

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

28TH OF APRIL 2020

TERM 2 WEEK 1



Welcome to our Term 2, Week 1 Newsletter.

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to spend some quality time with your families over the holidays, even if they looked slightly different to what holidays may usually look like. Children of essential workers who needed care over the holidays were able to enjoy our ELC holiday program. As it was a much smaller group, it was a wonderful opportunity for relationships to be strengthened between staff, children and their peers. Our children went on bear hunts around the school, built rocket ships, pretended to be superheroes and even had a taste of watching a 'musical'.

We are so blessed to be in SA, where with the hard work of our frontliners and members of the community adhering to social distancing measures, it is looking like the COVID-19 cases are beginning to be under control. In line with the SA Chief Medical Officer's announcement last week, the ELC will now be open for all healthy children to attend. Staff and children's temperatures will be taken at the beginning of each day, and anyone with a temp of 37.5C and above will be sent home. We may also require you to pick your child up early if we notice any signs of them being unwell. The Flexible Online Learning Platform still remains available for parents that choose to keep children home.

We thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support as we journey through this pandemic together. Please continue to look on Storypark and the Bethany App for the latest updates and announcements.

Blessings,
Rachael Chesson
ELC Coordinator

OUR LEARNING



This week we will be meeting our Kimochi friend, Cat! Cat helps us lead in strong, kind ways and to talk nicely when others forget and use bossy talk.

What does your talking voice sound like? When you forget to use your talking voice, what can you do?

We are revisiting the letters we learned last term! They are 'Ss', 'Aa', 'Tt', 'Ii', 'Nn', 'Pp'. **What are some other words that start with S, A, T, I, N and P? Is there anything in your house that starts with these letters?**

My First Letter Sounds



NUMBERS



We are remembering the numbers 0-5 and learning to count all the way to 10!

**How high can you count?
How many yellow toys do you have in your house?**

OUR LEARNING

This week we will be discovering some of the beautiful things we have in our world!

Can you find some autumn leaves outside? Can you make a picture with them?



We are learning more about hygiene practices. Did you know that we are encouraged to wash our hands for at least 20 seconds?

Why do we need to wash our hands? How do we wash our hands thoroughly? Why do we need to cough/sneeze into our elbows?

If your child is feeling worried or anxious during this time we encourage you to listen to their concerns, and discuss the situation in a calm and age-appropriate manner. Children may find it difficult to understand what they are seeing on TV, online, or hearing from other people. There are online resources available if you would like some further support or information about talking to your child about COVID-19. UNICEF Australia has an article titled 'How to talk to your child about coronavirus' which may help with this. A link can be found on Storypark.

OTHER INFORMATION

Communication

Each child has their own pocket in the foyer where you will find notices or relevant forms.

Please remember to check this each day your child is in ELC. Please be reminded to check Storypark for regular updates of our daily activities.

We understand you may need to contact the ELC during other times which you are welcome to do via email elc@bethany.sa.edu.au, or phone 8283 0000.



19. Draw with a stick in the dirt
20. Grow some herbs and veggies in a patch or pot
21. Visit a farm, or a petting zoo



Important Dates in Term 2:

Mother's Day

Pupil Free Day (ELC Open)

Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)

Come and Play

End of Week 2 (10/5)

Friday Week 6 (5/6)

Monday Week 7 (8/6)

Week 7 (9/6-12/6)

