

BEYOND THE BELL

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WILSTON KIDS CARE



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19th May

Under 8's Week

26th May

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27th May

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27th May

Reconciliation Week

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



PREP - 1



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UPDATES

Week 3 & 4 Highlights

Weeks 3 and 4 have been packed with fun, creativity, and plenty of teamwork, with something for everyone to enjoy. We kicked off with hands-on activities like making our own playdough, where students loved mixing, kneading, and experimenting with colours and textures (and of course taking pride in their finished creations). There was also plenty of excitement in Lego Club, as our junior and senior groups faced off in an intense zip wire challenge. Students planned, built, tested, adjusted, and problem-solved their designs to see whose build could perform the best.

We've also been trying to stay connected to the outdoors where we can, squeezing in nature scavenger hunts between showers and encouraging students to observe and explore the environment around them. Even when the rain has kept us inside (not ideal when everyone was super keen to be outside!), the energy and enthusiasm hasn't dropped. Our cardboard chompsaw has been getting a serious workout, helping students create all sorts of imaginative builds and decorations while developing their design and construction skills. To balance the busy afternoons, we've also enjoyed some quieter wellbeing activities like paint-by-numbers relaxation sessions, giving students a chance to reset and unwind. Alongside that, riddles, word puzzles, and charades have kept minds sharp and laughter flowing, creating a positive atmosphere no matter the weather. Overall, it's been wonderful to see students staying engaged, trying new things, and making the most of every afternoon, even when the skies haven't cooperated!

THE GALLERY



UPDATES

Mothers Day

Our Mother's Day craft session was a wonderful way to celebrate and say thank you to the incredible women in our lives. Our seniors took great care making relaxing bath salt jars, layering them beautifully and adding dried flowers and essential oils to create a thoughtful gift that looks and smells amazing. Our middle-aged group designed beautiful personalised photo frames, putting their own creative touch on each one so they're ready to display a favourite family memory. Our juniors also worked hard on their personalised initial keychains made from clay, shaping, decorating, and finishing each piece with pride. We know how much our mums, grandmas, aunties, and all the other special people do for us every day, and everyone at WKC wants to say a heartfelt thank you for all your love, time, and support. We hope you had an amazing Mother's Day and felt truly appreciated.

THE GALLERY



UPDATES

The Buddy Program

Over the last few Fridays, we've been enjoying our Buddy Afternoons, bringing together our Year 5/6 students and our Preppies to build friendships, confidence, and a strong sense of community. Each week, buddies have shared a range of fun and meaningful activities, including reading together, dress up and imaginative play, creating thoughtful crafts for Day for Dolly, and spending time side-by-side during Foodie Friday. It has been such a joy to watch the relationships grow as the younger students become more comfortable and excited to spend time with their older buddies. We have also been incredibly proud to see our senior students step up as leaders, showing patience, responsibility and kindness as they welcome, include, and encourage the children in every activity. The connection between our students is strengthening each week, and we can't wait to continue Buddy Afternoons throughout the term and keep building these special relationships.

THE GALLERY



NOTICES

Activity Permission Forms

Activity Permission Forms If you child is attending an extra-curricular activity while they are at Wilston Kids Care it is your responsibility to complete a Permission Form, so your child/ren are able to attend this activity.

The Permission Form must be submitted no later than C.O.B. the day prior to the activity starting. If you send it that night or the day of it will not be processed in time and your child/ren will not be able to attend.

[WKC Activity Permission Form](#)

Jumpers and Lost Property

As the weather becomes cooler and windier, we recommend all students bring a jumper to After School Care, especially if they do stay closer to the end of the session. Please ensure all clothing is clearly named. If your child misplaces an item that is not named, it will be sent to D-Block Lost Property (not WKC Lost Property).

While we regularly remind students to pack away and look after their belongings, locating any missing items is ultimately the student's responsibility, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home.

Wear it Yellow

Our Student Advisory Committee has been working together to create and plan our upcoming "Wear it Yellow" fundraiser on Tuesday, 27 May during National Reconciliation Week.

Wear it Yellow is a chance to support Children's Ground, helping provide self-determination, education, health, and employment opportunities for First Nations people.

Why yellow?

Yellow represents the sacred ochre used by First Nations peoples for generations, their deep connection to Country, and the sun as the giver of life. It is also the colour of Children's Ground.

Thank you for supporting this meaningful initiative and helping us make a difference.



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](#)

[Policies and Procedures](#)

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**YUGGERA & TURRUL
COUNTRY**

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EXCEEDING

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD



ENROL AT WKC

Looking for a safe, engaging, and fun space for your child's outside school hours care? Look no further! Wilston Kids Care is now accepting enrolments for 2026, and we can't wait to welcome new faces to our vibrant OSHC community!

Whether you have a little one starting Prep or a student new to any grade at Wilston State School, our dedicated team is here to provide high quality care and enriching activities that your child will love.

Why Choose Wilston Kids Care?

- A fun and supportive environment for children to make friends and learn new skills.
- Diverse activities, from arts and crafts to sports and educational games plus more.
- Convenient care for busy families, before and after school and during vacation care during the school holidays.
- Caring, qualified staff who are passionate about your child's wellbeing.

Simply head to our website to get started or scan the QR code to enrol today! Spots are filling up fast for 2026, so don't miss out on securing your child's place.

