

BEYOND THE BELL

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WILSTON KIDS CARE



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8th March

International Women's Day

9th-13th March

Year 6 Camp

16th March

April VAC Program Released

21st March

Harmony Day

Wilston Kids Care is located in Meajin and acknowledges the Turrbal and Jagera peoples as the traditional custodians of



this land.



WEEK 5 & 6 HIGHLIGHTS



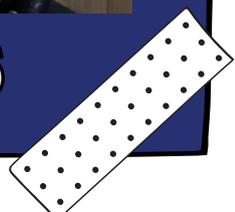
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UPDATES

Clean Up Australia Day

At Wilston Kids Care, we were proud to take part in Clean Up Australia Day — a national initiative that brings communities together to remove litter and care for our environment.

Although the official day is held on the first Sunday in March, schools and services participate in the days prior and our WKC children were excited to get involved! With gloves on and bags in hand, our mini eco warriors worked together to clean up litter around the school grounds. It was wonderful to see their teamwork, enthusiasm and pride as they made a real difference to the spaces we use every day.

At WKC, caring for the environment is something we value all year round. By keeping our playground clean and tidy, we help create a safe and healthy space for everyone to enjoy. The children discussed why litter is harmful, how we can reduce waste, and the importance of looking after our community.

We are so proud of our children for showing responsibility and respect for their environment. Together, we are helping to keep WKC a clean, safe and welcoming place to play and learn.

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Week 5 & 6 Highlights

As we step into weeks 5 and 6 of the new year, the vibrant energy is palpable, with every member now fully immersed in the positive groove of 2026. Our clubs are buzzing with enthusiasm and innovative ideas. Preparations for upcoming events, including Harmony Week and International Women's Day, are underway, promising engaging and thoughtful celebrations that highlight our commitment to diversity and gender equality.

A noteworthy update is the completion of our wellbeing space on the stage, which has quickly become a popular haven for children of all ages. This versatile area is fostering a sense of tranquility and community, supporting our young ones' mental and emotional health.

Amidst these developments, some activities have captured the hearts of our participants, topping the list of favorites. The ingenious use of the chompsaw to create imaginative cardboard crafts has unleashed a wave of creativity, while the cricket matches on the oval offer a perfect blend of teamwork and outdoor fun. Morning story time sessions have become a cherished start to the day, weaving tales of wonder and knowledge for eager young minds. Lastly, the cup stacking competitions have turned into a thrilling challenge, emphasizing the importance of focus and dexterity.

Together, these highlights not only encapsulate the dynamic and inclusive atmosphere at our center but also underscore our vibrant community spirit as we advance through the year with joy, learning, and connection.

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Senior Student Update

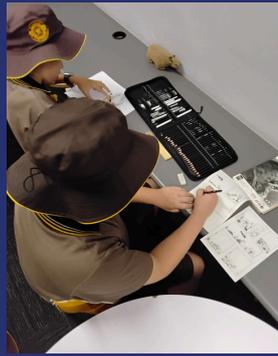
We are the Year 5s and 6s and we have been loving our new seniors space! It is just for us, which makes it feel really special. We like that we can have time without any younger students or our little brothers and sisters. It feels more grown up and gives us a place where we can relax and be ourselves.

Our favourite things to do in the seniors room are playing the Game Boy and board games like Camelion. We also really enjoy the 10 Minute Craft Challenge because it is fun to see what everyone can create in such a short time. Sometimes we just like sitting in the air-conditioned room and chatting with our friends. It is nice to have a cool, comfy space that is only for seniors.

We have also been excited to help the new Prep students. We like being role models and assisting them when they need help. We hope we can do even more buddy activities at Kids Care because it makes us feel responsible. **Ella - Yr 5 , Ashy, Lily - Yr 6**

Kids Care is always exciting, especially now that I'm the oldest. After a long day at school it is nice to have a place where I can just hang out with my friends and chat with them about the E-Sports tournament or do some craft in the seniors room. A huge shoutout to our educators as well, whether it is Claire telling us to pack up our mess after we spent the afternoon playing together or Eti serving food at eating, WKC is fun encouraging and give out positive vibes to everyone. **Mark - Yr 6**

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End of Term Celebration

The Student Advisory Committee is delighted to announce our upcoming End of Term Celebration Event at WKC. This term, we're bringing the cinema experience to Wilston!

