



# THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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YARRAMUNDI NSW*

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## **Group 2:**

Today, the light green team conquered day 2! Xavier excelled on the obstacle course this morning! Layla and Teddy showed off their skill on the slip and slide! Hugh enjoyed making everyone collect the toys he had thrown in the pool! Saoirse squished and squashed her play doh to perfection! And Max showed off his creativity when making his tie dye shirt!

## **Group 3:**

Today The Electric Robots had a day full of adventure. At "Loose parts play" Reggie, Matty, Coen and Javier collaborated to create a giant obstacle course. They jumped, sild and crashed until they decided that it was more fun to fight like brave knights with swords made of pool noodles!!

Bob handled pipes like an engineer... he created a BIG ball run using many pipes and connecting part. However, when he saw Samuel kicking the ball, he joined in and showed his mate Samuel how to use the pipe like bat and hit the ball with it too!

The boys really enjoyed the "mud kitchen" Leon was a chef; he was cooking sushi and Spaghetti Bolognese. While Suvah offered vanilla and strawberry ice-cream. Cruz was the barista! He sold chai latte, coffee, muddy yucky water and normal water. Plenty of choice!!!

## **Group 4:**

The first camp activity was Low Ropes where the full team took on the challenge, working in pairs, to clear the course; some without touching the ground and other achieving personal bests by powering through despite feeling scared or doubting the skills! Next up was Loose Parts (creating with endless materials). Tom, Harrison and James invented a Father Christmas game delivering presents but had to watch out for cheeky grinchers (Harrison and River!!) stealing presents. Indiana, Aadvik and River hit the top bell on the Rock Climbing with everyone else giving it a cracking effort with lots of encouragement, especially from Ava who was recovering from her efforts in the hammock. A highlight was growing connections; Aadvik and Harrison recruited Chris for their cheetah build whilst Tom and TJ push on with their building foundations with River making some executive decisions and Ava lending her muscles!

## **Group 5:**

Today Group 5 trekked their way over to caving where each camper levelled up by completing caves one, two, AND three! Declan was geared up and ready for the challenge quicker than anyone, and no camper was left behind with some fantastic examples of teamwork. Lots of encouragement of our friends from Patrick and Amelia, and Bodhi helped Jacob conquer a tricky section to ensure the team made it out the other side. Glo sticks were a must, 'who turned out the lights?!?'. Afterwards we reset with some morning tea where it was challenge time again, who can eat something green the quickest? Izzabella and Bohdi took out the crown beating all the adults with ease. Crash mat squishes were lots of fun, first with Dustin leading the way before Izzabella and Amelia joined forces to

ensure Dustin became the sandwich. Kids club was open for session inside the lycra with Izzabella, Amelia, Bodhi, Darragh, and Patrick all working hard to stay inside, or working hard to fall out the furthest! Giant Swing saw Declan, Izzabella, Bodhi, Amelia, and Darragh swinging fast through the treetops. Wow Group 5, what an amazing day!

#### **Group 6:**

Dark green Group 6 (aka 'seal grass t-rex's') kicked off the day with loose parts play! We had access to an open-ended range of materials, resources, and recyclables, allowing the children to create, explore and experiment with new ways of play. On one end of the group we had Curits, Parker and Finn working together to build their very own castle, delivering packages, while on the other end, Dominic invited his peers to take a ride in his race car. The morning was filled with beautiful peer engagement and problem solving. Next up, we got slippery, messy, and splashy with water play! From the awesome team engagement in the splash pool to the slip-and-slide, it was a highlight for everyone. After a hectic morning of play, we switched gears with some bushcraft activities, connected with nature. We then participated in rotation activities targeting breathwork, heavy work, and mindful drawing to support nervous system regulation. Today was filled with new connections, lots of giggles and increased acknowledgement of the group cohesion!

#### **Group 7:**

Day 2 was packed with movement, adventure, and creativity! Everyone joined in on high-energy races down the inflatable obstacle course, with Matthew and Adam also diving into ninja games. Caving was a hit as we explored winding paths, and Harry discovered some hidden spots with curiosity and teamwork. On the low ropes, Rayhan, William, Brodie, Adam, and Matthew showed great balance and persistence. Rayhan also got creative drawing in the dirt, juggling, and singing fruit songs with peers. Josie led imaginative playdough storytelling and tug o' war fun. Another awesome day of connection, challenge, and smiles all round!

#### **Group 8:**

Group 8 had an amazing day today, kicking things off by choosing our awesome new name, the Dark Blue Shark-Snakes!

Charlie had a big moment of bravery, taking on the giant swing and facing his fears with determination. Daniel and Darcy were full of energy and encouragement, keeping spirits high as our enthusiastic cheerleaders all day long.

Numair, Naomi, and Zara tackled the high ropes course with courage and confidence, supporting each other through every climb and obstacle. Their teamwork really shone through.

Meanwhile, Levi, Ayden, Logan, and Kenzie brought the fun with their kazoo quartet, creating joyful tunes and lots of laughs!

### Group 9:

What another mighty day for our Maroon Master Forces, starting bright and early on the flying fox! Caleb fearlessly zoomed from the highest of heights followed closely by Boston and Bailey, grinning ear to ear. After lunch we were off to Archery, where Max, Oliver, and Harper channelled their inner Robin Hoods, landing some impressive shots. Our group also became master explorers in caving this afternoon, Ethan and Peter lead the group with great speed and enthusiasm, climbing over every obstacle in their path. At our campfire, both Niklaus and Seth joined in with joy from the front of the crowd, telling jokes and joining in with dancing and singing.

