

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

27th of May, 2026
Term 2, Week 5



Welcome to our Term 2, Week 5 Newsletter!

We are now halfway through the term!

In Weeks 6 and 7, we will be holding Parent-Teacher Conversations. This will be a great opportunity to share information about your child's learning and development at our centre, as well as a chance for you to ask any questions. We will celebrate your child's progress, discuss their goals, and talk about their friendships and social-emotional development.

We have also shared an exciting announcement about our new ELC Director. Mrs Rebecca Thomson will take over my position as Centre Director in Term 3. Please refer to the Storypark post or our notice wall for more information.

As we enter the colder weather, we kindly ask families not to send unwell children to ELC, in order to help prevent the spread of illness within our community.

Reminder of our sickness policy:

- Children with a high temperature (above 37.5°C) will require a phone call for immediate pick-up. Please ensure that you or your emergency contacts are always contactable. Children must remain at home for at least 24 hours after their last fever before returning.
- For gastro-related symptoms, children must stay home for 48 hours after their last symptoms.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

— Galatians 5:22-23

May we continue to bear these fruits and role-model them in our daily interactions with the children.

Blessings,

Wendy Carlesso – ELC Director

Our Learning

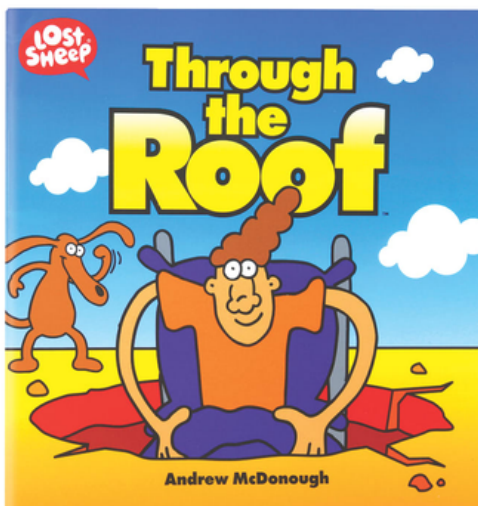


We have are continuing to explore creating together through imagination and storytelling, decorating masks to create characters together!

Can you use your imagination to create a new character with someone in your family this week?

We are also exploring creating through movement - including musical instruments and painting!

Can you show someone in your family how you can create through movement?



We read the book Through the Roof together this week to learn about how we can help others!

Tell someone in your family about the friends in "Through the Roof"! How can you help someone the way they helped their friend?

Family Involvement

Encouraging Healthy Risk-Taking

Healthy risk-taking in everyday life is an important part of children's learning and wellbeing. Through risk-taking experiences, children build resilience and confidence. Over time, this helps reduce anxiety and teaches them that the world is an exciting place to explore rather than something to be afraid of.

When children are not given opportunities to take risks, it can unintentionally send the message that the world is scary or that they won't be able to cope when faced with something new. By supporting appropriate risks, we help children trust themselves and their abilities.

Making mistakes is a natural and essential part of healthy risk-taking. Mistakes show us that children are trying something new, stretching themselves, and learning what they are capable of. Without mistakes, learning and growth can't happen.

Role-modelling is powerful. Children learn a lot by watching the adults around them. Share your own risk-taking moments—talk about trying something new, making mistakes, and learning along the way.

How you can support healthy risk-taking at home:

- Encourage your child to try something new, even if they feel unsure
- Praise effort rather than focusing on success or outcomes
- Talk positively about mistakes as learning opportunities
- Share your own experiences of trying, failing, and trying again



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.



- 22. Sit around a campfire and toast marshmallows
- 23. Dig holes and trenches in your yard
- 24. Listen to the birds and imitate their songs



Important Dates in Term 2:

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)