

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

14th of October, 2026
Term 4, Week 1



Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4. It is lovely to see everyone back as we begin our final term of the year.

This term, our learning focus is "We Change," which provides children with opportunities to explore how growth occurs and how we can thoughtfully respond to the changes we experience. Together, we will recognise and respect the different seasons of life while celebrating milestones and achievements along the way.

In the coming weeks, the children will have the opportunity to visit the Reception classrooms with our ELC teachers and educators as they prepare for their transition to school next year. We will also continue attending our weekly Junior Primary chapel services. In addition, some children will have the opportunity to spend time on the Junior Primary playground during lunchtime, allowing them to experience what playtimes may be like when they begin school next year.

We have several exciting events planned for this term, including the 2027 Reception Picnic, Come and Play sessions, school transition visits, and our ELC End-of-Year Graduation and Celebration.

Please save the date for our ELC Graduation and Celebration on Thursday, 10 December. Further details will be shared with you soon.

We look forward to continuing to see the children learn, grow, and flourish throughout their final term in the ELC.

Blessings,

Rebecca Thomson – ELC Director

Our Learning



We had so much fun in the school holidays, both in the ELC and at home with our families!

Can you share with someone in your family your favourite thing that you did in the school holidays?

We have been looking at road and warning signs to help teach us about how symbols show us meaning!

Can you work with someone in your family to find out what these road signs mean?



We are continuing our cooking experiences by exploring different fruits and vegetables this week!

Can you share with someone in your family about a new fruit or vegetable you have tasted this week?

Family Involvement

THINGS YOU CAN DO...

To support your child's numeracy learning

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

- Talk about mathematical ideas as you go about daily life and use specific terms in conversation, such as Please get me the one kilo bag of flour
- Involve your child in cooking, using measuring spoons and cups and kitchen scales
- Use the language of position and location as you walk and ride; for example, Let's climb over the little fence and go under the tree house
- Count steps and pots and pans
- Play with counting forwards and backwards, or starting from five or ten
- Look for the numbers on houses and cars and talk about what they mean
- Play board games, cards and games with dice
- Play online number games together
- Mark your child's height on a chart and talk about how much they have grown in X weeks
- Set up a rain gauge in your backyard to check and talk about what happens in different seasons



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.



- 46. Ride a trike or scooter to the park
- 47. Roll down a grassy hill
- 48. Pick a posy of flowers for someone you love



Important Dates in Term 4:

Parent Teacher Conversations	Week 3 & Week 4
2027 Reception Picnic	Week 5 Wed (11/11)
Final Come & Play	Week 6 Mon & Thu (16/11 & 19/11)
2027 Reception Parent Information Session	Week 8 Fri (4/12)
ELC End of Year Celebration	Week 9 Thu (10/12)