

BEYOND THE BELL

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1st March

Clean Up Australia Day

8th March

International Women's Day

9th-13th March

Year 6 Camp

16th March

April VAC Program Released

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



this land.



WEEK 3 & 4 HIGHLIGHTS



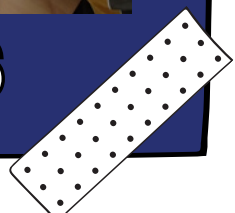
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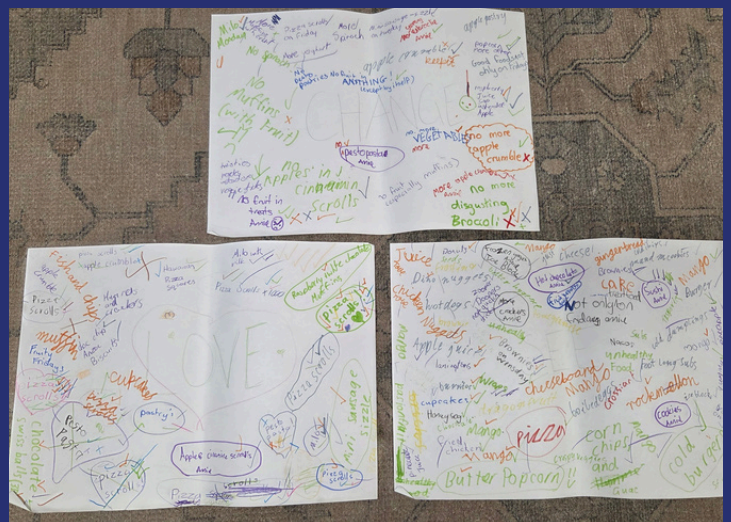
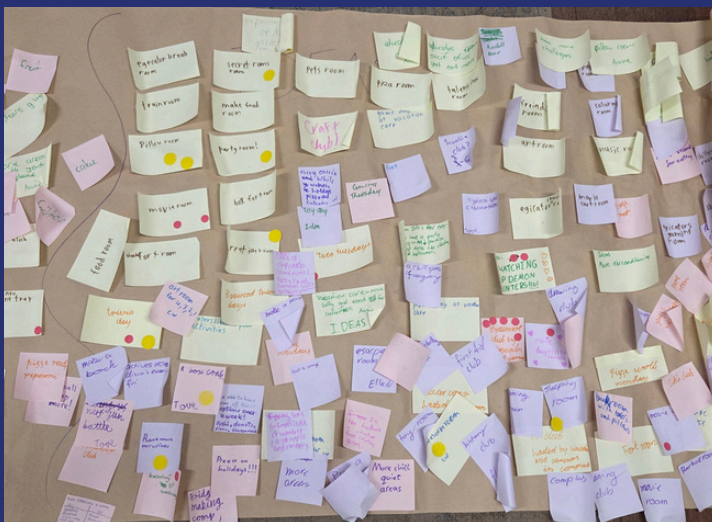


UPDATES

Student Advisory Committee

Our Student Advisory Committee is dedicated to capturing and elevating student voice across our WKC community, guided by Queensland's Child Safety Standard focusing on accessible feedback mechanisms, inclusive decision-making, clear reporting pathways (including a transparent child led grievance procedure), and meaningful family and community involvement. With a fresh year and a fresh start, our educators Claire and Lexi are committed to ensuring that every student's voice is heard, valued, and welcomed. Throughout the year, the committee will explore new initiatives for our WKC community while also reviewing important aspects of our program, including our menu, clubs, and specific resources, to ensure they reflect students' needs and ideas. We are eager to involve as many students as possible, knowing that we can only grow and improve with their input and leadership. By working closely with educators, the Student Advisory Committee will also help identify ways to strengthen engagement, support emotional regulation, and promote a culture of inclusion where every student feels a sense of belonging.

