

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

22nd of July, 2026
Term 3, Week 1



Welcome to our Week 1 Newsletter for Term 3.

I am so pleased to have officially joined the ELC team as Director. We look forward to sharing the happy news of Mrs Carlesso's baby with you in the coming weeks.

This term, our learning focus is **"We Challenge"**, which recognises and celebrates children as capable learners. We will encourage and support children to persevere, take on challenges, and develop confidence in their abilities. By responding to children's interests, strengths, and emerging skills, we will support each child's individual learning journey.

We have many exciting experiences to look forward to this term. On Wednesdays, some children will begin attending **Junior Primary Chapel** in the Performing Arts Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to connect with the wider school community and become familiar with the school routine.

We also have several special events coming up, including **Cultural Day, Science Week, Book Week, and Father's Day** celebrations. We will share more information about these events in the coming weeks.

This week I attended the Christian School Australia state conference with the other ELC teachers. As teachers, we were reminded to find joy in our everyday lives and in God's creation. I was reminded of the Bible verse, "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). As we embrace each new day with gratitude, we can discover joy in life's simple moments, the wonder of learning, and the blessings God places before us.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you and your families over the rest of the year. I am excited to spend time with the children, celebrate their learning and achievements, and build connections with the ELC families.

Warm regards,

Rebecca Thomson – ELC Director

Our Learning



We had so much fun these schools holidays, both at the ELC and with our families!
Can you tell someone in your family what we did at the ELC, or someone in the ELC what you did with your family?

We are celebrating NAIDOC Week together to honour our First Nations peoples!
Can you share with someone in your family what you have learnt about Aboriginal culture?



Next week, we will be celebrating our cultures with Cultural Days on Monday and Friday.
Can you ask someone in your family what you can share about your family's culture?

Family Involvement

THINGS YOU CAN DO...

To support your child's learning through play

Children learn a lot through their play! Here are some ways that you can support that learning:

- Let your child be the boss of the play and tell you what to do if they invite you to join in.
- Talk about what you see happening without judging. For example, you could say, "Where does the bridge go to?" rather than "That's not the way to build a bridge".
- If your child is becoming upset when playing with someone, try to help each child to see each other's point of view.
- If problems arise, offer support and guide your child, as necessary, to help build their skills.
- Have fun with your child; don't turn play into a lesson.



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.



- 31. Have a picnic under a shady tree
- 32. Jump in a puddle
- 33. Chase butterflies around the garden



Important Dates in Term 3:

ELC Cultural Celebrations	Week 2 Mon & Fri (27/7 & 31/7)
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)