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RED NOSE DAY

Last Friday at Before School Care, the children embraced their inner artists and took on the challenge of creating their very own origami clown noses, all for an incredible cause.

Red Nose Day isn't just about laughter and fun, it's a powerful movement that has made a tangible impact. Over the past 30 years, the funds raised on Red Nose Day have led to a remarkable 80% reduction in sudden infant deaths. By wearing our red noses and coming together, we're not only having a blast, but we're also contributing to this vital cause. Let's keep spreading the love and making a positive impact, one red nose at a time



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Dates for your Diary

- **18 Aug:** National Day of Action Against Bullying
- **24 Aug:** Book week dress up day

Our Most Recent Gallery





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WKC Cookbook

We are currently working on an exciting fundraising project of creating our first Wilston Kids Care cookbook and hope to have this ready for purchase towards the end of the school year, ready for Christmas.

Included will be some of Lyndall's most popular vacation care lunches and term-time afternoon teas, as voted by the children. If you have heard your child rave about a lunch or afternoon tea they have had here at Wilston Kids Care, we would love to hear about it so we can ensure that recipe is included in our cookbook.

We would also like to include a 'Family Favourites' section full of favourite recipes that your children love to eat or make with you. If you, or a family member, have a much-loved recipe (that you are happy to share) we would love to hear from you. You can send this in any format e.g., a photo of a recipe attached to an email or a list of ingredients and method in an email to wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au.



World Lizard Day

Of all the animals, reptiles are the ones that need some extra love and attention after all the years they've been misunderstood. Lizards make excellent pets for various reasons: they require no training, are low-maintenance, and remain quiet. At Wilston Kids Care, our beloved Betty Charles is adored by the children who eagerly greet her every morning and afternoon. During cooler weather, she can be found snoozing in her cozy cave or basking on her heated rock beneath the comforting heat lamp.





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Pupil Free Day - FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

On Friday 1 September 2023 it is a Pupil Free Day at Wilston State School. As Wilston State School will be closed, WKC will be open and operational to deliver a Pupil Free Day Program, from 6.30am to 6.00pm.

Our Pupil Free Day Program has now been released so get in fast to book your child's place now on the Xplor app. Please note our 7-day notice period for cancellation will be in place and charges will apply.

There are no permission forms to be completed for this day. It will be first in first served, so get in fast to secure your booking as we want to help as many of our WKC community as we can. If you have any questions about this day, please don't hesitate to contact our Administration Team Kaylee and Ella (ET) if you need any assistance. Call us on 3352 6753 or 0401 059 192.

September School Holiday Vacation Care Program:

We are currently working behind the scenes on our September Vacation Care Program and will release this early September 2023. Stay tuned for more information and the release date!



Friday 1 September, 2023
PUPIL FREE DAY
\$75.00
Spring Has Sprung

Prep - Grade 2

Flower Crowns
Mix paper, faux flowers and natural materials to create beautiful flower crowns for your spring outfits.

Slacklines are BACK!
Our ever-popular bouncy balance toys are back on Junior Playground! Balance, bounce, and wobble along.

Prep - Grade 2

All Grades
INCURSION
Rock Climbing and Bungee Trampolines!
Get up, climb up, jump up! Base Zero is bringing us their combination rock wall and bungee trampoline set up!

Grade 3 - 6

Arms Tournament!
Speaking of spring... Use your arms to control bouncy, spring-powered characters in this action-packed digital battle!

Grade 3 - 6

Super Slinkies!
Test your motor skills with this classic toy! We've got lots of slinkies and heaps of tricks to learn. Who can slink the slinky the best?





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Surprise Friday



Last Friday afternoon marked the exciting debut of Surprise Friday!

To kick off this fantastic journey, we welcomed Laser Tag in a Box to our service. Side Playground underwent a thrilling transformation into a laser skirmish arena, and the adventure began with the first group taking the field. With enthusiasm, the children headed to their designated team zones, ready to collaborate and conquer. Children crawled on all fours, ducked, and weaved in and around the trees, pouring their energy into securing victory for their respective teams.

