

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

19th of August, 2026
Term 3, Week 5



Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 5! It is hard to believe we are nearly halfway through the term. Last week, the children had the opportunity to make and try nasi goreng. It was wonderful to see them trying a new food that they may not have experienced before. We are looking forward to exploring and tasting more family recipes throughout the rest of the term.

This week is National Science Week, and our learning focus is Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All. The question we will be investigating is: Plants can't walk, so how do their seeds travel?

Thank you to the families who have already shared photos from your nature walks or gardening activities. We have loved seeing them! If you haven't had a chance to send photos through yet, it is not too late. We'd still love to receive them.

We are also looking forward to Book Week next week. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on either Monday 24/8 or Friday 28/8.

As part of Book Week, we will be hosting a Come and Stay event. During this time, you and your child will have the opportunity to explore storybook-themed play tables, create your own books, and enjoy our cosy read-and-stay areas together. We will also hold a costume parade during our morning mat time so the children can proudly share their favourite book character costumes. If you would like to join us, please RSVP via the link on the Storypark community post.

Blessings,

Rebecca Thomson – ELC Director

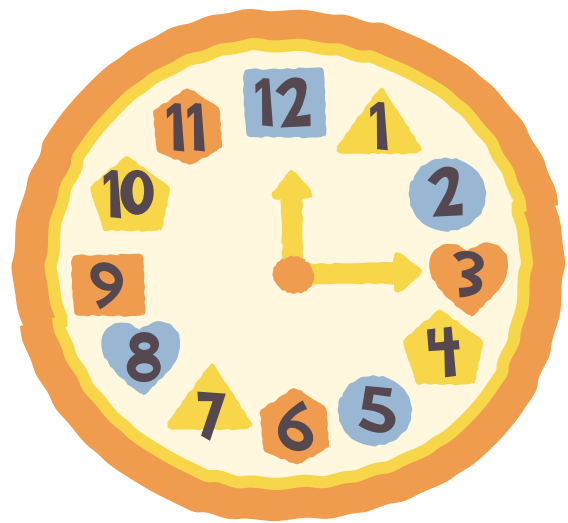
Our Learning



We are learning about syllable blending and segmenting, to help us with our reading and spelling!

Can you share with someone in your family what you learnt about syllables this week?

We are starting to learn about clocks together!
Can you point to the parts of this clock and share with someone in your family what they are?



We are continuing to celebrate one another's culture through our cooking experience! This week we cooked nasi goreng.

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



Family Involvement

THINGS YOU CAN DO...

To encourage communication with your child

It is so important for children to learn to communicate with you! Here are some ways that you can support that learning:

- Find a time when your child is relaxed and you can listen. Driving in the car, at bedtime or over a snack can be good talking times. Show interest in their ideas and thoughts
- Show that you understand what they are going through by saying things such as: I can see you're feeling very cross/sad/disappointed/excited/happy about that
- If your child does not want to talk about a particular topic, talk about other things they might be interested in. Say that you will be there whenever they want to talk to you
- Find out what happens at the ELC so you understand what they are talking about
- Have some fun conversations. Most children love jokes and funny stories
- Tell them about your day as well



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.



- 37. Visit a botanical garden
- 38. Balance along a log or some stepping stones
- 39. Go for a night walk with a torch in the garden



Important Dates in Term 3:

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 7 Fri & Week 8 Mon (4/9 & 7/9)
Pupil Free Day	Week 8 Fri (11/9)