

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

24th of June, 2026
Term 2, Week 9



Welcome to our Term 2, Week 9 Newsletter!

This term, we celebrated the creativity of our children through our inquiry learning, seeing their ideas, imaginations and voices come to life in meaningful ways. This beautifully reflects our centre philosophy: we believe all children are created in the image of a creative God and have the right to express their thoughts and ideas while feeling celebrated and valued. This belief continues to guide our daily practice and interactions with each child.

Over the past fortnight, we also enjoyed the wonderful company of Temple Child Studies students, who visited and played with our children. We are also looking forward to welcoming families to our Bush Kindy "Come and Play" sessions

As school holidays approach, we will be running our school holiday program. For those who are taking a break, we pray you enjoy special quality time with your families and within your communities. If you're looking for inspiration, Nature Play SA offers a fantastic list of 25 things to do in winter to help keep our children engaged and active.

Looking ahead to **Term 3**, please note that Monday and Tuesday will be pupil-free days while our teachers attend the Christian Schools Australia Conference and participate in planning. We also have exciting events coming up, including our Father's Day "Come and Play" and upcoming chapel visits, where our children will begin joining the Junior Primary chapel as part of their school transition journey. More transition experiences will continue throughout the second half of the year.

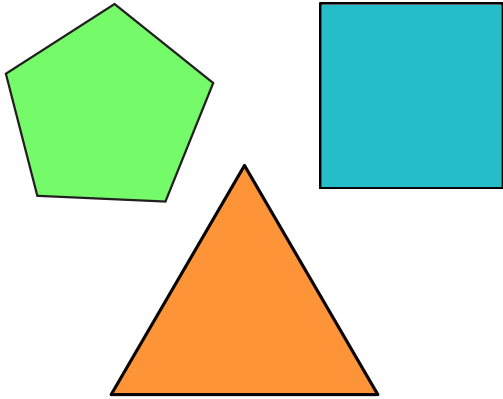
Finally, we would love to end the term by sharing some joyful news. As Baby Carlesso and I begin a new journey, we also celebrate with Mrs Dodds, who will be welcoming not one, but two babies this spring—twins! What a blessing, and a beautiful way to close the term with celebration.

Next term, Mrs Thomson will step into the role of Centre Director. We are excited to see her lead and guide the centre and to continue building relationships with you and your children.

As we move through seasons of change and transition, we hold onto the promise of Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." We trust that God's unchanging presence will continue to guide us all.

Wishing you a restful and blessed holiday break,
Wendy Carlesso – ELC Director

Our Learning

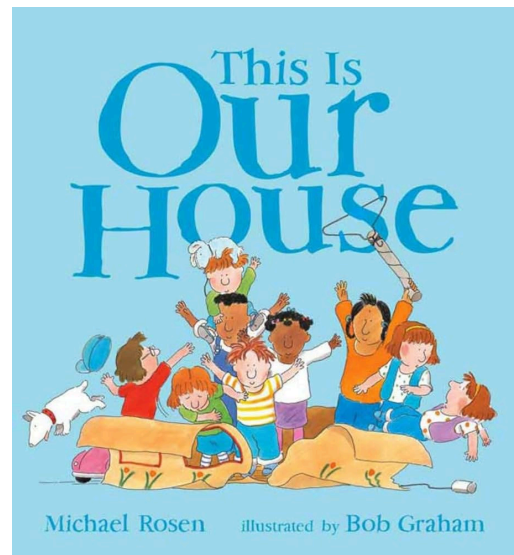


We are learning all about 2D shapes!

Can you tell someone in your family any of the names of these 2D shapes?

We are reading the book "This is Our House" together to learn about how we can look after one another.

Can you share with someone in your family what you learnt in this book?



We have been continuing our cooking experience by creating damper together!

Can you tell someone in your family what our damper and plum jam tasted like?

Family Involvement

Nourish Yourself

Caring for yourself as a parent is not a luxury—it is an essential part of supporting your child's wellbeing. Taking regular time out helps parents approach the job of parenting in a calmer, happier, and more thoughtful way. When we give ourselves space to pause, we are better able to reflect on our own reactions and respond more calmly to our children, especially when they are feeling anxious.

Creating a calm home environment also plays a powerful role in children's emotional wellbeing. When stress levels are kept low, children have a much better chance of relaxing, feeling safe, and going with the flow at home.

It's important to remember that **anxiety can be very contagious**. When parents are feeling overwhelmed or anxious, children can easily pick up on this. By looking after your own emotional health, you are modelling healthy coping strategies and giving your child the message that emotions can be managed in safe and supportive ways.

Ways to nourish yourself:

- Schedule regular time to rest or do something you enjoy
- Build moments of calm into daily routines
- Talk openly with trusted people about how you are feeling
- Ask for help or support when needed



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.



- 28. Blow on a dandelion flower and make a wish
- 29. Sit quietly and watch ants, snails or birds
- 30. Water some plants with a watering can



Important Dates in Term 3:

Pupil Free Days	Week 1 Mon & Tue (20/7 & 21/7)
ELC Photo Days	Week 2 Tue & Thu (28/7 & 30/7)
Book Week	Week 6 (24/8 to 28/8)
Book Week Come & Play	Week 6 Mon & Fri (24/8 & 28/8)
Father's Day Stall	Week 7 Thu & Fri (3/9 & 4/9)
Father's Day Come & Play	Week 8 Mon & Thu (7/9 & 10/9)
End of Term Celebration Spring Picnic	Week 9 Thu (17/9)