for a few weeks.

Last week, we started the week with a Rose Ceremony to welcome the new Class 1s into the Primary School. The children were gifted a rose by the senior students in our Primary and High School classes, as they walked through a beautiful archway, greeted by their new teacher. This is an important ceremony and moment for the Class 1s, marking their transition into the Primary School.



Walking around the school this week, it's lovely to see the students so engaged in their learning:

The Pippis have started the year with a Morning Circle about adventures on the beach, as they prepare for their first Nature Day next week.

Class 1 have been busily exploring the straight and curved lines through Form Drawing, in preparation for the Alphabet Main Lesson next week.



Class 2 started the year with Nature Stories, moving into Number Patterns.

Class 3's focus has been on sentence structure which is brought through the Creation Stories.

Class 4/5 have been exploring Grammar and Class 6/7 started the year with a Geology Main Lesson.



In the High School, our Class 8/9s have started the year with a Biology Main Lesson and the Class 10s have had a focus on narrative writing.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to Term 1 and the year ahead!

Warm regards,

Chloe Ann Francis

Principal

Manon – Class 4/5

The start of Term One in Class Four/Five has been filled with enthusiasm and the joyful presence of new faces! The class

has welcomed the new students with open arms, fostering a warm and inclusive environment.



Our academic journey kicks off with a captivating Grammar Main Lesson. I infuse interactive games and creative movement into our lessons to engage the topic with the whole body. The Main Lesson

also features a delightful story about a dog's life in an animal shelter, adding a touch of humour and compassion to our learning experience.

In addition to our grammar exploration, we've introduced a new daily rhythm of reading and writing activities. Over 45 minutes, students participate in groups led by Krista, Agnes, and myself, honing their reading and writing skills.



For this term, my goal is to cultivate a love for reading and writing, fostering a positive atmosphere where students feel inspired and supported.

Becci – Pippi Room

While our normal transition picnic was washed away on day one, the 2024 Pippi children and families went with the flow for their second attempt at day one as a prep child. We shared a picnic and puppet play together with parents and some children stayed for a half day and eagerly explored their new space. Thursday, we watched as the children brought to life the space once more in new and imaginative ways.



Beach themes were captured in stories and circle time in Week 1 and will continue to this term.



We also froze some of our flowers from the garden to create a summer friendly sensory water play experience.



Our EC team are enjoying getting to know this new class and look forward to the journey that will unfold as a class this year.

IMPORTANT DATES

13th February

National Apology Day

13th February

School Tour

15th February

Parent Meet & Greet

17th February

Whole School Working Bee

UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [First Day of 2024](#)
- [After the flood](#)

REMINDER

Consistency in attendance and timely arrival between 8.15am and 8.30am, is essential for your child's education.

If you arrive early, please wait with your child until 8:15 am when a staff member is on duty.

Late arrivals must report to the office to sign in before going to class.

BIRALI VIRTUES PROGRAM

Each week the school explores a new virtue.

Week 1 - Purposefulness

Week 2 - Thankfulness

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

CRAFT GROUP

You are invited to join us at craft group each Wednesday, 8:45 am - 11:45 am

No crafting experience needed - all Projects are easily taught by Trish, our craft co-ordinator.



Wednesdays - 8:45 am - 11:45 am

Week 2 - felt lavender sachets

Week 3 - Needle book/ sewing kit

Week 4 - Needle felted beehive

Week 5 - crafting for the fair

Week 6 - Felt dragon

Week 7 - crafting for the fair

Week 8 - felt easter rabbit / bilby

Week 9 - crafting for the fair

Collective shop opening hours:

Mondays and Fridays, 2:15 pm - 3 pm & Wednesdays, 8:45 - 11:45

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

STEINER QUOTE

The subject of the lesson itself should not become more important than the underlying basis.

Drawing thus provides first the written forms of letters and then their printed forms. Based on drawing, we build up to reading.

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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