



THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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Group 1:

Group 1 had a great first day, everyone settled into some fun sensory motor play in our space. Indiana loved the water play, Curtis and Noah enjoyed playing with the rice and sand, and TJ and River enjoyed drawing then spraying water on the art easel. Everyone loved listening to our book 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly', and Liam loved putting the different animals into the puppets mouth. Noah led to way to caving, splashing through the muddy puddles. Everyone put their helmets on and bravely made their way through the caves, numerous times. After caving we headed to the swing cars, where Curtis loved the chalk traffic lights and Liam loved popping bubbles. After lunch, TJ, Indiana and River loved doing 'blast off' in the rocket tent together. We are looking forward to day two!

Group 3: AKA- RED FUN GROUP! Creating our group name was a huge team effort. Well done kiddos! Today our first activity was scooter cars! Flynn was straight in, racing his friends and showing off some sweet drifting skills. Back at base we were busy throughout the day making playdoh and having a dance party! Mackenzie, and Zack were super stars-showing their moves and encouraging friends to get involved! Our Y activity today was low ropes! This activity really pushed Daniel and Ava out of their comfort zones. They were both so brave, completing the course with a huge smile! Isabelle was a great friend on the course- being considerate and allowing them to pass her on the ropes. Our Y leader (Jess) took us on special mission to a secret see-saw. Oliver loved this activity, and his confidence helped his friends all jump on! We are all so excited to make more wonderful memories with every member of RED FUN GROUP! Bring on day two.

Group 4: What a fantastic start to Camp Jabiru for The super Amazing Purple Group! Rosie helped us to all get to know each other, inviting people to play catch and sharing a name song. After playing and exploring our awesome group area we supported each other over gravel, grass and bogs to reverse garbage (not the stinky stuff!). Charlie's smile was infectious as he mastered the obstacle course with Zoe and Peter. After lunch Rosie, Eshal, Zoe and Peter used their lunch energy to show off their dance moves whilst balancing on a long log. Soon after everyone was getting involved in a nature scavenger hunt, finding special shapes in leaves and sticks. Zoe and Numair enjoyed experimenting with how big a splash they can make in the stream and Numair even found some interesting bugs in the tree. Peter and Levi made a great team working together to make a bridge with a log. All of The Super Amazing Purple Group helped decorate a Super Amazing banner together. Everyone is so excited for day 2, we can't wait to see them there!

Group 5: Group 5 had an amazing first day of camp interacting and engaging with one another from their arrival. This excitement continued throughout the day onto the flying fox, as each child showed enthusiasm. Seth persisted and, by completing the flying fox, initially showing some fear but with encouragement from the group he achieved his new 'record' and got to the top. He was so proud of himself afterwards. Nuvairah went up on to the flying fox for a second time and exceeded her own expectations, showing awesome strength. As Group 5 bonded, we saw a strong friendship develop between Max and Hendrix, as they led each other in their own creative ball games. Murphy and Artur showed strong communication skills when interacting with their peers by transitioning from activity to activity. During oval activities, Seth and Nuvairah worked well as a team to earn points after completing their obstacle course many times over. Harper showed strong resilience once his shoes got wet, powering through the discomfit and focusing on building friendships. Everything was great today in Group 5, and we can't wait for a full and fun day tomorrow where we are going on a nature scavenger hunt and doing the giant swing!

Group 6: Today group 6 had a lovely morning of getting to know you. It was so great to finally meet everyone. Dane, Henry and Eli created an amazing game of bowling where the boys were very creative adding in monster trucks to hit the pins over. The group then headed up to the sandpit to do some messy play. Sam was the first one in, enjoying feeling the sand on his feet. After lunch we all headed up to the high swing. It was so impressive seeing the kids in action. Most of the kids got up onto the swings. Archer was really brave and went first for the group. Lewis also had two turns and went right to the top. Anastasia took the lead in inviting the other kids to join her in a game of naughts and crosses and enjoyed an afternoon of free play. We are so excited to have more adventures tomorrow for another fun filled day.

Group 7: Group 7 enjoyed a day of Alpine Rescue, Reverse Garbage, and an impromptu water slide. During Alpine Rescue, Angelina was a fantastic helper to all her new friends. Matthew said "I can do this!" and also helped the group make it all the way through the course. Indiana was at first worried about the flying fox, but was able to give it a go with encouragement from Jet, who had stepped up and offered his hand. Sebastian and Noah loved playing in the water together during Reverse Garbage. We also saw the children build fortresses, castles, and turn themselves into water monsters! Back at base camp, Neve really enjoyed sitting in the Lycra hammock, saying that it makes her feel calm. Throughout the day, the children played hide and seek, pretend campfire, used kazoos and bubbles, and overall, had a fantastic day!