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Week 3 & 4 Highlights

Weeks 3 and 4 have been absolutely jam-packed with excitement, growth, and community spirit at WKC! We successfully completed our very first lockdown and fire drill of the year, and our students did an incredible job showing responsibility and maturity, we're so proud of how calmly and confidently everyone responded. Our Prep students have also beautifully settled into life at WKC, forming friendships, learning routines, and embracing all the fun and learning each day brings.

We were thrilled to officially launch our Student Advisory Committee, giving students a powerful voice in shaping our community. Thanks to their fantastic ideas and enthusiasm, we've already seen the beginning of new and exciting clubs forming, and this is just the start!

A huge highlight of the fortnight was a special visit from the Brisbane Lions mascot, who brought along their premiership-winning trophy! Students were buzzing with excitement as they had the opportunity to see the trophy up close and snap photos to remember the day.

To top it all off, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with a range of meaningful and uplifting activities, including creating kindness cards, participating in our "Power Walk and Talk," and sharing brave moments on our Bravery Boards. It's been wonderful to see our students supporting one another, building confidence, and strengthening connections across WKC.

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Term 1 Clubs

At WKC, we are thrilled to offer a variety of exciting clubs designed to inspire, entertain, and bring students together. For our Lego enthusiasts, we have Lego Club Junior on Tuesdays and Lego Club Senior on Mondays, where weekly Lego competitions challenge your imagination and building skills. Our Mini Builders is perfect for Junior students who love experimenting with construction toys to create unique masterpieces every Wednesday. On Foodie Fridays, everyone is welcome to join in the fun of cooking delicious food, with recipes tailored to suit all dietary needs. Senior students can dive into the world of gaming with E-Sports Club every Tuesday, competing in popular games like Boomerang Foo and Smash Bros. Plus, we're continually brainstorming new club ideas with our Student Advisory Committee, your suggestions help shape future opportunities for creativity, connection, and fun. WKC Clubs are all about exploring passions, making friends, and having a blast!

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NOTICES

Additional Fees

Additional Administrative Fees Charged	
Late Fee	\$3.00 per minute, per child from 6pm
Failure to Inform of Absence Fee applied after the third failure to notify. This is a serious child safety and protection issue.	\$25.00 per child
Newly introduced fee - Outstanding Account Fee Repeated failure after 2 charging cycles to make a weekly/fortnightly payment.	\$5.00 charge, per cycle, if payment is not made.
All service fees will be charged in accordance with our Fee Management Policy . Payments are processed through our fully automated third-party direct debit system , (Debit Success) and all accounts are required to operate on either a weekly or fortnightly payment cycle and be paid in full each week/fortnight and brought to a zero balance	

Lost Property

We currently have an extremely large amount of lost property accumulated after Vacation Care and the start of the school term. To help us return items efficiently, please ensure that all of your child’s belongings are clearly labeled with their name. Any unclaimed Holiday lost property will be donated at the end of Week 5, so we encourage families to check the lost property collection before this deadline. Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep track of items and reducing waste!

2026 Prep Update

As part of our ongoing commitment to safety, supervision, and smooth daily routines, we would like to update our Prep families on the current drop-off and collection processes at Wilston Kids Care (WKC).

Prep students will no longer be required to wear Prep badges. We feel all our staff in the Prep area are well versed on who ‘s who at Prep!

Before School Care (BSC) – Morning Routine

All children attending BSC are to be signed in at the WKC stage by their parents.

Parents have two options for dropping off Prep children in the morning:

1. Drop-off at G Block (upper level): Parents may escort their child to G Block, where they should present the child to a Prep educator, say a brief goodbye, and then leave promptly. Prolonged goodbyes can increase anxiety for children who are still settling in and may make it more difficult for educators to support all children.
2. Escort by a Prep educator: Alternatively, a Prep educator can be called to meet your child and escort them to their designated area. this will occur in term 1 only.

