



THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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Group 1:

Day four at Camp Jabiru brought us a lot of joy! We started the day off with a crowd favourite obstacle course, we saw some crazy ninjas and triceratops with Mackenzie taking the lead and directing her friends when to run and jump! Another big highlight for us today was water play, where we had a big water fight. Brodie was darting around with a water pistol, spraying everyone with water and hiding behind bushes just like a spy! When back at the camp we had some fun with shaving cream, Abel loved getting his hands all in it and incorporated it with his play at the water table. We also did lots of pretend play today, with Riley acting out the scary dinosaur in a puppet show and Isabelle healing us all in a game of doctors! These four days of camp have not only been great fun, but a huge developmental shift for all of our children. They have all grown in their own ways and are reaching their goals, we are very proud of all of their achievements!

Group 2:

Welcome to day 4! We started the day at base camp and everyone had a turn having a bounce in our new Lycra cloud. Then, reverse rubbish allowed creative juices to flow, Harper created a grenade launcher fort and Seth and Miles were secret spies manoeuvring through the rubbish obstacles. Back at base camp we engaged in some water play, then everyone participated in making sensory bottles. Ava and Nuairah loved the glitter and Tyla created a sensory bottle for her friend Kendelle who was absent from our group today. Tyla, Ava, Ethan, Max, Seth and Nuairah faced their fears and flew high on the giant swing. Miles created an amazing bracelet using beads and twine. Everyone is super excited to be able to wear their Camp Jabiru tie-dye t-shirts tomorrow. See you then!

Group 3:

We warmed up for our fourth day of camp with another game of Simon Says. Our Racing Red Rabbits showed awesome teamwork to build a bridge from recycled garbage and get across the water to the other side. We sang as we slid, passed, rolled and placed items along our production line. Everyone looked out for each other to make sure that no one fell into the water! We then continued renovations and interior decorations in our share house and blew some more giant bubbles. We rinsed out and hung up our tie-dye shirts so they'll be ready for us all to wear tomorrow! After a quick scavenger hunt, Simone and Ashlee created their own list and ticked off everything before we went to rock climbing. Jet was very encouraging and told his friends what a good job they all did. Adam helped to get down the equipment that had become stuck on the roof. We then chilled out at the massage parlour before saying goodbye at the end of the day.

Group 4:

On day 4, participation was at an all-time high!

Starting off the day, Elyse and Heath perfected their hand made, sock snowmen and snowwomen. Ethan and the team were super excited to find lots of Pokémon balls in the caving activity. Jaiman then impressed and entertained the whole group with his amazing Lion King performance. Adam and Eli loved zooming around on cars around the Camp Jabiru racetrack. Anastasia demonstrated her newfound confidence within the group showing her leadership skills, allowing her team to move successfully through the Alpine rescue obstacle course. Finally, Group 4's tie dye shirts were ready, showing off the awesome patterns made by each member of the group, ready to wear on Friday!

Group 5:

The group made the most of their time today at the rock-climbing wall, attempting to climb higher than they each did on Tuesday. Indiana showed bravery when climbing up the rock-climbing wall. Thomas K also climbed incredibly high with the support of the 'Orange Goldfish Tank' team. Bailey and Duke made an excellent team by finding the most ooshies during the treasure hunt activity and continued to soar high as a team in low ropes. Ruby and Adyan also displayed great teamwork throughout the low ropes activity and the treasure hunt. Joey was confident when leading the group in the "Orange song". Flynn and Duke also demonstrated courage when leading their friends in a game of "Simon says". Isla was impressed with her finger painting and was showing it to her friends. Tom C developed the stick city which the group love contributing towards with various stick and stone structures.

