



THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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Group 2:

Today the light green team, arrived ready for an adventurous time at camp! Teddy and Xavier enjoyed tackling the low ropes, displaying excellent balance and strength. The team then created sensory bottles which Layla and Saoirse enjoyed personalising them by adding stickers and glitter. Our last activity before home time was the ride on cars which all kids enjoyed, especially Hugh and Max as they raced around the track.

Group 3:

Today The Electric Robots had a fabulous day together. Javier snuck around the tent like a special agent and made sure he only appeared at the right time... this is when he revealed to the group his name and his favourite colour! BLUE!! He was stealthy and tactical!

Reggie was very supportive of his team members, he supported their choices and let them have turns. He was strong, creative and caring. When the boys were riding their "ride-on-cars" Reggie gave them a hand, pushing them up the hill!

Leon had the first turn on the cars, he was fast and brave, and the best part was when he volunteered to give his car to his friend Suvah so he could have a turn too!!

The highlight of the day was the "campfire game". The boys independently got together during free play and collected sticks and leaves to build a "pretend" fire. There was collaboration and deep engagement. Then Coen decided he was the Wizard, and he made everyone freeze with his magical "wand" stick!!

Suvah enjoyed drawing and playing with leaves and was very patient waiting his turn during the "ride-on-cars". He watched his friend Javier show him how to draw a bell, and he did it by himself too! During ball and racket games, Bob was showing off how accurate he was with hitting the ball, he was very welcoming when another teammate joined his game!

The soccer game during free play that was led by Samuel was a hit, too! Samuel initiated this for the group, and he was clear about his rules. Bob, Leon, Reggie and Samuel all played, and the rest of the group supported by watching them or bring them their ball back when it got kicked far!!

Group 4:

Happy campers! Day one started with getting to know each other and stuff about camp but it wasn't long before we headed to the mud kitchen where Christopher and Tom dug for bones, gold and gems whilst James and Harrison worked alongside to make mud muffins; luckily there were so many tools and a hose that we didn't have to have our hands muddy for too long during clean up. The morning finished with a cave-maze. Ava and Indiana were brave in going ahead and encouraging others with courageous words. In the afternoon the team built a shelter with a bushcraft expert which may have inspired Aadvik and Harrison with their idea to gather sticks and other natural materials to build a cheetah! Meanwhile TJ, Tom and River took off bush-bashing to find dead bamboo, hauling it out, piling in up and scheming for hut building tomorrow; Day two here we come.

Group 5:

Today we welcomed Group 5 to their first day at Jabiru, starting with a circle time where Izzabella had some jazzy music choices to get everybody up and dancing. Next up, each and every member conquered the Low Ropes, where Bodhi named one section 'Chicken Nuggets' and Amelia was the fastest one around the circuit. Loose Parts was an opportunity for our group to get creative and Jacob made the coolest marble run. Declan and Darragh created some beautiful artworks during the afternoon, and the whole group had a turn picking out and tying up their designs for tie-dyeing (we can't wait to see their designs come to life by the end of the week!). In the afternoon Patrick led an egg hunt getting all the other campers involved, with Dustin searching out the trickiest eggs to find.

Group 6:

What an incredible start to a fun-filled week of camp! Our little adventurers soared to new heights, literally, taking on the giant swing and shelter building. Sania showed remarkable confidence, completing the giant swing, and bravely going for a second turn! Curtis displayed unshakeable grit and determination, powering through every activity with a smile. Shelter building was a blast, with Safia naturally stepping up as a leader and engaging with her peers with enthusiasm. Domic confidently initiated conversations with others, while Noah shared beautiful glimmers of attention with his peers! Solomon and Charlie quickly became buddies, teaming up to create some impressive paper planes. Finn and Parker reconnected their friendship from previous camp years, offering great advice for first time campers. Day 1 was full of fun, growth, and adventures, embracing the Jabiru spirit – bring on tomorrow!

Group 7:

Day 1 kicked off with sunshine, splashing, and smiles! Brodie set the scene with a brilliant Scooby-Doo performance, while Flynn rallied the "Minions" and led an unforgettable water battle against the adults—Harry was key in planning the ambush! The slip and slide were a fun favourite with Josie, Zackson, and Rayhan showing off epic moves and fearless dives. Rayhan also made waves in the pool, jumping and splashing with joy. William joined in the fun, laughing through pool games and making new mates. In the Lycra swing, Harry nailed his best burrito impression, and Matthew had a blast playing tag. Adam kept us all on time and ruled red rover crossover. Spirits were high, friendships were blooming—and who knows, tomorrow... we steal the moon.

Group 8:

Group 8 had a flying start to the day... at the flying fox! Kenzie and Zara were group leaders, demonstrating the flying fox to their friends. Numair, Darcy and Daniel gave it their best go while the rest of the group cheered them on. Charlie and Levi played together, making their own race car tracks using a variety of different materials.

After flying fox, it was loose parts play, where Logan was the master mechanic, making his own army car, and Naomi was the best builder, building her own house. Ayden demonstrated his camper creativity building a shelter in the woods.

Group 8 are excited for a big day tomorrow on the giant swing and high ropes!

