



# THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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YARRAMUNDI NSW*

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## **Group 1:**

Group one spent the day completing an obstacle course, water play and developing play ideas together. The team spent time with bubbles in the morning. Water play was a hit, spending time on a slip and side and getting sprayed water sprayers. Indiana and River put on a show with puppets for us to enjoy. Noah was a master of spraying everyone at water play with the hose. Liam, Curtis and TJ all played with the cars together, sharing and laughing. We look forward to the closing ceremony tomorrow where the kids can show loved ones where the camp magic happens.

**Group 3:** Another fun filled day for the red fun team! We started the day at reverse garbage where Zack and Flynn had a ball creating a fort together. Kenzie and Ava spent the time talking on pretend phones across the field. We also had the giant swing today! This is a right of passage at camp Jabiru, something that is really tricky, and really rewarding for our kiddos. We are so pleased to say that every single one of our team achieved their goals around this activity! Ava, Daniel, and Isabelle all climbed the ladder all harnessed up. Kenzie and Flynn got higher and higher each turn. Zack, Sammie and Tilly were super brave and went half way to the top before pulling their rope to swing! Oliver was such a champion supporting all his friends. Our whole team loved making calm down bottles back at base this afternoon, colour coordinating their paint, glitter and pom poms. We are so excited to share our songs, photos and memories with you all at our 2pm closing ceremony.

**Group 4:** Our last full day was another fun filled one at Camp Jabiru in The Super Amazing Purple group. This morning our story inspired some tactile, sensory fun making wombat stew; Dominic, Numair, Zoe, Charlie, Eshal and Rosie collected the 'ingredients' and Peter, Darcy and Levi took the lead in stirring it all up. At reverse garbage everyone had some fun pretend play together. This afternoon Dominic helped push the cart to the low ropes. Everyone went around at least once, tackling even the hardest parts! Zoe, Peter and Charlie persisted, enjoying the challenge for the whole activity time, doesn't time fly when you are having fun!  
The final activities of the day everyone participated in a game of 'what's the time Mr Wolf?' and made some playdough. Numair and Eshal got really creative mixing the colours and made playdough rainbows. It is so nice to see everyone getting to know each other. We look forward to making the most of our final day tomorrow.

**Group 5:** Day 4, so sad that camp is almost over, but what a blast we have had!! Today our amazing Group 5 participated in a range of fun activities including car racing, tunnels, and alpine rescue obstacle course. Max had an amazing day showing his caring attitude, especially when stopping to get Tyla's water bottle when she had forgotten, ensuring no one was left out! As we approached the tricky alpine rescue, we saw Seth show resilience when he didn't get to go first on the obstacle course. Everyone got together to encourage Seth as he waited very patiently until he could smash through his turn. Group 5 absolutely loved the speedy cars, racing each other and creating imaginative games. Tyla showed particular interest in this activity, joining in games at high levels of speed and energy. Hendrix showed immense leadership and initiative when volunteering to help the group carry heavy objects from home base to activities, without any hesitation. Murphy's happy and bubbly nature helped friendships amongst the group, with members of group 5 requesting to play with him. As group 5 decorated their newest pet puppy, Navairah demonstrated her amazing artist skills, using a range of resources to make her creation as perfect as possible! And finally, as we reached the end of the day, Harper blossomed upon the group, becoming really involved, making new friends, and encouraging the creative game idea of water gun fights. This imaginative game saw group 5 using tub lids and nature objects as shields, whilst the whole group chased each other spraying water from their water guns. The group dynamics of this game were amazing; everyone was involved, giggling, laughing, and helping one another to have fun before going home.

**Group 6:** What an absolutely delightful day we've had on day 4 of Camp Jabiru. Our little team headed straight up to low ropes this morning. Dane, Adam and Anastasia shared ideas about where and how to do the course together. They tried walking (and bouncing) in all sorts of ways and strategised if they needed to go over, under or around the obstacles. Next up was the flying fox. When the music started Dane busted his moves, showing his incredible dance skills. We were so so proud of Archer who challenged himself by going all the way to the top of the tower. Eli came down the line, arms outstretched like a regal bird and big smile. Sam was also brave and was straight away ready for his second turn. After lunch everyone headed to reverse garbage where Adam and Anastasia started having a lovely chat over the pipe telephones. Next the kids set up a taxi service with their box cars. It was a restful afternoon with lycra swings and pillows. Well done group 6! We'll see you tomorrow for our last day together.

**Group 7:** Wow Group 7! Today we went on the high ropes (yes, it was high!) and had lots of fun doing water play. Once again, everyone in amazing Group 7 gave everything a go. High ropes tested their nerves. Everyone in our group went up the ladder, and some friends ventured onto the wobbly bridges. Neve, Noah, and Boston did the whole course! At water play, we saw Angelina, Indiana, and Matthew start a water blaster fight with the group. Everyone went on the water slide especially when Sebastian started water Olympics. And all throughout the day, our super helper Jet was with his Group 7 friends, having a blast! Our final day at Jabiru will be bitter sweet. We hope our group remembers the awesome, fun time they had together, and how much they helped each other grow. Well done Group 7!

