



# BIRALI STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Issue 2

## From Our Principal

On Monday this week, the classes came together for a presentation of our exciting Mural Project!

Profits from our Creative Spirit Fair last year have allowed us to commission a beautiful artwork for the front of our school office. Through the relationship working with Pumicestone Indigenous Education & Employment Council, three local artists have worked over the Summer to design a meaningful and beautiful mural which was presented to the students at a small assembly on Monday morning.



### Final design

Work on this project has already begun and the students are excited to be involved in the process as they will be able to add their handprint to the wall to help make up the feathers on the cockatoo.

Looking forward to seeing this wonderful artwork progress over the next week!

Warm regards,

*Chloe Ann Francis*

**Principal**

## Shelly - Class 1

Class One has been very busy over the first few weeks of Term 1! We began learning new routines and transitions, engaging in the morning circle verse, rhyme and movement. We then incorporated the whole

body in a range of activities to explore the form of straight and curved lines. As we continue to consolidate this, the children have begun a new Main Lesson block which focuses on the letters of the alphabet. They are immersed in a

world of fairytales and traditional tales which are used to create connection and context prior to learning the sounds and formations of the letters. As the day progresses, a range of creative activities, craft, specialist

lessons (Music and Japanese) and outdoor learning activities, including gardening, are provided. We have already discovered sweet potatoes as well as delicious lemons. Many afternoons have also been spent under the sprinkler on these hot summer days!



## Teri - Class 8/9

It was lovely to welcome the students back this term including our 3 new students.

Our first main lesson focussed on Harmony of the Human Form, namely the organs of wilful movement - bones and muscles. This supports adolescents with a growing awareness of one's own body and its relationship with the world around them.

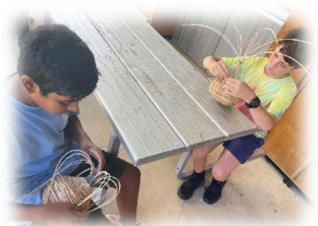
Our second main lesson is The Industrial Revolution and covers the human passage from the Agrarian based society to an urban, industrialised one. The emphasis is on demonstrating how industrialisation has both positively and negatively impacted



society. The third topic is the Physics of Air and Water which will cover hydraulics, aerodynamics, sound waves and include experiments associated with convection, radiation and conduction.



There has been much excitement as our Class 8 students put forward their ideas for their independent, year long project that they will present later in the year. Students are enjoying continuing to develop their outdoor cooking skills and gardening with our biodynamic expert. Our craft theme this term is cane basket weaving and already some intricate designs are emerging.



## Christoph – Music

The new school year is in full swing now, and music is an important part of our school week and year. Class one are settling into their new routine and have been learning songs about summer and related themes, like swimming, bushwalking, thunderstorms, rainy and windy weather. Class 2 are learning songs about bush animals, relating back to their animal fables main lesson a bit later in the term. Class 3 is honing their pentatonic

flute skills in preparation for receiving the descant recorder mid-year. They are also looking forward to starting to play strings later this year. Class 4/5 are continuing on their journey to

sing in multiple parts and in harmony, which is an exciting step forward. They are also progressing on their strings instruments.

Class 6/7 are getting very good at singing in multiple harmony parts and have started to play the ukulele as a whole class group. This will add an exciting new aspect to their music making.

For all classes, preparations have started to learn and re-visit the songs and music pieces for the upcoming Autumn Festival and Dragon Play.

In High School, we started the year looking at the elements of music and how they can be used to create a variety of moods, feelings and telling stories. We have listened to a range of pieces from the early medieval times to the modern times and explored how music has changed and developed over time.



## IMPORTANT DATES

28 <sup>th</sup> February	Fruit Ice Cream Fundraiser for Class 6/7
5 <sup>th</sup> March	School Tour
9 <sup>th</sup> March	<u><a href="#">Slow Stitch Workshop</a></u>
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Working Bee & School Tour
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Close the Gap Day
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Autumn Festival & Last day of Term 1
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 2

## UPDATES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- [Year 10 VET Qualification](#)
- [Eurythmy Teacher](#)
- [“unplugged approach” to education](#)
- [Bus Option During Road Closure](#)
- [Indigenous Mural Project](#)
- [Update from TMR](#)
- [Have you completed your Edstart plan?](#)

## 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 3 - [Unity](#)**

**Week 4 - [Cleanliness](#)**

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

## **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**



## 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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