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2026 Prep Update

We aim to keep our Prep spaces as parent-free as possible to allow children the opportunity to settle independently and safely. If a child becomes upset or distressed during drop-off, lingering goodbyes can make it harder for educators to settle them and supervise the other children effectively.

For any exceptional arrangements, such as presenting your child at the office, these will be prearranged with our Leadership team in advance.

- School bags for BSC should be placed in G-Wing.

After School Care (ASC) – Afternoon Routine

- Prep children will be collected by a WKC educator from their school area.
- Upon arrival at ASC, children will first attend the designated eating area for afternoon tea.
- Educators will then advise children of their activity areas for the afternoon and escort them accordingly.
- School bags for ASC should be placed on the junior playground silver seats directly on your right as you enter junior playground from the toilet block side. Your child will know where that is!

Collection from ASC

- *Collection from WKC Stage:* For Term 1 (only), Prep children will be brought to the WKC stage by an educator for collection as they settle into routines.
- *Parent Access to Activity Areas:* We kindly ask families not to enter activity or learning areas to collect children. Entering these spaces can create confusion about who is being collected and may also impact the safety and supervision of all children.
- *Sign-Out Procedure:* All parents are asked to sign out through the office. Once you arrive, we will call your child to the stage, and you can wait in the designated undercover waiting area, positioned to the side so children at play are not disturbed.
- *Safety and Supervision:* Allowing adults in learning spaces can pose safety risks, as educators may not immediately recognise all visitors. ID checks and sign-outs are handled through the office to ensure children are collected only by approved family or authorized persons. Educators remain in activity areas to supervise and support children, not to verify identities.
- *Supporting Children's Wellbeing:* Limiting adult presence in play areas also helps settle children, reducing anxiety and providing a calm, predictable environment during pickup times.

These processes are designed to strengthen supervision, support our youngest learners as they build independence, and ensure calm, organised and safe transitions throughout the day.

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Kiss, Drop and Go

As we fully embrace the rhythm of the term, we are excited to implement our Kiss, Drop, and Go routine designed to ensure a seamless start to the day for our students, particularly those in Prep and Year 1. When dropping off your child, we kindly ask that parents make their way to the WKC office, where you can share a quick hug or kiss before letting them go on their adventure for the day. We've observed that our students find it easier to settle in and feel secure when goodbyes are prompt, allowing them to engage happily and confidently in their activities. This approach is starting now, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Together, let's make every morning drop-off a smooth and joyful experience for our children. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Activity Collection

To ensure the safety of all students involved in activities, we kindly ask parents to adhere to our activity collection procedure. If your child is listed for an activity but you're collecting them early, it is essential to notify the WKC office as part of our child safety protocols. If a child cannot be located, we may need to escalate the situation, including contacting the police. You may also notify our Activities Educator, identifiable by their orange vest, if your child is not returning to their scheduled activity. Please remind your child that they must sign in when they return from their activities; this simple act greatly assists us in managing our large number of activity participants. Additionally, if your child will not be attending their activity, please inform us ahead of time whenever possible. Your cooperation helps us maintain smooth operations and, most importantly, ensures the safety of all children. Thank you for your understanding and support.

BSC and Breakfast Service

We would like to remind all families that our Before School Care (BSC) session now concludes at 8:45am. It is important for parents to ensure that children arrive before 8:35am, as this is when we begin the sign process at WKC. WE do not release the students until 8.45am. Our dedicated educators will accompany Preps to their drop-off zones (class line up areas on junior playground) and ensure they're safely handed off to their teacher aides.

Please remember, breakfast service ends at 7:45am, with a last call for hot food at 7:35am sharp. We maintain this strict cut-off to manage our kitchen's schedule effectively, as we redeploy the kitchen staff member to assist with supervising in other areas. We kindly ask for your punctuality to accommodate your child's breakfast needs. Additionally, we welcome your input for our breakfast menu! If you have any suggestions or special requests that you'd like to see on the menu, please let us know. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us continue to provide enjoyable and nutritious options for our students.

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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