

#### Vacation Care Bookings Open

Our December 2023-January 2024 Vacation Care Program has been released and bookings are now open. Bookings can be made through your Xplor Home app.

To view all the incredible activities and experiences we have planned, just click on the link below.

https://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/vacation-care



#### Dates for your Diary

- 2 Dec: World Computer Literacy Day
- **4 Dec:** World Wildlife Conservation Day
- 8 Dec: Last day of school

#### Our Most Recent Gallery









### **Vacation Care theme - Faeries**

As we gear up for our December-January Vacation Care Program, we're delighted to introduce one of our themes from Week 3: 'Faeries!' You might wonder about our choice of the somewhat archaic spelling over the more common 'fairies'. This isn't just for charm; it's a deliberate step to embrace the term's rich etymology and to create a day that's inclusive of all children, regardless of gender.

The spelling 'faeries', originating from Middle English and Old French, predates gendered connotations and reflects an entire spectrum of mythical beings – from the regal elves to the playful sprites, each with their own tales and traditions.

Faeries, pronounced [fair-eez], will serve as a gateway to a world where enchantment knows no gender, inviting children of all genders to don their wings, wield their wands, or create mischief as they wish. We're excited for a day where the magic of folklore helps break down barriers and lets imagination soar! See you in the faerie ring!



We have some important information to share with you regarding our upcoming Christmas/New Year closure and reopening dates.

Wilston Kids Care will be closed from Monday 18, December 2023, and will reopen for more Vacation Care activities on Tuesday 2, January 2024. Please note that Monday, January 1, 2024, is a Public Holiday.

Considering the unique way the dates fall this year, we have chosen to close our doors on Friday 15, December 2023. This decision enables us to be fully prepared and opened to welcome back all our families on Tuesday 2 January 2024, as many families return to work after New Years Day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with our team.



#### **Remembrance Day**

What an incredibly vibrant few weeks we have been filled with exciting activities at Wilston Kids Care.

In commemoration of Remembrance Day on November 11th, our Educational Program curated a delightful array of craft based activities for the children. They immersed themselves in the creative process, designing poppy rocks painted with posca paint pens, crafting delicate poppy paper creations, and even delving into the intricacies of poppy origami.

Meanwhile, over in our Sustainability Club, the children accomplished the finishing touches on a fantastic new garden sign that will soon grace our community garden. A testament to their collaborative spirit, the children pooled their ideas to craft a colourful and captivating sign, ready to replace the current sign that has long marked our community garden.

In the artistic realm, the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in a water colour paint activity over in under A block, adding an extra touch of creativity and joy to our already bustling week.





### Did you Know?

The garden at Wilston Kids Care is a thoughtfully crafted therapeutic space dedicated to co-regulation. Here, nature and mindfulness practices intertwine, nurturing the emotional well-being of every child.

Within this sensory-rich environment, children embark on a calming exploration of textures, smells, and sounds. This transforms gardening into a joyful physical and mental activity, contributing to an improved mood and overall well-being.

Mindfulness naturally blossoms as children immerse themselves in the present moment, experiencing a sense of calm and relaxation.

At WKC, we've tapped into natures innate ability to reduce stress and anxiety by introducing a new sign to our garden, which guides children with five easy prompts:

- 1. Focus on one thing you can taste.
- 2. Think about two things you can smell.
- 3. Find three things you can hear.
- 4. Discover four things to touch and think about how they feel.
- 5.Name five things you can see.

Join us in this journey where the garden is a place where growth and well-being flourish hand in hand!

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#### O O DID YOU KNOW? Q

Wilston Kids Care is dedicated to helping you unlock the magic of learning through play at home!



### **National Recycling Week**

November 13-19 kicks off National Recycling Week, and we're thrilled to share how Wilston Kids Care is contributing to a healthier planet.

As part of the Containers for Change initiative, we've been diligently collecting eligible cans in our distinctive green containers for change bins. All funds that are raised are directed towards our community garden or acquiring new equipment for the children.

Additionally, we're active participants in the Nespresso coffee pod recycling program. After enjoying our coffee, the used pods undergo a transformation. They're sent to an industrial composting facility where they become nutrient rich compost, contributing to environmental sustainability. The aluminium from the pods is recycled and repurposed into brand-new aluminium products.

These initiatives are part of our commitment to instilling a sense of responsibility for our planet in the children.





#### Enrolments

Our New or Continued Enrolment Process for 2024 has now commenced! Each year, Wilston Kids Care rolls over all existing bookings at the end of the year to continue into the next school year.

We wanted to provide you with an update regarding enrolments for our Before and After School Care Program at Wilston Kids Care. We are pleased to inform you that we do have positions available and are actively accepting new enrolments now!

Our Exceeding rated OSHC service offers high-quality care, providing a range of activities that promote learning, social interaction, and physical activity. We are committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment for your children, especially during those crucial hours before and after school.

Our Before and After School Care program is available every day, and we offer a range of flexible booking options to suit your family's needs. Whether you require care for one day a week or every day, we can provide the support and care your children need to thrive. We also offer a range of excursions and special events throughout the year, providing your children with unique and exciting experiences.

Enrolling your child in our Before and After School Care program is easy. Simply visit our <u>website</u> or contact us directly to secure your child's spot. We look forward to welcoming your child into our care and providing them with a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment.

If you have any questions or would like to enrol your child, please do not hesitate to contact our Administration Team on: (07) 3352 6753 or our business mobile on: 0401 059 192.