On Tuesday of Week 10, our service will be transformed into a cosy movie theatre for the afternoon. Children will enjoy a large indoor cinema screen, comfortable cushions, and a fun movie atmosphere – all within the familiar surroundings of WKC.

The movie title will be confirmed closer to the date and will align with age-appropriate guidelines.

Year 6 Camp

Grade 6 Camp is coming up soon! We're very excited for this special experience and know our students are looking forward to it.

A reminder to all Grade 6 parents and caregivers: please ensure you mark your child as absent for each day they will be attending camp. If absences are not recorded, our system will generate automated phone calls each day to confirm your child's absence.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our attendance records accurate and avoid unnecessary calls. We appreciate your cooperation!

April Vacation Care

We're excited to announce that our April Vacation Care program is just around the corner and it's going to be packed with fun, creativity and adventure!

Our full program will be released on March 16th, 2026, and bookings will open on the same day. Be sure to jump in early, as spots fill quickly!

We're thrilled to share that pool days are back for our Prep to Year 6 students, a favourite activity that we know everyone has been waiting for. Our senior students can also look forward to a special excursion planned just for them!

From magic shows to baking, tie-dye to climbing, there truly will be something for everyone at this April Vacation Care. We're busy finalising all the exciting details and can't wait to share more about our full program and menu soon.

NOTICES

Health and Wellness

As we embrace the hustle and bustle of school life, the health and well-being of our students and staff remain a top priority. With the flu season upon us, it's important to remember that illnesses can spread swiftly within our school community. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring a healthy environment for all.

Please be vigilant in observing your child for any signs of flu or other infectious diseases. If your child is unwell, we urge you to keep them at home to rest and recover. This not only assists in their swift recovery but also plays a critical role in safeguarding the health of their peers and our Educators.

In our efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment, we direct you to the Queensland Government's "Time Out - Keeping Kids Healthy" poster, an excellent resource with guidelines on illness-related exclusion periods and effective health safety practices. You can access it here: [Time Out Poster](#).

Another matter of community health involves head lice, a common but easily manageable concern. Although we encourage students to wear their own hats to minimize contact, head lice can still find ways to spread, particularly when hats are lost or exchanged. Regular checks of your child's hair and adherence to recommended treatment procedures can greatly help in controlling the spread.

By uniting in our health and hygiene practices, we can ensure that our school remains a thriving place of learning and growth. Thank you for your cooperation and contribution to keeping our school community healthy.

Time Out
Keeping your child and other kids healthy!

The best way to prevent the spread of germs is to get your kids to wash their hands often, even when they feel well.

Keep your child at home if they have any of the following:

- fever (temp over 37.5°C)
- stomach ache with vomiting
- stomach ache with diarrhoea (3 or more times in 24 hours)
- cough with fever
- body sores or rash with fever
- sore eyes with pus or thick mucus
- sore throat with fever
- no appetite, are tired, pale, cranky, or not feeling well.

Viral illnesses are often contagious **BEFORE** your child shows any symptoms of being sick.

Working with your early childhood education centre or school
Your child care centre, kindergarten, preschool or school is required by law (*Public Health Act 2005*) to exclude children with certain infectious diseases until the child is well and/or has been cleared by a doctor to return to care/school.

Exclusion protects children from getting diseases from a sick child.

Exclusion rules will help your own child to stay healthy.

Keep surfaces and toys clean.

Gastroenteritis occurs often in young children. It is highly infectious and can be passed from person to person very easily.

What to do if your child has gastro:

- Look after your child at home.
- Keep your child away from other children until the diarrhoea has stopped.
- Your baby or child is infectious so wash your hands well with soap and warm water, particularly before feeding and after nappy changes.

Your child cannot return to care for at least 24 hours or longer for some gastro illnesses.

Take your child to the doctor if you are worried.

Reference: Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne - Kids Health Info Gastroenteritis | www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Gastroenteritis_gastro

FEEDBACK

We value your input and strive to continuously improve the quality of our OSHC service here at Wilston Kids Care. To ensure we meet your expectations and provide the best possible care, we encourage you to share your feedback with us.

Please take a moment to complete the feedback forms available for the quality improvement plan (QIP) feedback, policies and procedure feedback, and general service feedback.

Your responses will help us identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement, ensuring we create a positive and supportive environment for both children and families.

Thank you for being a valued part of our community! Please click the link for each feedback form!

[QIP Feedback Form](#)

[General Feedback](#)

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