



THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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Group 1:

Group 1 had a great day today, participating in the nature walk, mud kitchen, caving, and free play! We were so happy to have our friend Harper back today! She had lots of fun doing water play, drawing with Suvah and coloured a Camp Jabiru sheet with the group at the end of the day. Suvah loved the mud kitchen today, making some muffins with his friends. Thomas enjoyed a big game of "what's the time mister wolf" and balancing on the logs. Layla said "this cave maze is soooo cool!" while we were at caving. Matty initiated a high five with Layla after waiting and checking in with each other in the caves. We cannot believe tomorrow is the last day! We are so impressed by all the campers and will miss playing with them!

Group 2:

Wow, what a day! Lucas squished and squelched his feet in the muddy puddles, whilst Samuel raced his way around the path on his car. Leo transported the sand, leaves and sticks with the wheel burrow and Coen went super-fast in his car. Pranav was creative with his game play, whilst Leon used sticks to create a house at the mud kitchen. Well done everybody. It is our last day tomorrow, let's end Camp Jabiru with a BANG!

Group 3:

The group had a great day four. We started our day in caving. Liam A and Patrick loved caving so much they did it multiple times. Dustin was really brave and tried caving with the group. Jacob had lots of fun trying different caves with his peers. Declan loved having a picnic lunch. The group then moved on to the giant swing where Jack had lots of fun. During free time, Oliver enjoyed playing a game with rice, Liam P made a magic wand and Cade found magic rocks.

We look forward to our last day with the group!

Group 4:

The Purple Monkeys had a fun-filled 'wet n' wild' day 4 at Camp Jabiru. The water activities were a favourite for all the kids. TJ and Izzabella flew down the slide. River imitated William's sliding moves. Christopher cheekily snuck up on the adults and kids like a ninja! Michael was determined to wet everyone, while Abdurrahman and Alannah gave everything a go. Charlotte enjoyed sun baking, playfully chasing peers barefoot and going down the slide. After making bell sticks at camp, the entire group tackled the low ropes course. Abdurrahman, Christopher and Izzabella made sure their friends were safe. Michael, TJ, River, Christopher and Alannah caught the 'Jabiru train.' Charlotte sped through the course and made a big effort to initiate play with some of her peers. TJ, River and William ended their day with a pool noodle sword fight, while the rest of the group winded down blowing bubble snakes. Congratulations and well done to the playful, determined and cheeky Purple Monkeys!

Group 5:

Our last full day together was a smashing success! We started our day with Chase, one of our 2.0 friends who read us the book "How do you fill your bucket?" We learned about how our kind words and actions can help fill someone's bucket! The first big event of the day was rock climbing, where everyone gave it a go and we give a big shoutout to Lucas, Evie and Charlie who made it all the way to the top! Incredible! We carried along in our day with loose parts play, which is heaps of random objects that we turn into play materials! Imaginations soared with Finn and Parker building and defending their castle! After a quick break for lunch, we set off to the caves. James and Harrison were caving masters - making their way through each cave quickly and efficiently! We finished it off at our home base where we played games and ate our snacks! Indiana and Noah showed their artistic abilities in painting trucks and castles, and then showed all their friends! Whew, what a day!! It was go, go, go but orange team had a great day!

Group 6:

What a big day! Group 6 started our day at the mud kitchen, Levi & Zackson were all master makers, creating an array of messy delights. Walked our muddy feet all the way across camp to tackle the flying fox! Logan conquered his fears from last year and raced down- showing the team what brave means. Kenzie quickly followed him down which helped Ava P build her courage and allowed her to whiz down too. Adam was a super helpful teammate who greeted each team member at the bottom with the ladder. After a quick break to refuel with lunch we had our chance to access 'loose parts' on the oval. All the kids imagination and teamwork shone with great collaboration all round. Our superstar Charlie created a whole boat and invited the 'crew' to 'boat land'. Soloman built a huge passenger jet to help with transportation and Ava T. build the longest obstacle path to ensure everyone had fun activities to do on their boat-land holiday. Can't wait to share our special surprise at closing ceremony tomorrow.

Group 7:

Group 7 had a great day at Camp Jabiru. We started the day with loose parts play, where everyone played beautifully together as a group. The group then move onto the giant swing, where everyone showed their courage. Bailey, William, Nuvairah, Jack happily helped with pulling the rope of the swing, while Michael and Murphy stepped out of their comfort zones and went on the swing. Lulu and Naomi had great fun at the mud kitchen, where they made hot chocolate and cakes. Everyone challenged themselves and made massive achievements. We can't wait for our closing ceremony tomorrow to celebrate our successes throughout the week in our camp t-shirts!

