

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER



2nd of September, 2026
Term 3, Week 7



Dear Families,

We are so pleased to have entered the season of spring and look forward to all the growth, learning, and new experiences that this season brings. It is always a wonderful time of year to see the children continue to develop, explore, and thrive within our ELC community. What a fantastic term the children have had so far, filled with meaningful learning experiences, creativity, and plenty of fun. It has been a joy to watch their confidence and skills continue to grow.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Book Week Come and Stay event. It was a lovely opportunity to spend time together, and it was wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces as they dressed up as their favourite book characters. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their love of stories and celebrating the joy of reading.

We are also looking forward to our Father's Day Come and Play event, which will take place this Friday and the following Monday. We have some fun and interactive sports activities planned and look forward to welcoming families to join in the celebrations. Please remember to check your child's ELC bag if they participated in making a Father's Day craft.

As many of you know, our teacher Emily Dodd's will be commencing maternity leave at the end of this week. We are excited for Emily as she begins this special new chapter and wish her all the very best. We are also pleased to welcome Jacqui Gliddon to our teaching team for the remainder of the year. Jacqui is looking forward to working alongside our staff as we continue supporting the children to thrive and grow. Some families may remember Jacqui from her previous 17 years at Bethany, where she worked in a variety of classroom roles and also worked as our ELC Performing Arts teacher. Jacqui will be working with us each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Please join us in making her feel welcome as she settles into the ELC.

Finally, if you have not yet completed your child's holiday availability form, please do so as soon as possible. This information helps us plan staffing and programs during the school holiday period and ensures we can continue providing quality care and experiences for all children attending. We are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities and learning experiences still to come this term.

Blessings,

Rebecca Thomson – ELC Director

Our Learning



We loved celebrating Book Week together and our theme "Symphony of Stories".

Can you share with someone in your family about your favourite book?

We are playing bingo together to help us learn about numbers!

Can you show someone in your family what you are learning by telling them what these numbers are?



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

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



Family Involvement

THINGS YOU CAN DO...

To help your child develop resilience

It is so important for your child to develop their resilience! Here are some ways that you can support that learning:

- Let your child know every day that they are loved and lovable
- Let your child know they can always come to you with a problem
- Give them opportunities to manage things on their own or learn something new, and give them approval when they do
- Let your child help you, not only with chores, but also with showing you how to do something
- Help them to see mistakes as learning, not failure
- Support them in sticking with a task and seeing it through
- Have fun with your child



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.



- 40. Climb a big hill and look at the view
- 41. Explore a rock pool or create your own
- 42. Have story time outside on a rug



Important Dates in Term 3:

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)