



# THE JABIRU DAILY NEWS

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## **Group 2:**

Today we marked the halfway point of Camp Jabiru 2025! The light green team took on caving this morning where Layla and Saoirse faced their fears and finished both caves three times. Hugh also loved spending time in the caves, giggling his way through and shining his torch around the cave to explore the area. In the afternoon, we moved to the 'loose parts' play where Xavier opened his own ice cream shop, handing out ice creams to all his new peers. Teddy also gathered a bunch of different resources from the loose parts and built his own car.

## **Group 3:**

Today The Electric Robots took adventure to a whole new level. We started at the water slippery slide... this activity did challenge some of us. But at the end, we all concurred it!! Samuel was not very keen on the muddy puddles at the start of the slide. however, after some condensation he gave it his best shot, and he went right into those puddles to climb up the slide! Leon, Reggie and Javier were fast, brave and certainly enjoyed racing each other!

Coen, Samuel, Cruz and Matty cooked up some "invisible" marshmallows on the "pretend" fire that we lit up using sticks to warm up after the water activity. Coen insisted his marshmallows were burnt, but they were tasty, nevertheless.

We saw some beautiful friendships blossoming today. Coen and Samuel enjoyed some time together play basketball. Suvah and Bob had the best time drawing pictures together and making bubble volcanos.

We can't wait to see what adventures tomorrow will bring!!!

## **Group 4:**

Day three started off at home-base warming up for the giant swing. The latte was super exciting, or scary-exciting, for everyone who worked together to pull a rope that lifted their team mate into the air...before they dropped!

Loose parts seem to be a favourite with an array ideas and projects that captivate the creators attention for the full session. We saw giant ball-mazes, a laundry business, parkour and another round present deliveries from Father Christmas to name but a few.

The group got crafty today with Harrison, Christopher, River and Ava getting engrossed in scratch art whilst Indiana did some bush-craft art and James finished his Lego bike! Meanwhile Tom and Aadvik joined forces with their building ventures, and we have functioning pond (no cheetahs...yet).

### **Group 5:**

Kicking off the day, Group 5 headed over to inflatables where we saw Declan become the fastest animal to race through the course! Then Darragh and Amelia rose to the challenge set forth by the adults by making it through the slooooooowest whilst channelling the spirit of snails. Not to be outdone, Jacob decided to show the group what a worm would look like making its way over and under all the obstacles. The water slides were the place to be today with most of our campers reflecting at circle time that it was their favourite activity so far. Phew! lucky we have some new activities hidden up our sleeve for tomorrow!

Marco Polo was the theme of the afternoon, with Bodhi, Izzabella, Patrick, Amelia, and Jacob all working together to be found (or not to be found!). Which set us up for a relaxing afternoon crafting, where Bodhi showed off his Pokémon skills and the group worked on their favourite Pokémon drawings together. Whilst crafting inspiration struck and Dustin created a magnificent Camp Jabiru picture and then asked the whole group for their signatures, so he could remember the team forever!

### **Group 6:**

**Day 3 at camp was nothing short of spectacular! The morning kicked off with body-based preparatory activities to tackle the Low Ropes Course, where our campers demonstrated incredible trust and teamwork, and our very own Charlie became a trusted advisor on navigating the ropes. We also enjoyed rock wall climbing, damper making, and inflatable fun! One of the day's standout moments was Noah connecting with his peers on the inflatables, even creatively declaring that rolling down the slide felt like being in a washing machine – pure camp magic! The heart-warming group win came when every team member showed remarkable patience and encouragement, supporting each other through moments of fear and hesitation, proving that when we lift each other up, anything is possible. It was a loaded day, so we ensured to complete regular check ins to scan for body cues and address these if needed – perhaps through sucking on ice, therapeutic listening, or some deep pressure. We are so proud of the growth, joy, and sense of community that blossomed today – what a day of triumphs, both big and small!**

### **Group 7:**

Today was full of creativity, movement and big imagination! Rayhan explored the bamboo forest with sturdy feet and sang his own songs- including some fruity favourites to stay calm and connected. At loose parts, Brodie helped organise the pool noodles while William built a car and swung with joy. Adam, Matthew and Harry tackled obstacle courses and built castles, forts and pathways with clever teamwork. Harry and Adam also came up with some pretty cool tie dye designs especially for a friend who couldn't make it. Josie and Zackson led the way in paper plane creations, crafting pigs and warthog airlines (who knew that pigs could fly), Matthew also made some incredible aircraft while spotting the real thing in the sky, and dreaming of becoming a pilot. The flying fox was a hit, with Josie soaring high and Harry climbing with confidence. Another day of fun friendship and fearless creativity.

### **Group 8:**

Today the Dark Blue Shark-Snakes started off our fun-filled day with loose parts play! Now experts at this, the group showed great creativity and made a variety of boats, games and bubble fun! Charlie, Naomi and Zara smashed the rock climbing and scaled up the wall with ease. Charlie beat his personal challenge of making it up two levels of the wall! The whole group came together and we saw great teamwork in completing all of the caving levels. Darcy, Daniel and Numair were a dynamic trio, carefully navigating the caves together. Ayden, Kenzie, Levi and Logan speed through all three caves and worked up a sweat! The Dark Blue Shark-Snakes are getting well prepared for their first night at camp tomorrow and have almost perfected their campfire song!