Resilience was on full display as each child contributed to the match, showcasing teamwork that flourished throughout. Working together, they devised strategies to outsmart the opposing team. The result? A memorable afternoon filled with camaraderie and shared accomplishments!





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The Great Book Swap – WKC

We are thrilled to announce that yet again, Wilston Kids Care will be participating in the fantastic Great Book Swap event, organised by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

What is the Great Book Swap?

The Great Book Swap is a wonderful initiative that aims to promote literacy and provide books to children in remote Indigenous communities. By participating in this event, we can help make a difference and contribute to improving educational opportunities for Indigenous children across Australia.

How can you get involved?

Wilston Kids Care has put an invitation out to the incredible families and the wider Wilston community to join us. We will be collecting all eligible donations at the Wilston Kids Care office of unwanted children's and/or educational books that could be donated for this wonderful initiative.

On the 6th through to the 8th of September, these donated books will then be displayed for children to purchase for a gold coin donation. All funds received will be going to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to assist in buying reading materials for children in remote areas.

Show your support by donating to our Great Book Swap page and sharing it with your friends, family, and the Wilston community!

Below is the link to our Wilston Kids Care Great Book Swap.

Any donations are always appreciated.



GREAT BOOK SWAP





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Archery Adventure

Archery Adventure: Embracing the Rain with Bulls-Eye Precision!

Despite the drizzly and overcast weather, we transformed our day into an exhilarating Archery Adventure! The rain couldn't dampen our spirits, as we gathered our enthusiastic senior children in the cozy undercroft area for a thrilling archery session.

While the wet grass might have kept us from venturing too far, it didn't deter our young marksmen from hitting their targets with impressive accuracy. Their determination and focus shone through, making the day even more special.

As the skies began to clear and the rain subsided, our archery adventure came to a close. But not without a well-deserved round of applause for our skilled archers! These talented young marksmen showcased that even on a drizzly day, there's always room for fun, laughter, and the joy of learning new skills. At Wilston Kids Care, we believe in embracing every opportunity for exploration and growth. Our archery activity not only provided a chance to develop precision and hand-eye coordination but also taught valuable lessons about perseverance and adaptability.

A huge thank you to all the children who participated and made this day unforgettable! We are incredibly proud of your achievements and the determined spirit you demonstrated.





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Sustainability Wrap Up!

What an exciting week it has been at Wilston Kids Care!

Our educators and children have recently partnered up to bring new life into our Sustainability Club as we move closer to Spring! We are beyond thrilled to embrace this by sharing our passion and progress with our WKC families.

This week in Sustainability Club, we were productive in preparation for our upcoming Working Bee where we will be refreshing our WKC Community Garden for a new season. The children were very busy harvesting our spring onion and gathering it to gift to our families. After hand-picking our collection, we regrouped and collaboratively formulated our vision for how we would like to present our fresh produce. The children elevated the parcels by creating their own designs and labels to pay forward the love from our service, into your homes!

At WKC, we are committed to a sustainable way of living by reviewing our lifestyle and making green choices. We believe it is important to give as much as we take from the land, and truly value that our children and families have the opportunity to be involved in this plan.



Emergency Procedures



Recently, our Service successfully conducted its mandatory quarterly emergency lockdown and fire drill, leaving our Educators thoroughly impressed by the children's calmness and responsibility during the practice exercises. As per the National Law and Regulations, National Quality Framework, and Fire Safety Act, we thoroughly conduct these rehearsals of emergency and evacuation procedures every three months to ensure preparedness for any potential real-life emergency situations. By having a well-defined plan in place for managing such scenarios, both our staff and children can confidently and safely navigate through these crucial steps.

By regularly organising and enacting emergency management procedures, we aim to ensure that our Service complies with the National Quality Standard 2.3 - Each child is protected and Element - 2.3.3 - Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practiced and implemented. The wellbeing and the safety of our children (and our Educators) is always our highest priority at Wilston Kids Care



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Enrolments

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 do have positions available and are actively accepting new enrolments. Our program continues to offer 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, as well as inclusive clubs (free of charge) providing your children with unique and exciting experiences.

Enroling your child in our Before and After School Care program is easy. Simply visit our [website](#) 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 us.