Group 9:

The Maroon Mighty Forces were off to a strong start this morning. Our day started with loose parts play, where our group started a band. Caleb kicked it off making a drum set, Seth and Ethan quickly joined in suit on the drums. Peter and Oliver were quick to join the fun on the Kazoos. After lunch was rock climbing, where Boston soared to new heights reaching the top with such perseverance. Niklaus showed some great encouragement to his new friends, letting them know they were climbing so fast he could barely see them. Max and Bailey have formed a new friendship, enjoying reading books together in our down time. Harper tapped into his creative side and created a bug farm by the cabin. Group 9 is ready for our next mighty challenge tomorrow.

Group 10:

What an incredible first day at Camp Jabiru! Group 10 has kicked off the week with energy, curiosity, and plenty of smiles. We've been so impressed by the enthusiasm, motivation, and playfulness shown by each and every one of our campers.

From the very beginning, there was a wonderful sense of connection building—not only between campers and leaders but also among the group as a whole. Whether it was tackling the giant swing or exploring the caving challenge, we saw so much courage and support. The way the group rallied together to cheer each other on—especially during the giant swing—was nothing short of inspiring.

We had the joy of watching Julian bring his signature flair (and bunny eye mask!) to the group, while Duke amazed us with his jokes and incredible fishing book. Kyron and Liam both showed enthusiasm and knowledge in their interactions, and Dane's sense of humour had everyone laughing. Matthew and Samuel jumped into the day's activities with enthusiasm, and Thomas impressed us with his impressive caving and exploration skills. Archie and Arlo both showed increased curiosity and interest in camp activities.

As the afternoon rolled on, we took time for some grounding activities—deep pressure, heavy work, and movement—to help us maintain regulation, build body awareness, and feel ready for whatever came next. These moments allowed everyone to recharge and reconnect with themselves before heading into new environments and challenges.

We're absolutely loving getting to know our Group 10 campers—their personalities, their strengths, and the little things that light them up. It's going to be an amazing week, and we feel privileged to be part of their journey.

Here's to more adventures tomorrow!

Group 11:

We kicked off Camp with a SPLASH! Our group jumped right in with some slip and slide fun. Brody and Hath overcame some initial hesitance and ended up loving it. All the boys did amazing with following the guidelines to keep themselves safe and avoid collisions. There was a D&D special interest group that formed between Julian, Archer, and Daniel. They shared their ideas well and branched in to find some flexibility together. At Loose Parts Play, Liam, Julian, and Bailey built a castle and defended it from invaders, which included capturing and jailing some of the adults. Most of them were released ... eventually. Finn and Heath each hoisted up tires on ropes strung through the rafters to make swings and figured out how to connect them. Daniel was consistently empathic today and looked out for his friends. Liam found a role as a peacemaker when tensions ran high during a conflict. Cooper and Lucas dominated some tackle bags together and were awesome at including others that wanted to join. Julian and Archer, who'd had a conflict earlier in the day, ended the day with reaffirming their friendship through the "Mates Traits" game, in which they called out positives about each other. Everyone is tired and happy and ready for more fun tomorrow!

Group 12:

We started strong with everyone settling in quickly! The girls came together to choose their group name: The Pink Axolotl's, with Elyse leading the compromise. The morning was spent at the cabin colouring, making bracelets, and starting our tie dye projects as the girls got to know each other and connected with new friends. Ashlee engineered a helpful shade structure while Sammy, Tyla, and Ava transformed a bedroom into a McDonalds drive in, complete with indoor/outdoor drive-up window. After lunch the whole group worked together on a bush walk balancing activity for 30 minutes, where they all had to work together to balance the whole group. Many girls shared ideas and Tyla and Neve emerged as leaders. In the afternoon the rock wall was a success as everyone had a person record and Sammy and Anastasia (as well as others) made it to the top! Nuvairah and Harlow were enthusiastic participants at campfire where Nuvairah was brave and shared a joke. Harlow and her roommates bonded over journals right before bed and everyone got a good night's rest!

Group 13

What a great first day of camp, together as a group we collectively decided on the group name of Lavender Wolves which was suggested by Sarah. As we got comfortable settling into camp, it was lovely to see some new connections start to form for Piper and Georgia, and old friendships rekindle for Ruby and Angelina and Gracie and Lillian within the group. During caving Sarah, Simone, Georgia and Kloe showed off their brave motor skills through navigating the dark obstacle course. On our bushwalk adventures Angelina, Zoe and Ruby actively collected materials along the way, which made for wonderful resources for our afternoon craft activities. At Low ropes, all the girls worked together within groups to support and navigate their way through the course. A balance challenge was set, which saw Piper, Angelina, Simone and Kloe work as a team to manage balancing on a log. After dinner we had our first campfire, Lillian, Gracie and Piper enjoyed playful dancing along to all the songs and Zoe shared a funny joke to fellow campers. To finish off day 1, we all spent time reflecting and contributing to our growth tree. Together as a group the girls were all able to reflect and share qualities and strengths of each member that they noticed from today. The uplifting words of compassion and friendship was a lovely way to finish our first day.

Jabiru 2.0

Jabiru 2.0 kicked off bright and early with 10 eager campers. After settling into our cabins, we got right to work. Archie and Chase led the pack to organise the chiller bags of snacks for all the other groups. In the afternoon we headed up to Loose Parts Play where Maddy, Amelia and Matthew played some intense rounds of tug of war, while Patrick created an obstacle course for himself and the younger groups. But that's not all! We finished up the afternoon at the inflatables where Emma, Baine, Jack and Rowan raced through the course and attempted some wild movements to keep the entertainment going. It was a fun and tiring day for the group! Excited for day 2!