Group 8: Welcome to Camp Jabiru for 2022! Our first activity was a Nature Scavenger Hunt. Isla loved the adventure of this activity and took her group on a trek across the grounds to find all the items, diligently ticking them off as we went. Some of the other groups collaborated to catch lizards; with Liam being particularly brilliant at helping to find rocks and tools. Next, we moved to Rec Hall for group activities. Duke and Ashlee bravely volunteered first to ride the scooter board while getting pulled around the edges of the parachute by our friends. Our Y activity today was the giant swing. This was challenging but everyone was very brave. Special mention goes to Ruby Rose, Lillian, Levi and Simone who all went higher than they thought and came away with huge smiles on their faces. We finished the day with free play and loved seeing Nicholas and Thomas' amazing imaginations come forth. We are excited to see what the rest of Camp will bring. See you tomorrow!

Group 9: On day one, the Super Mario Parties set off on their camp Jabiru adventure. They started off with an orientating walk where the group demonstrated their first group collaboration of building a bridge across a puddle (fondly known as “Maroon Bridge” as named by Matthew). Next, the team played in the initiatives area, joining together on the giant seesaw, where Julian showed great bravery. Peter then helped to bring the team together to play Floor is Lava, where they each took turns counting down. The reverse garbage was the next on the agenda where the boys enjoyed lots of sword fights and Julian knighted all friends to unite together. The caving activity really allowed the bravery and teamwork of the whole group to shine, including Patrick who lead the adults through and made sure his friends were okay. Whilst waiting turns, Matthew showed his IT skills, sorting out the circuit maze and fixing his friend’s torch. The final activity of the day was enjoyed by all, particularly the skillful Liam, Isaiah and Bailey who brightened with their success. Preston and Archer were also such a dynamic duo who supported each other throughout the course. The team connection also could not have been as warm without Flynn’s friendly and caring mates’ traits.

Group 10: Today was the first official day of Camp Jabiru 2022 and what a day it was! Firstly, the team worked together to create a team name “Cheesy Devils”. We then headed off the giant swing next where Liam H although scared, went up the swing and yelled a big “yeet!” when swinging. Kai was a big team player who was always willing to lend a hand and pull up their friends. Chase and William were very creative and made a game up during reverse garbage. Caving was our next Y activity and Jack did an incredible job of going through the caves with and without a flashlight. During the breaks between activities, Ashton and Blaine were making great interactions with the other campers and participated in the different games provided. Fin and Liam C told some amazing jokes and made rhymes at campfire which was a great way to finish the day! We are all looking forward to what tomorrow holds!

Group 11: Group 11 has now been named as the ‘silver back gorillas’ and team morale is at an all time high! Rori took a leader role and taught his peers a new game. Harvey conquered his fears and climbed to the top of the flying fox and was cheered on by his peers. Ayann soaked his friends in water play and made several new friends. James and Jack had awesome conversations today and are looking forward to including their friends in these conversations over the week. Will gave praise to a new friend following an awesome day on the flying fox and the group is looking forward to more moments like this! Alex has thought of several jokes and rhymes for camp fire and can’t wait to be picked over the coming days. Tristan and Josh shared a mates traits showing their trust in each other following the day. Finally, Tadgh flew down the flying fox and in immediately began playing with the group. Farewell for today, see you tomorrow!

Group 12:

What a great start to Camp Jabiru! We have all banded together and came up with the group name, the mighty pink flamingos! Zoe and Aamna were the queen flat jabby searches and found 2 hidden around the camp site. Amelia and Sarah created a great dance game. Kiara entertained the girls with her ventriloquism who were all impressed with her skills. Maddy, Alexis, Sam and Imogen put on a catwalk show with creative poses for everyone before we headed to dinner and campfire. We are so excited to see what tomorrow brings and share it with you all!

Group 13 Group 13 has decided that their camp group is the “purple penguins”. This has been apparent all day long as we moved about camp jabiru as a pack and showed our awesome strength. Lillian and Rosie used their past caving experience to help support the group through the dark caves. Amelia, Madeline, and Lauren jumped out of their comfort zone and smashed their goals on the high ropes. Nakia and Paige showed how well penguins can work together when they crawled their way through the caves. Bonnie and Hannah hung out together at the top of the tower turning into monkeys. Mia shared her hilarious joke at campfire with camp jabiru. Together we decided our a ‘squishmallow’ would be our team mascot to support us throughout the week. All was good on the Purple Penguins front we can’t wait for our adventures tomorrow.

Jabiru 2.0 2.0 had a great first day coming to Camp Jabiru. Collectively 2.0’s highlight of Day 1 was painting the tunnel in alpine rescue. I noticed that Lilian had a good chat to everyone and wanted to learn more things about everyone. Katie was very welcoming towards everyone and was getting involved with everything and having a go. Molly was making new friends and demonstrating what being a good friend looks like. All the girls gelled together, and it was a supportive environment to be in. matilda wants to learn more about other people and herself. Flynn is really interested and wants to know more about his peers. Scott was very funny and energetic and brought a good vibe to the group, and I feel as though he adjusted well to the group dynamic. Scott ability to vibe to the music and create a safe space for everyone was fun to be around. He also demonstrated great leadership skills throughout the duration of the painting activity out at the alpine rescue. Declan’s ability to share some sincere and honest comments with Matilda was really fulfilling to see. Eli reported that the entire day was enjoyable, but his highlight was the painting activity. He reported: “It was cool to be able to do something that soothed my emotions within my body, it was nice”.