

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

5th of August, 2026
Term 3, Week 3



Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 3. Thank you to all the families who took part in our Cultural Dress-Up Day last week. It was wonderful to see a range of cultures represented and to learn more about our children's family stories and traditions. Some children also enjoyed participating in our cold roll cooking experience. Throughout the term, we will continue exploring culture through food. Please check Storypark for a link if you would like to share a recipe that is special to your family.

This term, we have begun exploring our inquiry focus: **We Challenge**. Challenges help us discover new skills, ideas, and ways to solve problems. So far, the children have participated in activities such as building towers, crossing the river, and collecting items using different strategies. We look forward to seeing where these challenges take us over the coming weeks.

It has been wonderful to see the children engaging enthusiastically in challenges across the ELC. They are developing important skills such as teamwork, collaboration, and communication as they connect with and learn about the world around them.

Many of you may have seen the exciting news on Storypark that Mrs Carlesso welcomed her beautiful baby girl, Nina, on 22nd July. It is lovely to see Mrs Carlesso settle into motherhood, and we wish her and her family all the very best during this special time.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in the ELC. I am excited to continue getting to know the children and families and to share the many wonderful experiences and events planned for the remainder of the year.

Warm regards,

Rebecca Thomson – ELC Director

Our Learning

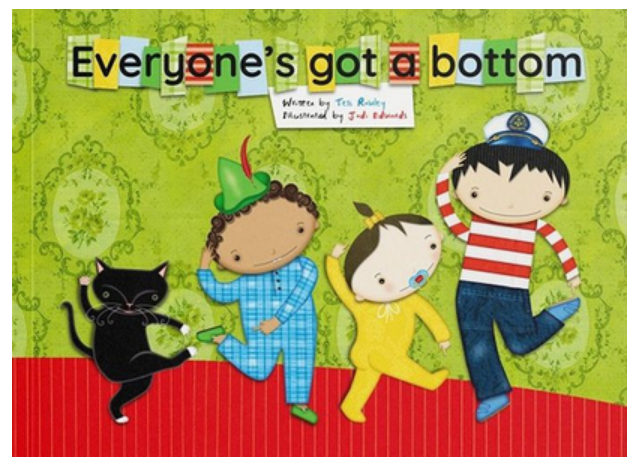


We are using language to describe and express our thinking!

Can you describe the feeling of one of the toys in your house to someone in your family?

We read the book "Everyone's Got a Bottom" together this week!

Can you share with someone in your family what you learnt about keeping your body safe and private?



We are continuing to celebrate one another's culture through our cooking experience!

Can you ask someone in your family about a special meal that your family eats together?

Family Involvement

THINGS YOU CAN DO... To encourage positive behaviour

Children learn a lot through your encouragement and reinforcement of positive behaviour! Here are some ways that you can support that learning:

- Be consistent so your child knows the boundaries and what to expect
- Involve your child in setting rules whenever you can
- Give encouragement when you see positive behaviour, such as helping someone, being kind
- Give choices: "Would you like to play your drum outside or do something quiet inside with me?"
- Use consequences that are appropriate to your child's action: "You didn't pack your toys away, so we don't have time for an icy-pole now"
- Respond to your child's feelings: "I know you feel cross, but it is not okay to hit. Let's think about what you could do instead"
- Provide opportunities for your child to try again when they make mistakes



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.



- 34. Play with a ball at an oval or on the beach
- 35. Paddle at the beach or a backyard wading pool
- 36. Play shops under a tree with seedpods and leaves



Important Dates in Term 3:

Mrs Dodds' Baby Shower	Week 4 Thu (13/8)
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)