### Group 10:

Day 2 at Camp Jabiru was packed with adventure, creativity, connection—and just the right amount of chaos (the good kind!). Group 10 continues to impress us with their bravery, imagination, and growing friendships.

We kicked off the morning with the high ropes course, and wow—what a way to start the day! Duke, Julian, and Kyron absolutely flew through the course, showing off their agility, confidence, and experience. We were equally blown away by the courage of Matthew and Samuel, who geared up, climbed the ladder, and took on the first obstacle like absolute champions.

From there, we moved into a splash of colour—literally! Our tie-dye t-shirt session was a huge hit, with all the boys diving into the activity with enthusiasm. The colour combinations were bold, creative, and as unique as each of our campers. It was a joy to see their artistic sides shine.

A special highlight today was watching Liam step confidently into the spotlight. He opened up with some lovely back-and-forth conversations with leaders and even took on his peers in a competitive (and hilarious) game of UNO No Mercy! His warmth and kindness really came through, reminding us all of the value of quiet leadership.

Then there was Arlo—our fearless adventurer—who had everyone holding their breath (and cheering him on) as he tackled much of the high ropes course while hanging freely from the ropes. His curiosity and questions kept us all learning and thinking in new ways—he truly brings a spark to the group.

Archie brought the energy and joy today, especially during movement-based activities. His smile was contagious, and the positive connections he built with peers were beautiful to witness. These moments of engagement continued through into Loose Parts play, where his creativity and playfulness really shone.

It's safe to say it's been a big day—full of laughs, colour, courage, and connection. We are all feeling the tiredness that only a truly great day can bring, and we can't wait to see what Day 3 has in store!

### **Group 11:**

What an exciting and busy Day 2!! Bailey was super brave to go first on the giant swing! Cooper overcame his fear and decided to go on the swing as well, despite initially stating he wouldn't. We had many campers ring the bell at the top of the rock-climbing station. In the caves, Heath was lightning fast. Julian, Bailey, and Brody upped their challenge and went through in the dark, even guiding some of the adults through. The campers also finished their tie dye shirts today and they all turned out so good!

### **Group 12:**

The Pink Axolotls had a busy day today! They started with shelter building where Ava and Sammy built a restaurant and everyone place their orders while Nuvairah, Harlow, Ashlee and Neve constructed an elaborate home with furniture and paint on the walls. Next stop was the bamboo forest where we found out you can hear bamboo. Everyone ran races and got lots of exercise on the inflatable obstacle course before putting the dye on our shirts. The hot afternoon was perfect for water play on the inflatable race. Anastasia, Elyse, and Tyla were ready for the races! The pool and the shower cooled us off and got us ready for dinner. After dinner the campfire was a hit with everyone and then off to bed! We all reflected on our favourite things of the day, our least favourite, and what we are looking forward to tomorrow. There is so much to do!

### **Group 13**

Day 2 of camp, the lavender wolves started the morning off with a splash at inflatable water play. There was lots of laughter, joy and further friendships developing for Georgia, Piper and Ruby. During water play Piper, Zoe, Gracie and Kloe enjoyed the challenge of being wobbled off the water inflatable, while Georgia, Sarah and Lillian helped with wobbling them off. We then showed off our creative side by tie dyeing our camp Jabiru shirts! It was wonderful to see everyone's personalities emerge within their choices of colours and design. In the afternoon we then adventured to loose parts play. We saw lots of creative expression evolve within the group, Zoe had created a shop front, Gracie, Piper and Lillian created a massive chair and Angelina, Ruby and Simone worked together to create a swimming pool. We finished off our afternoon with a crowd favourite...the inflatable obstacle course! It was beautiful to see a shared enjoyment across the whole group for the obstacle course. There was lots of teamwork during this last activity, which saw Kloe and Gracie step up as leaders to help organise the group. Together as a group, we had a team challenge between the campers and OT leaders, this saw the lavender wolves come together as a strong united team. The girls cheered each other on as they made their way as fast as they could through the course. After dinner at campfire, we did a surprise group performance of the chicken dance which was organised by the girls. We all had big smiles on our faces and got a wonderful applause from fellow Jabiru peers. We then ended the night with reflecting on our day and adding to our growth tree. It was another wonderful day at Camp Jabiru.

### **Jabiru 2.0**

Day 2 at Jabiru 2.0! Wow what a day it was! We got our morning going with our daily job – getting the snack bags organised for all the groups. Maddy was an entrepreneur coming up with a clever way to get the trains moving when we hit a roadblock. Archie thrived in the important role of quality assurance and Rowan became the master of the Jabiru bible directing everyone on where to bring to bring each bag. As this was progressing, some of the groups were up at the cabin working on their tie dye. Emma showed her creative side and willingly helped dye the extra shirts for the camp staff. At rest time, Chase had the whole crew entertained, teaching them all how to make loom bands. Amelia was our social butterfly today, showing us how she can make connections with all different group members. To finish off our big activities, the group took on the flying fox. Blaine showed great initiative in helping others get their harnesses sorted. It's important to give a big shoutout to the muscles of the flying fox operation Jack and Matthew. They were the pull squad that got everyone to their desired height. Patrick had a few turns to soar and showed great perseverance when that cord was a little tricky. Brilliant day for the group and gearing up for day 3.

