



THE WKC BUZZ

30th September 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.

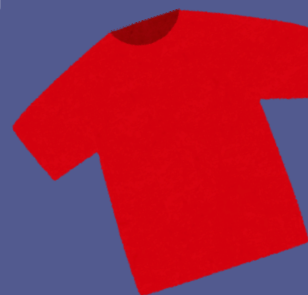
Dates for your Diary

5th October: World Teacher Day

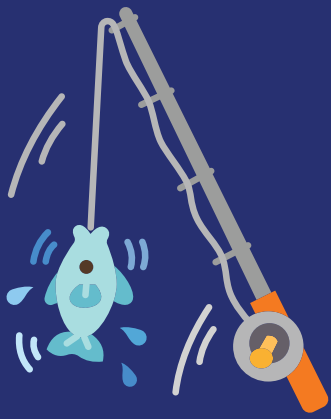


10th October: World Mental Health Day

25th October: Day for Daniel



31st October: Halloween



Vacation Care Spotlight

Shorncliffe Fishing Frenzy!

Our senior children were absolutely buzzing with excitement as they set off for an unforgettable day at Shorncliffe Pier, kicking off the first excursion of our September Vacation Care program! The children enjoyed fishing off the pier, wading through the shimmering water, climbing trees, and playing on the playground.

The adventure began with a thrilling fishing experience, where the children had the choice of bait—squid, shrimp, or even sea worms! For many, this was their very first time fishing, and they were eager to learn the ropes of basic fishing techniques. Afterward, we fired up the grill for a mouthwatering barbecue, serving up delicious sausages in bread and some fresh fruit!

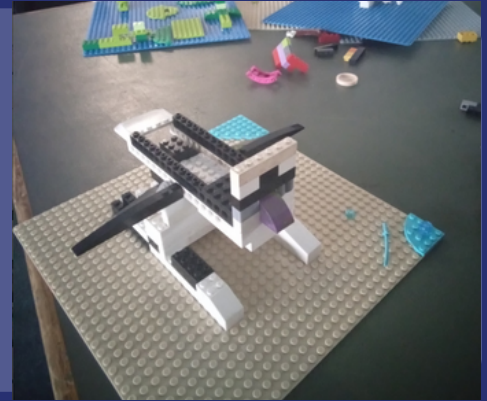
The fun continued with tree climbing and lively games of beach cricket and soccer. It was a day packed with adventure and memories that our senior children will cherish!



Weekly Club Highlights

LEGO CLUB

Our Lego Club kicked off Term 4 with a bang with a free build. The children used their imagination to come up with some pretty epic creations! Lego Club encourages teamwork and collaboration and provides the children the opportunity to build positive, long term relationships. When children learn to work together when they are younger, the stronger their team building skills will become as they develop into adults.



CREATIVE MINDS CLUB

Creative Minds Club is focused on exploring creativity on a weekly basis. Write to a pen pal, practice paper craft, or build your own fantasy world through the art of storytelling. Each week, there are different activities, all based around a term-changing theme. Exploring creativity regularly is a great way for children to develop a strong sense of identity and learn to understand diversity.

SUSTAINABILITY CLUB

This year the children have been focusing on 'Clean Cash'. It is a digital cash system that rewards children for picking up rubbish around the service. This clean up rubbish incentive scheme has been a hit with the children, who are enjoying the rewards they receive for helping to keep our community clean.



FOODIE FRIDAY

Have you heard about our Foodie Friday weekly cooking activity? Every Friday, we have a special cooking activity where the children get to learn new recipes and techniques while having fun with their friends. Last Friday, we baked cupcakes, and the children had an absolute blast! They measured out ingredients, mixed everything together, and carefully decorated each cupcake with their own unique designs. It was wonderful to see them getting creative in the kitchen and working together to create something delicious.

Learning Stories of the Fortnight

Snake Invasion in B Block

Vacation Care has been a blast creating and filling B Block with all sorts of amazing craft made from the children of WKC. B Block has officially been invaded with our friendly colourful snakes!!

This Activity allowed the children to experiment with different colours and use their imagination creating different patterns for their snakes. Cutting the paper into small pieces, and then folding them into ring shaped pieces, allow the children to build on both their cutting and fine motor skills.

The children have displayed their colourful snakes hanging off the doors in B Block and in the trees. It is amazing to see the children make creations like this that contribute to the decor of the room. It becomes a space for children to feel proud of their art and feel included in their play space while at Wilston Kids Care.



Boulder Sand Tracks



Upon arriving at the Oval for our middle session, Educator Hunter and the children engaged in thoughtful discussion about our activities for the day. After a quick suggestion to prioritize staying in the shade, a group of enthusiastic boys and I made our way to the sandpit. It was clear from the outset that they were eager to dig, perhaps constructing tunnels or burying their legs—an activity they particularly enjoy.

I noticed Atticus had brought two tennis balls, which inspired the group to think creatively. They decided to build a white sand mountain and design a track for the "boulders" to roll down. The children collaborated to collect wet sand to form the tracks, recognizing that the white sand alone wouldn't hold its shape effectively. They understood the delicate balance needed: too much wet sand would cause the boulders to speed off the sides, while the white sand was essential for slowing them down. Throughout this process, the children enthusiastically discussed the track's size, speed, direction, and angles, leading to plenty of laughter and playful sand-throwing. It was a wonderful demonstration of teamwork and creative problem-solving in action!

Ocean Advocates

During the September Vacation Care period, our Juniors were lucky enough to receive a visit from a variety of real life ocean animals. Turtles, sea stars, sea cucumbers and even a shark! After carefully petting the animals (not the shark), the Juniors were left with a very important message; rubbish should go in the bin, not in our oceans.

While the Juniors were listening very carefully, it was only fully clear that this message had resonated with the Children following our big afternoon of water play on junior playground. Unfortunately, after many popped water balloons, Junior Playground had small pieces of popped balloons spread across the soccer field. Once the Children had dried off from water play and returned to Junior Playground, they hatched a plan to help with the clean up.

The Children began a competition seeing who could collect the most pieces of rubbish. Within a few short minutes, Junior Playground was completely rubbish free and after careful deliberation by our educators, a winner was crowned. The Junior cohort were determined to not allow any pieces of plastic to be left on the ground after getting to meet some amazing ocean wildlife in person.



Recipe of the Fortnight

EASY PEASY LEMON SQUEEZY PASSIONFRUIT SLICE



1. Melted butter, to grease
2. 150g (1 cup) self-raising flour
3. 85g (1 cup) desiccated coconut
4. 100g (1/2 cup) caster sugar
5. 100g butter, melted
6. 1 x 395g can sweetened condensed milk
7. 125ml (1/2 cup) fresh lemon juice
8. 2 tbsp passionfruit pulp

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush a 16x26cm pan with melted butter to lightly grease and line with paper.
2. Mix with flour, coconut, sugar and butter in a bowl. Use your hands to bring the dough together in the bowl. Transfer to the prepared pan. Use a metal spoon to press firmly over the base. Bake for 12 minutes or until light golden. Set aside to cool.
3. Reduce oven temperature to 150°C. Whisk together the condensed milk, lemon juice and passionfruit pulp in a bowl until well combined. Pour into the pan and spread over the base. Bake in oven for 15 minutes until just firm to the touch. Set aside to cool completely.
4. Cut into slices to serve.

Enrol for 2025!

Our 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 the QR code to the right!

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.



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.