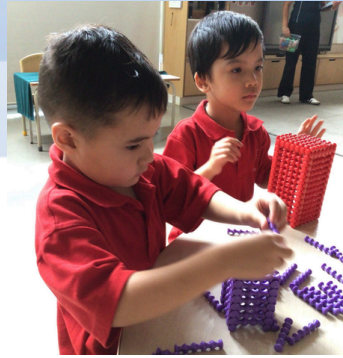


BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

4th of March 2026
Term 1, Week 5



Welcome to our Term 1, Week 5 Newsletter. We are already halfway through Term 1, and what a joyful term we have had! It has been beautiful to see children growing in confidence, forming friendships, and engaging deeply in their learning environment.

Hearing Screening – Weeks 5 & 6

For families who have signed up for hearing screening, sessions will take place on your child's scheduled ELC day. An educator will accompany your child throughout the screening to support them and ensure they feel safe and comfortable.

Bush Walk (Weeks 7–10) – In Preparation for Bush Kindy (Term 2)

As we prepare for the start of Bush Kindy in Term 2, we will be taking the children on bush walks from Week 7 to Week 10. We warmly invite you to join us for these walks. Please see the attached flyer and form for details.

Speech & Language at the ELC

Supporting children's communication is a core part of our ELC program. We will continue to gather information about children's oral language development, speech, and phonological awareness to provide targeted support. If you have any concerns about your child's speech or language, please don't hesitate to speak with us.

Learning in the ELC

To see what your child has been exploring and learning, please check:

- floorbook
- the inquiry wall displays
- Storypark updates

These provide a wonderful window into their thinking, creativity, and learning journeys.

Jewellery Policy Reminder

For safety reasons and in line with the school's guidelines, children should not wear necklaces or bracelets, as they can easily become caught on equipment and may pose a choking or strangulation risk. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all children.

Director Leave Update

I will be on leave during Week 5 and Week 6 this term. During this time, our ELC teachers will be your main point of contact for any urgent matters.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." — Psalm 118:24

As we move through the term, may we each find small moments of joy in our everyday lives—through laughter, connection, learning, and the beauty of the world around us.

Blessings,

Wendy Carlesso – ELC Director

Our Learning



We are investigating science experiments together, including blowing up balloons using something other than our breath!

Can you tell someone in your family what we used in our science experiment?

We are learning lots about food while cooking together each week!

What have you learnt to cook in our ELC kitchen?



We are learning how to keep our bodies and others safe!

Can you share with someone in your family something you have learnt about keeping one another safe?



Family Involvement

Become a Parent Volunteer!

Throughout the year, there will be many wonderful opportunities for families to be involved in the ELC. We would love your support, especially in our Bush Kindy sessions and Playgroup.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the School Front Office. They will guide you through the application process and help you complete the required checks.

To volunteer, you will need:

- **RRHAN-EC Training** – This is an online child safety training course. Once completed, you will receive a certificate.
- **Working With Children Check (WWCC)** – Our office staff can help submit this on your behalf.
- **Volunteer Application Form** – Our office staff can pass this on either digitally or in paper form for you to complete and return to the school office.

Please note that the approval process can take approximately 4–6 weeks, so if you are considering helping this year, we encourage you to start the process soon.

We truly value family involvement and appreciate your support in creating a safe, engaging and community-focused environment for our children.



Other Information

Communication

Please remember to stay regularly updated with us by checking Storypark and your emails for ongoing communication and regular updates of our daily activities.

We understand you may also need to contact the ELC other times throughout the day which you are welcome to via email: elc@bethany.sa.edu.au or phone: (08) 8283 0000.



- 7. Build a sandcastle with a moat
- 8. Hang from a low branch, then drop
- 9. Make a collection of leaves and feathers



Important Dates in Term 1:

Hearing Screeners	Week 5 Thu (5/3) & Week 6 Tue (10/3)
Come & Play	Week 8 Mon, Thu & Fri (23/3, 26/3-27/3)
Good Friday Public Holiday (ELC Closed)	Week 9 Fri (3/4)
Easter Monday Public Holiday (ELC Closed)	Week 10 Mon (6/4)
Last Day of Term 1	Week 10 Fri (10/4)