Group 6:

The cobra campers had an action-packed morning starting with low ropes, where Flynn and Tyler made their way around the course helping each other through every obstacle that they encountered. Brody also showed amazing talent by breaking a record of running across the bridge 52 times! The campers then made their way to the flying fox with Daniel especially showing immense courage by facing his fears and taking on the challenge. After lunch Maddy, Brody, Daniel and Liam all played a game of twister demonstrating their body strength and flexibility skills. Meanwhile Matthew and Tyler put their minds together and created a 3-metre long rubber band sling shot and proudly showed it off to their group mates. Alexis had kept everyone entertained by searching for different types of bugs and involving Flynn, Tyler and Brody in the hunt. During crafting, Zoe created a balloon dog friend named Fred while Maddy made a princess out of colourful papers and flowers, and Liam got creative with the pipe cleaners making something for each of his friends.

Group 7:

After spending the night at camp, the boys woke up feeling nice and refreshed and ready for some more camp adventures.

The light blue peacocks filled their grumbling bellies with some breakfast before heading to the high ropes. On the way, Patrick and Rylan had their faces painted with warrior stripes ready to brave the high rope course. Joel showed great courage by going first, zooming through the course. After lunch the light blue peacocks headed to the oval for some water play, where the boys had fun using the slippery slide. Matthew loved sliding down on the boogie board, while Isaiah and Brody soaped up and slid down on their tummies. The light blue peacocks were eager to step out onto the battle field to spray down the OTs and OT students with their water guns, Zarif leading charge with throwing the water balloons. The light blue peacocks also did a terrific job spotting all four flat jabbers around the camp and are looking forward to their final day tomorrow.

Group 8:

This is our final newsletter for the week and the most emotional as it's nearing the time when we have to say goodbye to our boys! Today's proudest completions included: Hunter reached the very bottom of the abseiling rock wall in a super-fast pace. Liam V completed the low ropes course with excellent balance. Sam managed the face painting station, calling in customers from camp. Harley was understanding and empathetic towards his friends when they were stuck. Angus patiently waiting for his turn and had an awesome crack at the low ropes course. Lincoln worked with the team again at their face painting station with dozens of customers. Fin completed the obstacles and low ropes course with his eyes shut! Ethan took turns pulling his peers on the scooter board. Liam H joining in on the campfire songs with a rhyme and for giving abseiling a shot. And finally Rowan for sharing his love for nature with our YMCA member Jasper!

Group 9:

Yo listen up, here's a story about a group of friends that live in a M&M world!

Today, the M&Ms faced the giant swing! They all stepped outside of their comfort zones and cheered each other on! Rory awarded Josh the 'bravery shield' for going higher than he thought he could on the giant swing.

Today was a team building day for the group playing the game among us, ga ga ball, uno, soccer and finishing off the tie dye t-shirts.

The M&Ms showed teamwork, co-operation, initiative and communication skills while they made their way as a team from start to finish through many challenging obstacles on alpine rescue.

The M&Ms created a song to perform in front of Camp Jabiru at the campfire.

To finish off the night the M&M's went for a night walk to star gaze and remember our favourite moments from the camp.

The campers have enjoyed and been challenged by many new camp experiences and activities, they have had lots of fun, made new friends and will go home with many great memories of the M&M's and camp jabiru 2021.

Group 10:

The Black Panthers turned on their creativity brain in reverse garbage, where we were given the time to play with absolutely ANYTHING! The Panthers spent the sunny day sliding down the slip and slide and playing with water guns, competing in teams during orienteering, then ventured our way to abseiling!

Dylan read to Will, James, Blaine, Aayan and Joaquin who were lucky enough to hear the tale of 'Dog Man'. Dylan enjoyed sliding on the boogie board down the slip and slide!

James got up in front of the whole camp to perform, beat-boxing an awesome tune about the Black Panthers! After campfire James and Jack were caught in a beautiful friendship moment, admiring the night sky and stars.

Jack loved the reverse garbage and was in his element completing the abseiling 4 times! Jack continues to challenge himself and build his friendships with the group.

Blaine was captured in his element building his Minecraft house during shelter building, he built a fireplace for the other Panthers to enjoy.

Alex and Joaquin had the "best day" getting involved sliding down the slip and slide on a tyre. The two made a wall using the boogie boards to protect themselves from being sprayed by Jack!