### **Group 9:**

Day 3 for our mighty Maroon Master Forces was another fantastic day. We started the morning with water play, splashing in the pool and racing down the water slide. Ethan and Boston kicked it off, speedily racing down the slide at top speeds. After lunch we had a busy afternoon, starting with a return to loose parts play. Peter and Seth showed great creativity setting up a challenging obstacle course, tackling it with great enthusiasm. Followed we were at inflatables where Caleb, Max, and Niklaus navigating this challenge together as a united team. After, we all tackled the low ropes, helping our friends with spotting and balancing along the course. Oliver enjoyed balancing along the course and helping to encourage his new friends. At campfire today, we had Harper bravely jumped in with a fantastic joke.

### **Group 10:**

Day 3 at Camp Jabiru was nothing short of epic! With a jam-packed schedule full of adventure, laughter, and teamwork, our Group 10 campers rose to every challenge—and had a blast doing it.

The day kicked off with rock climbing, where each of the boys gave it a red-hot go. It was fantastic to see them harness their confidence (and a whole lot of courage) as they took on the wall. From there, it was straight into a whirlwind of fun—Gaga Ball, inflatables, and a bushwalk through the magical bamboo forest.

The inflatables brought out everyone's playful side, with campers racing their new friends—and even the adults! There were moments of joy, friendly competition, and plenty of back-and-forth interactions that showed just how much confidence and connection has been building within the group.

Alpine Rescue was a real standout. The boys came together to problem-solve, communicate, and support each other through this tricky team challenge. We were blown away by their strength, resilience, and leadership skills—it was teamwork at its absolute best.

A very special moment today was welcoming Thomas back to camp. The smiles and cheers from the group said it all—they were thrilled to have their friend return and quickly included him in all the fun.

As we wrap up today, we're feeling so proud of the friendships being formed, the personal growth we're seeing, and the sheer joy that's filling every part of camp life. Tomorrow promises to be another amazing day, with water play and shelter building on the horizon—think Survivor meets splash zone!

Stay tuned for more adventures!

### **Group 11:**

The group has really shifted today and is demonstrating stronger bonds. Many who were tending to be toward the outskirts have formed more connections with more peers. We had nice cool morning weather for the high ropes course. After morning tea, we went out into the bush for damper making around a fire. The campers were all able to mix the dough with their hands, which was a sensory win. Liam, Finn, Daniel, Brody, and Lucas were at the top of our reaction time targeting game. The day ended with a special guided night walk into the bush. We hiked through the bamboo forest on a tricky path and ended under the moonlight in front of water. Everyone found some peace and restoration sitting in the quiet listening to the nighttime nature sounds. Team Quicksilver will sleep well tonight!

### **Group 12:**

The Pink Axolotls started the day with the giant swing where everyone showed their bravery by completing the challenge, and their friendship by cheering each other on. Our group spent a lot of time out of the cabin today, enjoying each other while colouring, playing cards, ball games, and exploring the mystery box. The girls wanted to find all of the “Flat Jabby” pictures hidden around camp and were successful in their search! We all tried a new activity...making clay faces to decorate the trees. We ended the day with loose parts play and showers before dinner. Campfire songs are always a favourite way to end the day!

### **Group 13**

This morning, we started off soaring through the sky on the flying fox! To power up our bodies we all utilised bubble wands. Simone and Georgia were mesmerised by blowing the biggest bubbles possible along the way! When arriving at the Flying Fox, most of the team were eager to get their harness and helmets on. Ruby started off this adventure this morning with the rest of the team working together to pull Ruby up the flying fox. The lavender wolves were the best cheer squad empowering each member of the group with giving the flying fox a go. Zoe enjoyed her role as the anchor, pulling and support each member as they ascended up into the sky. During our craft session the girls enjoyed spending time making bracelets and gifting them to each other as well as engaging in colouring in and painting. It was lovely to see all the connections and playful interactions grow further today, with lots of shared interests coming to light within the group.

So many of the lavender wolves faced more of their fears this afternoon at rock climbing. Zoe and Angelina reached to new heights today, both conquering this fear and enjoying the experience! Despite initial hesitation to give the activity a go, Piper and Georgia also displayed determination and a positive attitude to give it a go. Kloe was a supportive team member belaying team members up the rock-climbing wall. Gracie and Lillian showed resilience when they were unable to have a second go on the rock-climbing wall despite their enjoyment! Sarah, Simone and Ruby engaged in a reciprocal ball game, focusing on body awareness and connection. It was lovely to see this social connection grow through a simple ball game. The night finished with another song filled campfire! Kloe and Sarah told a wonderful joke that filled the space with positive vibes! Once again, we finished our night reflecting on our day and expressing our highs of the day and what we were appreciative for. We decided our word for the day was RESILIENCE for our lavender wolves!

### **Jabiru 2.0**

Day 3 under our belts! What a day! We started with a nature walk to the bamboo forest – a truly grounding experience. Blaine had a curious nature and deeply explored the space around him. We got our work done and set off to the cabin for some social group time. The group took up the game mafia and things got intense! This afternoon we headed over to the inflatable slip and slide. Jack, Archie and Rowan showed their competitive side and challenged each other to race after race. Chase and Matthew were coming up with all the unconventional ways to get down the slip and slide. You name it, they tried it! The girls, Maddy, Emma and Amelia, became honorary members of the Jabiru 2.0 spa. All of them getting papered while learning some useful hair care tips. Patrick had a real sense of humour today – lighting up the group during dinner and into campfire. Our group had playful edge in campfire songs tonight, setting a brilliant example for the younger campers. Day 3 was nothing short of exciting! We have one full day left and we are ready to see what it has in store.