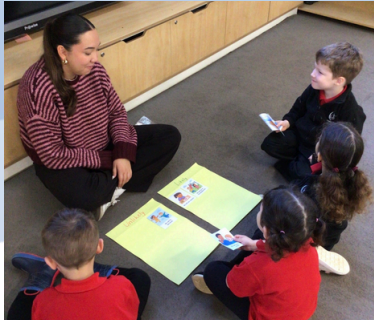


BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

13th of May, 2026
Term 2, Week 3



Welcome to our Term 2, Week 3 Newsletter!

Inquiry Learning

We are excited to share that this term we have begun our new inquiry, centred around our centre philosophy: "We Create."

Throughout Sessions 1 and 2, the children have been exploring ways to express their thoughts and ideas through creativity. Please stay tuned as we continue to share their learning and creations with you. We would like to thank all families for your generous donations of resources.

Community Event

I would love to invite all our families to my baby shower on Thursday evening on 28/5.

This will be a beautiful opportunity to come together, connect with staff and other ELC families, and celebrate this special time. It would mean so much to me for you and your child to be part of this celebration. Please see the flyers on Storypark and on the notice board for more details.

Assessment and Rating

Our centre is currently undergoing Assessment and Rating for Quality Area 1: Educational Program and Practice.

This is a very exciting time for us, as it provides an opportunity to showcase our documentation, as well as the growth and improvements we have made over the past five years since our last assessment.

We always welcome your feedback and support. Please keep us in your prayers for a smooth and positive process.

Words of Encouragement

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." – Psalm 32:8

As we guide our children each day, let us remember that we do not need to have all the answers. We can trust that God is walking with us in this journey, offering wisdom, guidance, and reassurance along the way.

Thank you for being such a valued part of our community.

Blessings,

Wendy Carlesso – ELC Director

Our Learning

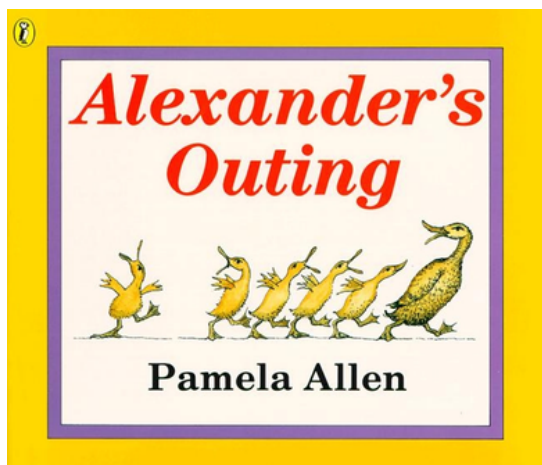
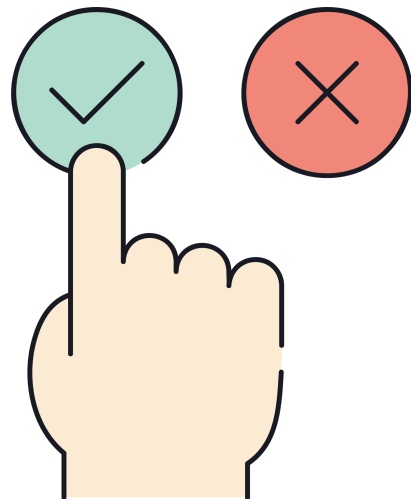


We have been exploring our belief "we create" through imagination and storytelling this week!

How can you use imagination at home with someone in your family this week?

We are learning about probability and chance through discovering what is "likely" and "unlikely".

Can you think of some likely and unlikely scenarios with someone in your family?



We read the book Alexander's Outing together this week to help us learn more about creativity and problem solving! **Tell someone in your family about Alexander - how could you help him in this story?**

Family Involvement

Supporting Children to Problem Solve with Confidence

Helping children learn how to solve problems is an important part of building confidence, independence, and emotional resilience. Everyday challenges—big or small—present valuable learning opportunities when children are supported through thoughtful coaching rather than having problems solved for them.

Top Tips for Supporting Problem Solving

- **Use coaching questions**

Encourage thinking by asking open-ended questions such as:

"What could you do?"

"How do you think you could...?"

"I wonder what would happen if you...?"

These questions empower children to explore solutions and trust their own ideas.

- **Help your child make a plan**

Support your child to think through the steps they could take to solve a problem. Talking it through together helps organise their thinking and builds confidence in decision-making.

- **Support coping strategies when problems can't be fixed**

If there is nothing your child can do to change the situation (for example, general worrying), help them choose a coping strategy—such as taking calming breaths, having quiet time, or engaging in a fun activity.

- **Praise effort and independence**

Give plenty of positive encouragement for trying to solve a problem. Allow children time to test their ideas on their own. When adults step in too quickly, children miss out on valuable practice that builds emotional resilience and confidence.

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.



- 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:

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)