Tristan loved splashing all the leaders with a bucket of water today on the oval! As you can imagine,

we had the whole group making sure that he was just as soaked as we were!

Will thrived in campfire, joining in singing and dancing! He even got up to tell a rhyme to the whole camp!

Aayan showed us his detective skills during orienteering, spotting two flat jabbies! Aayan challenged himself today and flew down the abseiling course showing just how brave he is!

Tonight, we had delicious nachos for dinner, and attended our last campfire for the week. We danced and sung our favourite songs and sadly said our last goodbye to Camp Jabiru, for now but not forever.

Group 11:

Once again many of the pack started the day by joining Tom for a fresh morning run and this time Matthew gave Tom a run for his money. The group managed to spot two Flat Jabbies before breakfast. After a bacon and egg refuel, the group gathered for some tag-in-tag-out wrestling; using their mighty gorilla strength they reigned victory over Tom on the mats. Jackson set the record of reaching the top of the rock climbing walls 8 times. Tadhg pushed through, promising he wasn't going to give up and made it all the way to the top, supported by his belaying team at the bottom. During reverse garbage, the whole group worked together to create a gigantic dinosaur park, populated by dinosaurs designed and built by Gabe. Leevi, Kane and Jackson created an exciting environment when caving, laying out glowsticks for everyone to find and encouraged their fellow Silverback Hamish to get through the caves. Ben and James enjoyed a late afternoon basketball sesh. Ethan and Hamish were awarded "we not me" bands, for their incredible work looking out for their pack mates and uniting the team to build our very own Silverback Jurassic World. To finish the day at our final campfire Hamish, Ethan and James stood up and each told a rhyme or joke to the camp. The whole group stood together to sing "Oh mamma mamma", going out with a bang at what was the very last campfire for many Silverbacks, graduating this year. Let's go Silverbacks!!

Group 12:

The girls started off with caving today, they navigated through the obstacles using their torches in the dark! All the girls helped Mackenzie through the dark tunnel, and she loved it. We spent a few hours playing team building games, helping each other get through the spider web without touching it. The girls have been so brave, they were upgraded to the higher abseil tower activity. All the girls also took a big step in performing together at Campfire and sang a song in front of the whole camp! We also had a big night of celebration and reflection with the group as we had most of Pink Rabbit's, Matilda, Isla, Mackenzie, Katie, Molly and Izabelle graduate!! Seeing them grow and develop over the week has been super fun and everyone said how much they are going to miss their new friends! For the last full day of camp, we found ALL four Flat Jabbies again, making that 3 days in a row to find them all! Well done Pink Rabbits!!

Group 13

The fourth day of camp saw our purple phoenixes THRIVE! Up with the sun we flew down the flying fox with Kiara and Shelby reaching all the way to the tyres. The depths of our team bonding was really highlighted throughout our initiative activities, the phoenixes communicated to weave through the spider web, with the leadership from Hannah, Indie and Bonnie the team was able demonstrate extraordinary skills that transferred everyone through the course! In the afternoon we turned into the feminine phenoxies creating our very own day spa! Delilah was able to demonstrate her very gentle nature allowing Hannah to become her natural beauty, all the girls will be coming home with fresh skin and nails. We are all looking forward to seeing our families faces tomorrow and show them all the fun we have had this week!

Jabiru 2.0

This morning we began our day with a dance party in the dining hall following breakfast. We danced to the Macarena, Cha Cha Slide and Country Roads. Eli and Scott (among everyone!) had some amazing moves.

We also had a big water fight, with Alarraah, Tobias and Declan getting quite soaked. Amelia helped one of the student leaders fill two buckets full of water balloons using her efficient ideas.

We rinsed out the dye shirts, allowing us to see our colourful designs for the first time. We had heaps to admire as we had both our own and some made for the kitchen staff.

One of our activities was caving, and Lillian and Flynn flew into the most difficult section with ease.

Marcus also braved up and went through the caving maze.

We then attended the final campfire of the week, and did a performance of Let It Go, and Dan, Alarraah, Eli and Haedrian spoke about what camp has meant to them this week and over the years.