



# THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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## **Group 1:**

Group 1 were all very engaged today throughout all their activities, such as the giant swing and loose parts play. This morning Suvah and Layla did some awesome turn taking with the water play! Thomas faced his fears on the giant swing, conquering it the second time with no hands which he said was "totally awesome sauce!" Suvah was encouraging to himself and his friends today, with his favourite phrase being "I can do it!" and "you did it!" Layla was very creative during loose parts play, initiating the construction of an obstacle course for all her friends to play on. Matty bravely went first on the giant swing then was very patient waiting for another turn cheering his friends on! We look forward to the mud kitchen tomorrow, where we will really connect with nature!

## **Group 2:**

Another fantastic day and we are already halfway through Camp Jabiru! Coen and Leon were keen explorers in our caving. Samuel was able to get very creative handing out presents in the loose parts play. Lucas engaged very well in song movements, and even did a loud roar, along our walk. Pranav loved finding dinosaurs in the shaving cream activity and Leo was able to create a very cool design on his tie dye. Another adventurous filled day. We can't wait to see more smiling faces tomorrow!

## **Group 3:**

The group had an adventurous day three. The group started with water play. Oliver, Jacob and Cade loved playing with the water guns and cups. Liam P pretended to make tea with the water. The group then went on a nature walk where Patrick enjoyed being with his friends and Liam A tried to find wild pandas. In bush craft, Jack had fun making a clay mask on a tree. In free time, Dustin had a blast jumping off the table onto crash mats and Declan was able to catch a butterfly.

We can't wait for more adventures on day four!

#### **Group 4:**

We had some muddy and brave, swinging Purple Monkeys on Day 3! After reading 'Wombat Stew' together, the group headed to the mud kitchen. TJ created his own wombat stew with William later coming to help, while Izzabella, Charlotte and Alannah made cupcakes with sprinkles. Christopher and Michael worked together to make a stew accepting each other's ideas. TJ, William and River enjoyed a playful roughhouse before the group headed back to camp to tie dye their Camp Jabiru shirts. Michael, Alannah, River, Izzabella, TJ, William and Charlotte achieved new heights on the giant swing, with Charlotte directing her team to "go higher." The group used excellent teamwork and strength to pull their peers as high as the trees! Before ending the day, we were lucky enough to venture back into the bamboo forest, with everyone helping to build a house and swimming pool. Alannah thrived with her imagination. We are looking forward to water play and low ropes on Day 4.

#### **Group 5:**

Today we had so much fun. Lillian and Tadhg from the 2.0 Group read us "Scaredy Squirrel," which taught us how rewarding and exciting it can be to go outside our comfort zone. Indiana and Evie did exactly that today, and they were so brave to go on the Flying Fox and we were all so proud of them. In the morning, we also went for a Nature walk, and we spotted with our eyes binoculars many of Nature's wonders: trees, scrubs, rocks, flowers, etc. Charlie invited his peers to the horse show at the farm he constructed after lunch. Noah took James for a ride on the buggy. In the afternoon, we got in our swimming gear, and WOW, we had a ball playing in the water. Parker had excellent water-sliding skills, while Lucas and Finn were pros in sponge fights. We also tested our boats and guess... they did float. Great job, team!

#### **Group 6:**

Team 6 had an AWESOME day three! First activity of the day was back at base when we made some glider planes. Solomon took delight in telling all his friends' wonderful facts about planes- which jump started the 'group 6 army hanger'. We moved to low ropes before lunch where Charlie, Ava T and Adam all showed off their skills by making it through the course with their teams. A highlight over lunch was everyone getting creative and tie-dyeing their shirts! Kenzie was a huge helper to the leaders by making sure each team member had their turn! In the afternoon we had our turn on the rock wall. Logan and Ava P. went the highest they've ever gone, feeling so proud of themselves! Zackson conquered fear by having a turn, but also was the cheer squad leader, sharing his friend's excitement. To finish the day, we all took some time out to complete a nature-based scavenger hunt and play some card games. Levi joined a group of friends and learnt a new game- which he won! See you tomorrow!

#### **Group 7:**

Group 7 had an exciting day 3 filled with outdoor adventure at Camp Jabiru. Jack excelled in rock climbing by reaching the top. Michael, Murphy and Bailey showed brilliant bravery by going up the flying fox. Lulu and William worked beautifully as a team returning the harness back to the tower during flying fox. Naomi and Nuvairah had a blast playing together throughout the day, especially when they pretended to blow the adults overusing their sirens whistles. All was good today, and we can't wait for more fun activities to come.

### Group 8:

Today was incredible! If there was a way to take all the Blue Panda parents back in time and show them what us leaders got to witness today, we would. The true magic happened during shelter building. ALL campers connected with a peer, shelters were built, and morning tea took place at their individual camp sites. Oliver and Zoe bonded over designing their camp and pretending to cook meat on their imaginary fire. Harper built an epic shelter and remained engaged in that task for ages, channelling his inner builder/designer. Ethan and Theo got a thrill out of swinging on a rope connected to a nearby tree at their shelter. It was the simple things like gathering rocks and placing sticks that enabled the campers to use their imaginations and be kids! Kids who appeared grounded and connected with one another. We could have finished up after the shelter building due to the pure magic that occurred, but that's not what Jabiru campers do. Isabelle cracked us up with her jokes, Oliver and Tyla led us in song and dance, Sammy and Peter enjoyed scooter board crashing down the hill.

