

BEYOND THE BELL

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WILSTON KIDS CARE



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31st August

September/October VAC
Program Released

4th September

Pupil Free Day (Service Open)

6th September

Father's Day

11th September

R U OK 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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Week 5 & 6 Highlights

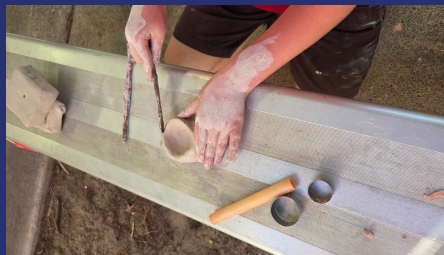
As we hit the mid-term stretch, the children have well and truly shaken off the mid-term blues by spending plenty of time outdoors and we've never seen our outdoor spaces so popular! From the Junior Playground to the Front Playground and all the way out on the oval, the energy has been high and the smiles even higher. Footy games, shark tiggy, soccer matches and speed-and-agility challenges have been running non-stop, with children from all year levels jumping in, joining teams and inventing new twists to their favourite games.

Our clubs are in full swing too, with children continuing to build their skills, creativity and confidence each week. Behind the scenes, our Student Advisory Committee has been working hard on some exciting new projects that we can't wait to share soon.

We've also welcomed some wonderful new staff members to WKC, and the children have absolutely loved showing them around, teaching them our unique games and helping them settle into our vibrant community.

And of course, we can't forget our epic afternoon teas, especially the one treat that only appears once a year... our famous EKKA Strawberry Sundaes. A highlight for kids and educators alike!

THE GALLERY



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Junior Playground Adventures

Our brand-new Junior Playground has quickly become the heart of afternoon fun, imagination and energetic play. From Prep all the way through to Year 6, the children have embraced the new equipment with absolute enthusiasm, turning every corner of the space into a place for adventure, creativity and teamwork. Whether they're climbing, balancing, sliding or inventing new games, the playground has become a vibrant hub where friendships grow and confidence shines.

One of the most popular games so far has been The Floor Is Lava. The children worked together to navigate the equipment using careful jumps, clever balancing and strategic thinking to stay off the "lava" below. It was wonderful to watch them communicate, negotiate rules and support one another as they moved from one safe spot to the next. Through this imaginative play, they strengthened their gross motor skills, coordination, spatial awareness and problem-solving abilities, all while laughing, cheering and celebrating each successful move.

Across all these moments, the new Junior Playground has offered endless opportunities for learning through play. It has become a place where children can challenge themselves physically, express their creativity, collaborate with peers and build confidence in a natural, joyful way. Seeing students from Prep to Year 6 sharing the space, inventing games together and making the most of the new equipment has been a highlight of our week. The playground is already proving to be a much-loved addition to our school community, and we can't wait to see what adventures the children dream up next.



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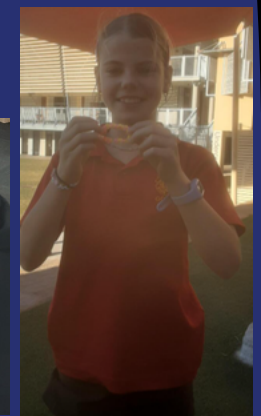


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Loom Band Takeover

Lately our oval terrace has transformed into a colourful hub of creativity as the children launched into what can only be described as a loomband takeover. Sitting together overlooking the oval, they chatted about their school day while weaving friendship bracelets and necklaces with impressive focus. What stood out most was the way they naturally supported one another, sharing colours, fixing mistakes, and proudly demonstrating new techniques. Every child already knew how to make loom bands, which made the experience highly engaging and confidence-building. Before long, a collaborative challenge emerged: creating the longest loom band chain possible, one that stretched all the way across C Block. The laughter, teamwork and gentle conversations that filled the space reminded us how powerful simple activities can be. Through something as small as a loom band, the children strengthened friendships, practised cooperation and enjoyed a calm moment of connection together.

