



# THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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## **Group 1:**

Welcome to Camp Jabiru, Day 1! All campers had an amazing first day, engaging in numerous activities, including caving, ride on cars and free play! Suvah was excited to engage in activities and enjoyed playing the parachute game. Matty and Layla took turns initiating big movements (jumping) onto the crash mat. Harper enjoyed digging in the sand with the dinosaurs and played noughts and crosses with Thomas. Thomas interacted with his peers during the rice tunnel activity. Overall, all campers had a fantastic day, and we can't wait to see them grow throughout the week!!

## **Group 2:**

Welcome to Camp Jabiru Green Dinosaurs! Thanks for a fantastic first day! We started our day with a book about dinosaurs. Samuel and Pranav did extremely well showing their strength on the low ropes course, whilst Coen used his keen eye to locate plenty of dinosaurs. Leo led the team along the path creating a stomping beat. Leon zoomed around the path on his car, stopping at every red light and fuelling up at the petrol station. Lucas and Leon played interactively on the seesaw. We finished off the day with another book before going home after a fun camp day. What a fun day! Can't wait to see you all tomorrow.

## **Group 3:**

Group 3 had lots of fun on their first day of camp. The group made nature crowns and wristband and played with rocks. Liam A enjoyed making an artwork out of rocks and sticks. Jack and Liam P had lots of fun making a castle out of rocks. Oliver made a fun T-Rex mask. Declan enjoyed playing with the dinosaurs. The group then moved on to loose parts play. Patrick and Cade enjoyed playing with their friends in an epic kids vs adults game. Later the group tried low ropes. Dustin was proud of himself for helping hold the ropes for his peers. Jacob went around the entire low ropes and was really proud of himself.

The group had a great day at camp. We are looking forward to more adventure tomorrow.

#### **Group 4:**

Group 4 did a wonderful job painting the team banner together this morning and collaboratively came up with the team name "Purple Monkeys!" Encompassing the energetic, playful, and happy nature of everyone in the group. Some highlights of the day included reading the story 'The Koala Who Could,' painting the team banner, making wind catchers, caving, playing group games and preparing our unique Camp Jabiru shirts. Charlotte, Christopher, Izzabella, Alannah, Michael, William, Abdurrahman, TJ and River were all very brave, venturing through the caving activity. Michael was especially helpful leading Christopher through the dark with his strong voice and torch. An exciting game of tips was initiated by River, William, TJ and Izzabella, while Charlotte and Christopher helped each other make nature bracelets. The group enjoyed afternoon tea, along with games of soccer, making bubble monsters and drawing. Our monkeys are excited for Day 2, especially for climbing!

#### **Group 5:**

Today was the first day of our Jabiru adventure, and we started off with circle time to get to know each other. We sang a welcome song and are working hard to find a cool name for our group, but we are not there yet! The kids did some amazing craftwork. Evie started a secret sewing project... watch the space! Finn did a very realistic drawing of Spiderman, and Charlie did some great bush art! Then, we all went to the low ropes and tested our balance and teamwork skills. Indiana and James were brave and did not hesitate to walk on the log; they also helped each other by being the spotter (support person). Noah explored the whole course! In the afternoon, we had some great chefs at the Mud Kitchen and Lucas made a tasty soup, while Parker and Harrison made cupcakes and ice-cubes! What a great day 1!

#### **Group 6:**

Hello Camp Jabiru parents! Day one was a blast! Group 6 kicked things off by exploring our base camp, swinging on the lycra swing, and enjoying some story time. Everyone settled in beautifully, sharing smiles over morning tea and setting personal goals with inspiring words like 'kind', 'brave', and 'loved'. The day's highlight was the giant swing, where Levi and Solomon really shined, showing great enthusiasm. Ava T quickly made new friends with her warm words, while Mackenzie captured the fun moments on the swing with her awesome photo and video skills. Logan and Adam tackled the swing with courage, and Ava P showcased her impressive throw and catch skills during grip ball. A special shout-out to Zackson, who not only took on the swing but also formed new friendships. Charlie took a big step by bravely donning the swing harness, and we're so proud of him. We wrapped up the day by preparing our tie-dye t-shirts. Can't wait to see what tomorrow brings!

#### **Group 7:**

Group 7 had a successful day 1 at Camp Jabiru. We started the day with a ball passing game at our home base. Bailey and Murphy demonstrated good teamwork, especially when they were making paper planes with the group. William had lots of fun playing on the slip-and-slide during water play. Naomi and Nuvairah enjoyed having story time together in the lycra swing. Michael helped with moving the crash mats and therapy balls around to decorate our group tent. Lulu demonstrated great leadership by showing the group how to make tie-dye shirts. Jack joyfully engaged in soccer game with our Y-Leader Nathan. Everyone had a great time today and we can't wait for more adventures to come!

