

THE WKC BUZZ

22nd November 2024



Wilston Kids Care's Acknowledgement to Country

Wilston Kids Care would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land of which we meet today. Wilston Kids Care is located on Turrbal and Yagura land whose cultures are amongst the oldest living in human history.

We would like to pay respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and acknowledge their continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Wilston Kids Care will always remember that this land is, was, and always will be traditional Aboriginal land.

Wilston Kids Care has a commitment to reconciliation, which is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

Dates for your Diary



4th December: World Wildlife Conservation Day

6th December: World Soil Day



25th December: Christmas Day

26th December: Boxing Day



World Kindness Day

On Wednesday, 13th November we celebrated World Kindness Day! This remarkable day is a global event dedicated to promoting and celebrating kindness in all its forms. It encourages individuals, communities, and organizations to engage in acts of kindness, whether big or small, with the goal of creating a positive and compassionate world. The day highlights the importance of empathy, understanding, and respect for others, fostering connections across cultures and backgrounds.

Wilston Kids Care celebrated World kindness Day with colourful kindness cards and tear away compliments, which they could keep or pass forward onto fellow children or Educators.

By participating in these simple yet meaningful activities, the children and educators have helped spread joy and remind us of all that kindness has the power to make a real difference. Let's carry the spirit of kindness beyond today and continue to inspire a world full of compassion and connection.

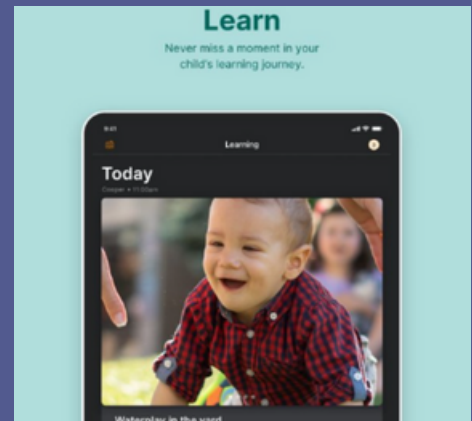


Office Reminders

Did You Know?

We're excited to let you know that you can access and enjoy your child's learning stories and special moments directly in the Xplor Home app! At WKC, our team is dedicated to capturing these wonderful moments of play, exploration, and learning to share with our families.

Through the app, you can view photos, stories, and videos that highlight your child's experiences here with us. Parents can also interact by leaving comments and liking the stories we share—making it easy to stay connected to your child's day!



Enrolments for 2025 are now Open!

For any new child attending Wilston Kids Care such as a Prep for 2025 or any other grade new to the school, please complete our Enrolment Form via our website!

On this Enrolment Form, please ensure you have listed the parents/guardians' full names and addresses as well as 2 Emergency (authorised) contacts for your child. If you have other children enrolled at Wilston Kids Care already, the Parent/Guardian details you enter, must match those listed on your account details in your Xplor Home app (including capital letters). If you use different details, it will duplicate your enrolment and set up a secondary account.

All booking requests noted on your Enrolment Form, will be confirmed via email by the end of October 2024. Please note booking requests are subject to availability.

Wilston Kids Care will send you a formal offer via email that you will need to accept or decline within 5 business days. If you do not respond to this formal offer, your position will automatically be passed onto the next family on the waitlist via our automated digital enrolment process.

Office Reminders

December 2024/January 2025 Summer Vacation Care Program

**COMING
SOON**

Summer Vacation Care & Prep Orientation at Wilston Kids Care

We're excited to announce that bookings for our December 2024/January 2025 Summer Vacation Care Program open on Monday, 25 November once the Vacation Program is released mid-morning!

This summer holiday program is set to be full of exciting activities, new adventures, and plenty of fun with friends!

Special News for 2025 Prep Families!

From Monday, 6 January 2025, we'll be welcoming our new Prep students (starting school in 2025) to Vacation Care. It's a great chance to get familiar with Wilston Kids Care so make sure your complete your digital orientation before 2025 kicks off!

Spots fill quickly, so don't wait, secure your place early!

We can't wait to see you all for a summer of fun and discovery at Wilston Kids Care!

Watch this space on Monday!

Weekly Club Highlights

Mini Builders: Kinnex & Minecraft Blocks

Last week at Mini Builders Club, the children's creativity was truly impressive as they experimented with a variety of building techniques to create some amazing designs. They built everything from towering trees and unique buildings to an entire fleet of futuristic spaceships ready to explore the stars.

The excitement didn't stop there – the children also used Minecraft blocks to bring their digital creations to life, blending technology with hands-on play. It was a fantastic session filled with imagination, innovation, and plenty of fun.

We can't wait to see what they create next!



Sustainability Club: Insect and Solitary Bee Hotels

Last week in Sustainability Club, students from the lower grades joined Rachel for a productive and exciting working bee. Together, they built beneficial insect and solitary bee hotels, creating essential habitats for these vital pollinators to thrive.

The children also explored their creativity through mixed-media nature collages and sculptures, using recycled materials, natural objects, and their imaginations to craft stunning pieces of art that celebrated the environment.