Group 8:

Another amazing day at camp with the Blue Pandas. Leaders stepped back at orienteering and the Blue Pandas navigated the terrain, all working together to locate the items. Connection amongst the campers continued today. Following orienteering campers faced the low ropes which enabled each one of them to step out of their comfort zone and lean on their peers for support. Harper, Oliver & Theo, spent time building kinetic sandcastles, Ethan built a stick boat during bush making and tested how it floated, Zoe ran around pranking everyone and engaging in cheeky play, Sammy and Isabelle worked as a team to navigate the low ropes course together, Peter and everyone else loved drawing mazes and hopscotch courses on the ground with chalk, and Tyla engaged in an assortment of different games with each of her peers such as waterplay and the scooter boarding. Finally, to finish off the night the Blue Pandas gathered and sang around the campfire, even participating in their own performance of the 'Milkshake' song.

Group 9:

We made our way around camp this morning, practicing campfire songs. Max started us off with Samuel going next taking flight on the giant swing giving us all motivation and encouragement to try it ourselves. Hendrix and John had fun spray painting our team flag. Dane and Jaiman enjoyed the lycra swings before loose parts play. Seth, Arlo, Kyron, and Matthew played a game they made up together called "hide the torch under the cup" after dinner. The highlight of our day was when all of us performed the Mango song in front of the entire campsite.

Group 10:

The Bats conquered Alpine 2.0 this morning. The whole group worked well together as a team to make their way through the course, with Finn as their leader. During loose parts play, Heath persisted and was able to create his own rope swing! There were also plenty of sword fights to be had between Thomas, Duke, Boston, Bailey and Archer. After lunch, The Bats tested out their survival skills with shelter building. Liam created his own paradise, complete with a dining table and TV, while Julian, Tyler, Boston and Heath worked together to create a cosy shelter. Our leader Phil took the group to a "secret" bamboo forest. The group got to hear the bamboo growing and take in all the natural serenity. We finished the day with our final campfire and a performance of Cecil the Caterpillar before ending the day with Mates Traits where the boys were able to share a moment of friendship from the day.

Group 11:

Group 11 had another awesome day at camp! We kicked off the day with some fun school yard games on the indoor basketball courts to get ready for a fun day. After breakfast we were off to the rock-climbing wall. All the boys helped belay each other up the wall. Kai, Jonah, Finn and Cooper achieved their goals of taking on the rock-climbing wall. Next was Survival Skills! The group found dry wood and bark and lit a fire using flint and steel. Everyone then made their own damper from scratch and cooked it over our fire. To finish off the day, the boys wrote a song about camp and performed it at campfire. At campfire we also celebrated the achievements of our graduating camper's.

Group 12:

Today, The Pink Wild Spirits had so much fun working as a team! The day started off with pairs concurring the dark caving mazes. Team Angelina and Ruby used great communication and teamwork to support each other through all mazes! Team Elyse and Ashlee used awesome leadership and encouragement to make sure everyone made it through the caves. Next up was Alpine Rescue, where the girls broke up into two groups to save our team mascots! In team 1, Anastasia, Grace, and Inara helped encourage Angelina to cross the moving balance logs to save Oreo the Axolotl. In the last activity of the day, Crate Stacking Neve built up 8 crates! whilst being a great support for other teammates climbing. Some beautiful drawings were created by Simone and Caitlyn while they waited for the last campfire. Thanks to Ashlee's songwriting and the group's awesome dance moves, singing our campfire song was a hit!! Can't wait to see what the last day of camp brings!

Group 13

The Yasified Lavenders had another awesome day today. We enjoyed a morning of Flying Fox where Kloe and Amelia R were brave superstars conquering their fears and going down twice! We then made friendship bracelets. We loved watching all the girls make their different designs. Georgia came up with a great way to remember her camp team by using everyone's first name initial on her bracelet. Next it was rock climbing. Lillian made it to the top and loved ringing the bell! We headed to low ropes and Sarah and Zoe were both legends, taking up the challenge of the course! Campfire was a special time tonight with the Yasified Lavenders presenting their team dance as well as Mia and Amelia H receiving their Camp Jabiru graduation awards. Isla loved dancing and singing along to all the camp songs with a happy smile on her face! We enjoyed doing team flowers and went off to bed, excited for giant swing tomorrow!

Jabiru 2.0

Today was an emotional day for 2.0. Chase and Hannah helped Savannah to paint the noticeboard outside the dining room. Xavier and Harvey took the lead packing the chiller bags, before the group delivered them to the other campers. After our morning jobs, 2.0 engaged in loose parts with Group 5, where they facilitated and supported fellow campers to engage in play activities. In the afternoon, all of 2.0 participated in the high ropes challenge. Bec and Archie helped with tie dye shirts. Everyone remembered to take their bag and drink bottles around the camp. Rosie and Nakia helped with photo deliveries. 2.0 sang "Tarzan" together as a final campfire song, with Lillian, Tadhg and Chase singing a solo. 2.0 did a fantastic job of looking after other campers and working towards their goals this week.