### **Group 8:**

Hey Blue Panda families! What a fun first day we had. We are beyond excited to get to know our campers a whole lot more across the week and watch them grow. We started our day off with the flying fox! Tyla eagerly went first and showed everyone how it was done. Peter and Theo both faced their fears of heights and demonstrated bravery to all, we are so proud of them. Harper enjoyed making paper aeroplanes and challenged his peers to fly their planes with him. Harper shared his playful energy with us all, inspiring us to think differently. Oliver also had many cool ideas to share and spread his high and positive energy amongst the group. After a little break and some down time, we headed over to the loose parts area for some free play. Ethan eagerly shared his ideas about his science experiment. Zoe joined in on the game and cheered as he rolled tyres down the hill watching them crash and fall to the ground. Sammy and Isabelle created an epic obstacle course and raced each other again and again. The day ended with us all sharing affirmations with one another.

### **Group 9:**

What a great first day group maroon had today! We started out with Loose Parts Play where Seth and Dane had an epic pool noodle battle. Arlo came up with the amazing idea to build a challenging obstacle course that one of the younger groups was thrilled to try. After lunch we moved to rock climbing where Matthew persevered until he made it to the top. We then moved to archery which was a fan favourite for most. Jaiman celebrated a massive win when he got the arrow into the target and Samuel was very keen, feeling successful with each turn. John got 4 out of 5 arrows into the target too. Max, Hendrix, and Kyron took initiative to start games in our down time, ensuring everyone felt comfortable to participate. We finished the day with a big cosy campfire singing and dancing to group songs. It was a fun filled day and everyone fell asleep with ease, looking forward to our new adventures tomorrow.

### **Group 10:**

What a day! First day of camp... Group 10, "The Bats", swung into the first day with The Giant Swing being our first activity. All of the campers were very brave and had a turn, as well as supporting each other hoisting with the rope! After lunch it was time for Finn and Boston to set the record in crate stack. The bats then flew into the cave with our next activity "caving". Boston, Tyler and Julian worked well together as a team to navigate the caves along with Duke Heath and Finn. Archer Liam and Bailey were able to lead through the caves, creating a team name, "The Killer Black Whales", to check in with each other while in the cave. Thomas was able to navigate the cave directing Jake, one of our team leaders. This afternoon was spent preparing our tie-dye t-shirts, followed by dinner and a fun-filled campfire where all children were welcomed to Camp Jabiru. We can't wait to see what's in store tomorrow!

### **Group 11:**

Group 11 has decided that their camp group name is "Quack Silver". This was made known to all to with their "Quack, Quack Quack" united team chant as they moved through camp. Daniel supported his teammates on challenging activities. Jonah, Fin and Julian all went down the flying fox twice and encouraged their group members when it was their turn. Cooper and Patrick built and created obstacle courses while Matthew, Jack and Brody were pool noodle ninja's. Kai's peers' shared in our night time reflection that he encouraged them and shared jokes with them.

### **Group 12:**

The first day came with lots of nerves, excitement, and friendship as Group 12 settled into camp. The group collaborated on a flag that featured some creative drawings, the team's name, 'Pink Wild Spirit's', and our team mascot, an axolotl. Our first activity of the day was rock climbing, where Inara was brave and stepped up to demonstrate the activity for the group. We are very proud of Group 12, as everyone participated in rock climbing, but with the group's encouragement, Ashlee and Anastasia made it to the top to ring the bell. Simone and Caitlyn demonstrated their cool dance moves when the group enjoyed a dance party. Using the nature around us, Group 12 made some bush craft letters to decorate their room. Angelina, Elyse and Ruby used a glue gun to create their masterpieces. Neve and Grace enjoyed some time chatting and swinging in the Lycra. After a fun time singing at the campfire, the group came together to brush their teeth at the end of the night.

### **Group 13**

We have had an awesome 1<sup>st</sup> day as the "Yasified Lavenders". Zoe, Sarah and Isla were great covers leading the way through the darkness! We then enjoyed creating our team flowers with lovely music from Lillian. After lunch we enjoyed doing our tie dye and having some down time. Amelia R loved having Push – O – Wars with the leaders to see who was strongest! We headed to the high ropes course next and we were blown away by the incredible bravery of all our lavenders! Georgia, Amelia H, Kloe and Mia were so excited to conquer the challenge! We finished the day with sharing our favourite traits about each team member from the day to add to our flower wall.

### **Jabiru 2.0**

Jabiru 2.0 had a busy start to the week, assisting the other camp groups with food and the big swing. Lillain stepped up to delegate lunch delivery to other members of 2.0. Nakia responsibly asked other adults for directions around camp. Archie started making friends in the group and supported them to drop off the meal bags.

During rock-climbing Bec was a supportive team member and helped belay everyone on the wall. Chase and Xavier were able to expertly demonstrate putting on the harness and helmet to the group and encouraged everyone to do their best.

Rosie and Hannah sped up the wall and encouraged their peers to engage and reach their rock-climbing goals. Harvey and Tadhg were both able to make it to the top of the rock-climbing wall and ring the bell triumphantly.