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Artistic Gems

Our children have been shining as true artistic gems this week, filling our spaces with colour, creativity and joyful imagination. From popcorn art to butterflies and playdough monsters, each activity has showcased their growing skills, confidence and expressive ideas.

The week began with Ekka-inspired popcorn art, where Preps and Year 1s crafted their own boxes of “popcorn” using cotton balls and a yellow paint-and-water mixture for butter. Some made theirs plain, others extra buttery, and all explored new techniques while helping one another along the way. This simple craft supported fine motor development, creativity and patience, keeping the children happily engaged all afternoon.

Before school, our craft table came alive with colourful pipe-cleaner butterflies. The children carefully threaded bright beads, twisted wings into shape and proudly shared their finished creations. This activity strengthened hand-eye coordination and concentration while giving each child the chance to design a butterfly that reflected their personality.

Later in the week, the children created imaginative playdough monsters, rolling and shaping the dough into creatures with unique eyes, horns and smiles. They showed wonderful creativity, problem-solving and perseverance as they experimented with different features and proudly revealed their final designs.

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NOTICES

Great Book Swap

Wilston Kids Care is proud to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation's Great Book Swap for the 5th year.

When: After School Care, Wed 2 Sept – Fri 4 Sept

How it works: Bring a gold coin (EFTPOS available), choose a pre-loved book, and join in book-themed activities. Funds raised support literacy programs in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Book donations: We're collecting clean, good-condition children's story/educational books (no unsuitable content). Drop off at the WKC Office. Thanks for your support!

Welcome to the Team!

A big welcome to our newest team members—please feel free to say hello and introduce yourself when you see them around!



Gisele



Abby



Jessy



Maya



Ivy



Kai

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Betty Charles Update

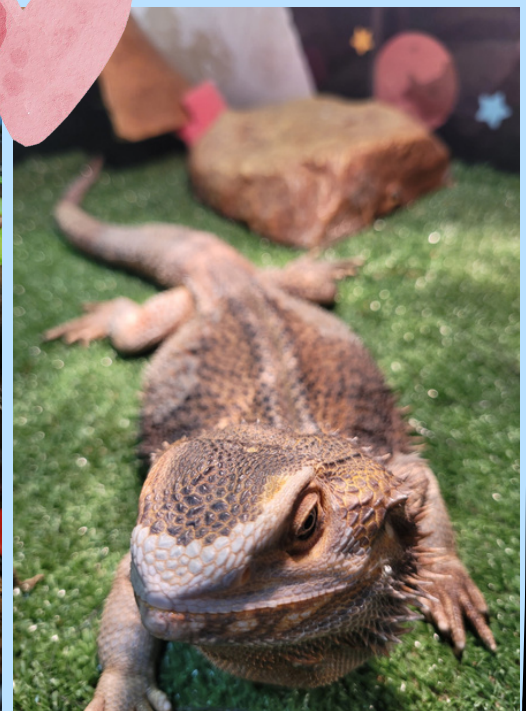
A Goodbye to Our Beautiful Betty Charles ❤️🦎

This week, we said a very sad goodbye to our beloved bearded dragon, Betty Charles. After 10 wonderful years as part of our WKC family, Betty peacefully went to sleep on Friday night. Over a short period of time she became unwell, and after a vet visit and careful consideration, we made the kindest decision to let her go peacefully.

Betty was so much more than a pet, she was a calming presence, a gentle friend and a much-loved support animal for generations of children. Many found comfort simply sitting with her, watching her or talking to her during quiet moments. She taught our children patience, gentleness and care, and she brought joy to our community every single day.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped care for Betty over the years. She will always hold a special place in our hearts and in the story of Wilston Kids Care.

Sleep peacefully, beautiful Betty. Thank you for 10 years of love, comfort and memories.



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.



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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WILSTON KIDS CARE IS LOCATED ON

**YUGGERA & TURRBUL
COUNTRY**

RATED

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 2027, 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 2027, so don't miss out on securing your child's place.