### Group 9:

Our big announcement of the day is Group 9 finally has a name! We are the Maroon Monster Mango Maniacs. We started our day by venturing over to the low ropes course where Kyron and John coached a mate through the tricky bits, Jaiman, Dane and Arlo also made an amazing team. After low ropes we headed over to crate stacking then lunch. We worked together to build shelters out of things we found in the bush. Max and Hendrix helped each other lift heavy logs, carefully planning out their structure, And finally we got to do some water play at the slip n' slide. Arlo made a sponge shop where Matthew, Seth, and Samuel could collect sponges from him to use for a very playful water fight. The group continues to deepen already developed friendships. We have been closing out our days by reflecting on our activities and the positive qualities we've appreciated from our mates.

### Group 10:

The bats were off to a cracking start today with the boys conquering rock climbing. The boys all took turns climbing and belaying, with Liam, Boston and Archer exceeding their personal goal for rock climbing. Julian, Heath, Finn, Tyler and Duke were able to reach the very top of the wall! As the boys finished up, we had a few games of "ga ga ball" (US inspired dodgeball), with Heath, Boston and Thomas taking out a win. Before lunch, all the team were able to colour their tie dye shirts, ready to wear for Friday. The afternoon consisted of an orienteering activity. Thomas and Bailey ran through the whole course, and Heath was able to show everyone his talented navigation skills. The team finished the day with an Alpine rescue course before dinner. This was a challenging team activity, where Finn was able to step up in a leader role. All the team are excited to tackle Alpine Rescue 2.0 tomorrow and have fun on our last full day of camp!

### Group 11:

**The Silver Quacks had an awesome day! We started the day at the high ropes course. Matthew and Daniel achieved a camp goal of theirs- to do the high ropes course! The group had fish and chips for lunch and spent some time tie dying their Camp Jabiru shirts. Then it was time for Archery, the boys loved this activity and celebrated every bullseye! After dinner we grabbed our torches and headlines and went for a night bush walk together. The group enjoyed listening to the sounds in nature, spotting some cool animals and completing some challenges.**

### **Group 12:**

Another wonderful day at Camp Jabiru for The Pink Wild Spirits, filled with lots of friendships and fun! The team started the day being brave at the giant swing, working as a team to pull everyone up. Ashlee swung right from the top and Neve went higher on her second swing. Next up, we went on a bush walk to the bamboo forest, where Simone helped find different nature items along the way. After our big walk, Ruby and Anastasia enjoyed making some yummy jaffles over the fire, while Angelina started some fun doing handstands and singing the peanut butter song with the group! Next up was Bushcraft, using the nature around them. Grace taught the group how to make some paint, and Inara was super creative in making a paintbrush and art. Elyse was super brave at the high ropes, achieving her goal of making it to the end! We are so proud of all our Pink Wild Spirits for trying so hard in every activity! To finish off the day, Caitlyn led the team to help us tie dye our shirts!

### **Group 13**

After some yummy pancakes for breakfast, the Yasified Lavenders headed to Archery! Amelia R rocked the field getting a bullseye on her first shot! We headed to the cabin and enjoyed doing our tie dye and listening to Taylor Swift! Lillian loved doing a T-Swift concert with the leaders! We headed to lunch and enjoyed making campfire nachos! Mia was super proactive and helpful cleaning up after lunch! Next was Alpine Rescue! Zoe loved conquering the challenges and finding Flat Jabbies along the way! We then headed back to the cabins for a Spa afternoon. Sarah, Isla and Amelia H particularly loved getting facials done whilst Kloe enjoyed doing fake tattoos and singing her campfire song. We finished the evening with highlights of our peers where Georgia was kind and caring to share many special thoughts about her friends. We cant wait for making bracelets and flying fox tomorrow!!

### **Jabiru 2.0**

Today, Jabiru 2.0 adventured to the river swing, we put harnesses on, and each took a turn on the river swing, with everyone going as high as they would like. Bec went to the highest point, pulled the release rope and swung over the river. Team Jabiru 2.0 pulled their teammates up the swing on ropes. Before going to the river swing, 2.0 engaged in a therapeutic art activity where we rolled around water balloons, walked with paint on our feet. Chase, Rosie and Archie also rolled around in the paint. Harvey helped Group 5 on the flying fox today, saying "run way clear", and Tadhg read "the Scary Squirrel" to help the younger campers understand the flying fox. Lillian was also a great Camp Jabiru Leader to everyone and the students. During campfire, Chase and Archie also sang their song "Where's your hair at". Jabiru 2.0 had fun making their tie-die t-shirts.  
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