**Group 8:** Group 8 was buzzing this morning with excitement over what day 4 and our sleepover would bring. We were so excited to pick our beds and show our parents where we would be sleeping. After got all set up, we headed back to the rec hall for free play. We worked together to use the scooter boards pulling each other around and then we played a game where the children had to capture the adults which was a fantastic demonstration of teamwork and cooperation. Next up we headed to the low ropes. Nicholas was an amazing support person while Ruby was incredible going all around the course. Thomas showed us his skills making it all the way around the course twice, even with an obstacle in hand! Duke and Levi made a great team demonstrating what it means to be part of a team and to support a friend. Later in the day we headed over to the giant swing again. Special mention to Liam, who was so brave going on the swing twice, and Isla, who climbed to the top of the ladder! Lillian, Simone and Ashlee had their usual flair riding the swing with big smiles on their faces.

### **Group 9:**

Day four – the last full day together for the Super Mario Parties. Starting the day strong with the giant swing, Archer, Liam, Bailey, Patrick, Julian and Matthew each took on the challenge. Even Flynn gave climbing up the ladder a go, whilst Isaiah lead the rope pulling team alongside Peter who also joined to support the others. The music was also constant through the day with Archer joining Preston's kazoo band, Flynn's music choices, and Archer's fantastic dance moves. At the oval, Isaiah, Liam and Julian practiced their AFL skills and then Liam and Julian continued soccer practice later at the cabins. All the boys worked together to complete the initiatives course, demonstrating just how strong their communication and teamwork has become over the past few days. We ended the night with the camp fire, saying farewell to the older campers and cheering on our leader Nick in his surprise performance.

### **Group 10:**

The Cheesy Devils started off at the other alpine rescue course. The team worked so well together, and it was great to see Kai and Chase problem solving different solutions and helping their team mates to complete the course. Lots of fun and laughter was had at reverse garbage today! William, Ashton, and Blaine battled it out with pool noodles, and we also had a slip and slide set up, where Archie and Liam H slid across using their superman pose! Low ropes were our last Y activity for the day and Liam C and Jack really supported their partners through the whole course, especially when it started to become scary or frustrating. We wrapped up today with campfire, where we had a special Hamilton song performance from Fin and the Cheesy Devils shared a joke to the whole camp! It's a secret though because it's only one more sleep and we get to share it with you all! See you soon! – Love the Cheesy Devils

### **Group 11:**

A huge congratulations to all members of the silver back gorillas as they tackled the mighty crack stack today! Aayan, Tadhg, Josh and Rory holding today's record of more than 10 milk crates climbed each! James and Tristan put their man made boats to the test and to no surprise they both floated and survived a weight test! Alex, Jack and James continued to bond over shared interests and began to include other members of the group in the conversations! Harvey and Will both smashed alpine rescue today and communicated well as a team promoting a strong team spirit for the rest of the silver back gorillas! A special mention to our camp jabiru graduates! We hope the jabiru spirit stays in your heart as you will forever be in ours. The silver back gorillas have had an awesome week and it will be sad to see their departure! Farewell for day 4 and see you this afternoon! Silver Back Gorillas see you this afternoon!

### **Group 12:**

What an amazing action-packed day! First off, we did caving, where Sienna, Sarah, Aamna and Alexis completed it with no torches and Maddy conquered the cave with a leg brace. Sam shined in the initiative games and managed to score all the pegs and claiming victory. Amelia took on the challenge of going all the way to the top of the flying fox and had some fun hanging around up there. Kiara showed her super strength and is a pro at giving piggyback rides. Zoe found all the of the flat jabbies! The afternoon ended with a colour fashion walk with our chosen songs in a group playlist. The final campfire was complete with a performance of the mighty pink flamingo song with the crowd going wild! We have all loved spending time together the last few days and have so many stories to tell!

### **Group 13**

The purple penguins continued to show how they are stronger as a pack than alone. Today our goal was 'resilience' where we were able to show our strength, connection, and relationship among each other. This morning our day started with Bonnie making the group laugh. During the day spa Hannah and Lauren ensured that they were both feeling relaxed by completing massages, painting nails, and facials for each other. During our free play Nakia got extra messy and playful when creating her own slime. At alpine rescue Lillian took on a leadership role where she rescued the purple penguins to safety. Amelia and Madeleine smashed their goals as they flew their way down the flying fox. Rosie continued to make the group laugh throughout the day. Paige led her group to victory in finding flat Jabby's. Today we congratulated our friends as Hannah, Paige, Lillian, Nakia, and Rosie graduated from Jabiru. We can't believe the fun we have had this week!

### **Jabiru 2.0**

Collectively as a group the highlight of the day was helping the younger campers on different activities demonstrating great leadership qualities. Declan seemed to thrive helping the younger kids with courage to face their fears. This was evident within most of the older boys including Eli, Matt, Scott, and Haedrian. This was great to see as 2.0 was able to express skills that some campers hadn't seen before. Eli and Haedrian had a great time in the caves as this was the activity they were looking forward to the most. Matthew thoroughly enjoyed assisting his previous leader in group 9's afternoon activity. Scott was ecstatic that he got to go on the giant swing one last time. Flynn showed great leadership roles when directing other group members to different locations for the cooler bag drop offs. Katie found enjoyment in rock painting making her own unique designs. Matilda was excited to see her designs on the tie die shirts she created the previous day. Lillian navigated her way through the caves without a torch several times with a smile on her face. This demonstrated resilience and empowered the other girls to participate in this activity. Molly was in hysterics at campfire when Rowan put on a performance during the camp song. All of our 2.0 graduates are very proud of their achievements over the past few years and reflected on this at campfire.