

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER



1st of May, 2026
Term 2, Week 1



Welcome to our Term 2, Week 1 Newsletter!

We are so happy to welcome our children and families back for a new term of learning, connection, and creativity in the ELC.

Name Writing Practice – Sign-In Table

To support children's early writing skills and independence, we have introduced a sign-in table each morning. You are very welcome to support your child to sign in during drop-off.

Term 2 Inquiry Learning – "We Create"

This term, our inquiry learning has started fresh and will focus on "We Create."

Please share with us any creations your children are interested in and any tools they are using. We will keep you updated through the inquiry wall and the floor book.

Library

To keep library routines clear and consistent for all families, the following process will be followed: If a child does not have their library book on their scheduled library day, we ask families to return the book the following day. The child will then be able to borrow a new library book the following week.

Special Events This Term

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term with many special events, including:

- Mother's Day Come and Play
- A baby shower
- Parent-Teacher conversations

More details will be shared soon — stay tuned!

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.— Matthew 5:14

At the ELC, our staff are devoted to shining Jesus' light for children, guiding and supporting them as they grow into who God has called them to be.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 2 together.

Blessings,

Wendy Carlesso – ELC Director

Our Learning



We had a wonderful Term 1 together here at the ELC, learning so many new things!

Can you share with someone in your home something you have learnt so far at the ELC?

This term, we will be exploring our ELC philosophy statement of "we create"!

Can you have some fun creating something in your home?



We will continue to explore communication and quantities together during literacy & numeracy time this term!

Can you share with someone in your family what you are learning about symbols and numbers?



Family Involvement

Setting Healthy Boundaries

Children need boundaries to feel safe, calm, and secure. Setting healthy boundaries and following through with clear consequences actually helps to **reduce children's anxiety.**

When expectations are clear and limits are consistently reinforced at home, children learn that the adults in their lives are in charge, strong, and capable of taking care of the family. This sense of safety allows children to relax and focus on learning, playing, and growing.

Giving children too much control or too many choices can be overwhelming and anxiety-provoking. While children may ask for control and push back against limits (which is very normal!), they actually need parents to take responsibility for adult decisions. Knowing that someone else is holding the boundary helps children feel supported and protected.

Hearing yourself say "**no**" regularly is often a sign that you are on the right track. Children may not like hearing this word, but it is part of our role as adults to guide them, consider their needs, and set healthy limits. Children will naturally test boundaries—that is their job. **Our job is to hold those boundaries calmly, consistently, and with care.**

Healthy boundaries teach children:

- What is expected of them
- That limits are safe and predictable
- How to manage disappointment and emotions
- That adults will step in when needed

By setting clear and loving boundaries, we are helping children feel secure, reduce anxiety, and develop emotional resilience.

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.



- 16. Chase your shadow
- 17. Search for tadpoles in a creek
- 18. Make a cubby under a tree or in some bushes



Important Dates in Term 2:

Mother's Day Stall	Week 2 Thu-Fri (7/5-8/5)
Come & Play	Week 3 Mon & Fri (11/5 & 15/5)
Vision Screening	Week 5 Tue & Thu (26/5 & 27/5)
Baby Shower & Family Picnic	Week 5 Thu (27/5)
Parent Teacher Conversations	Week 6 & 7 (1/6 to 11/6)
Pupil Free Day	Week 6 Fri (5/6)
ELC Closed (Public Holiday)	Week 7 Mon (8/6)