It was a fun and engaging session full of teamwork and creativity. The students not only learned about sustainability but also made a meaningful impact on their local ecosystem. The enthusiasm was contagious, and the results were truly inspiring!



Weekly Club Highlights

Lego Club: Creative Animals

Last week at Lego Club, the children took on an exciting challenge: to build an animal entirely out of Lego! The energy was high as four teams of 2–3 kids worked together to bring their imaginative creations to life within just one hour.

The results were nothing short of amazing! From a majestic horse and a friendly cow to a wild Zombie Cyborg Creeper, the kids let their creativity run free, producing some truly unique designs.

At the end of the session, we all came together to vote for our favourite creation, celebrating the incredible imagination and teamwork that made the challenge such a success. What a fantastic effort from everyone involved!



Creative Minds Club: Ocean in a Jar

Last week for Creative Minds Club the children enjoyed themselves making their very own ocean in a jar! Using seashells, small plastic sea animals, pebbles, and glitter, the children mixed food colouring, baby oil in with a dash of water, they created amazing ocean like scenes. Throughout the whole activity the children discussed how they were going to put together their display in their jar using different animals and materials, testing their little imaginations. They were thrilled to take them home and show their parents their fantastic creations!



Highlights from our Week!

Juniors

The Juniors truly let their creativity soar as they designed and constructed their very own mini love bugs. This hands-on activity sparked their imagination and gave them the freedom to explore a variety of materials, including pom-poms in different sizes, googly eyes, colourful pipe cleaners, and more.

As they worked on their love bugs, the children not only expressed their creativity but also developed important skills like hand-eye coordination and fine motor abilities. Every twist of a pipe cleaner or placement of a pom-pom required careful attention and precision, helping to strengthen their dexterity and control.

Throughout the activity, the children exhibited a wonderful range of positive dispositions: imagination, curiosity, confidence, commitment, enthusiasm, and persistence. They were fully engaged in the process, showing a willingness to experiment with different designs and materials, and they eagerly problem-solved when challenges arose.



Highlights from our Week!

Middle Years

Students from Years 2 and 3 always look forward to the opportunity to explore, relax, and create in the front sandpit area, and last Wednesday was no exception. The sandpit quickly transformed into a bustling construction zone as the children threw themselves into the task of crafting an impressive, sturdy cave.

Their teamwork was on full display as they carefully dug out deep channels, designed intricate tunnels, and even built a series of clever bridges to connect different parts of their creation. As the project progressed, the children added water to their design, watching as it filled the cave and began to transform the landscape. Of course, with all the foot traffic and constant activity in the sandpit, a few walls and tunnels collapsed during the process, but this didn't discourage the students. Instead, they showed remarkable resilience, banding together to rebuild and refine their creation.

After some problem-solving, they decided to add even more water to the sand, making it more compact and ensuring their structures held firm. The entire experience was a wonderful blend of creativity, teamwork, and perseverance, as the children learned to adapt and overcome challenges while having a blast in the process.



Highlights from our Week!

Seniors

Active play has been incredibly popular with our senior students, providing them with plenty of opportunities to engage in a wide range of exciting sports and games. The children have been actively involved in a variety of activities, from traditional team sports like cricket, tennis, and soccer to more unique and culturally significant games like Kabi Kabi Buroinjin, an Indigenous Australian game from the Yulunga Games collection.

In addition, classic Favorites such as Bench Ball and T-ball have kept the energy high, and the students thoroughly engaged. One particular game that the children have absolutely loved is Golden Child, a fast-paced, basketball-based running game. In this exciting activity, two competing teams race against each other, with one team trying to complete laps of the court while the other team attempts to slow them down by making basketball shots. The game is full of action, strategy, and plenty of laughs as the teams work together to outsmart and outplay each other.

It's a perfect example of how active play fosters not only physical skills but also teamwork, communication, and quick thinking. The variety of sports and games has ensured that all students stay active, challenged, and motivated, helping to build their confidence, coordination, and love for physical activity.



Recipe of the Fortnight

This week at Foodie Friday we made Apple Ring Pastries! The children get to measure, mix, roll with all the different ingredients.

APPLE RING PASTRIES!

Ingredients:

1kg red apples
1 packet of puff pastry
1 packet of puff pastry (dairy free)

Instructions:

1. Peel and cut the apple in thick slices crosswise. I remove a sliver from the top and the bottom of the apple, then cut each into four slices.
2. Remove the core and make a hole in the middle. I used a round cookie cutter - 1 inch in diameter. But you can cut with a knife.
3. Cut the puff pastry into strips. I use this roller, but you can cut with a simple knife. These strips don't need to be perfect so don't worry too much about straight lines.
4. I cut the pastry lengthwise into 1-inch strips, and then into shorter little strips about 2 inches long.
5. You are welcome to test it out before you cut all your strips. Each strip should go around the apple ring one time and can be stretched too.

Enrol for 2025!

Enrolments for 2025 are open at Wilston Kids Care!

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 2025, 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 2025, so don't miss out on securing your child's place.



Reminder

Please remember that if your child/ren are enrolled in any extra-curricular activities, WKC will require an up to date permission form to be able to release them from our care.