BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

28th of October, 2026
Term 4, Week 3







Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to enjoy some beautiful spring weather. The changing season has provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to talk about how the world around them is changing and growing. This term, we have continued to focus on our big idea of Change and Growth.

We have been exploring the changes we notice in ourselves, and the children have enjoyed drawing self-portraits. They have also been observing changes in the world around them through a variety of hands-on experiences, including watching ice melt and participating in cooking activities.

During our cooking experience, the children worked together to make a delicious apple and carrot cake. This provided a wonderful opportunity to explore how heat can change the texture, taste, and properties of ingredients. The children were excited to see the transformation and, of course, enjoyed tasting the finished product!

During our devotions, we have been focusing on the special people God has placed in our lives to love and care for us. We have also begun learning about the Christmas story and the true meaning of Christmas. The children are enjoying acting out parts of the story, and we are excited to share a video with you at our end-of-year celebration.

We have noticed that many children have been forgetting to bring their school hats to ELC. As the weather continues to warm up, please remember to pack your child's labelled school hat each day. If your child needs to borrow a Bethany hat, we will place a temporary label on it. We kindly ask that borrowed hats remain at ELC so they can be washed and made available for other children to use when needed.

We are looking forward to all the wonderful experiences and learning opportunities that are still ahead this term.

Blessings,
Rebecca Thomson – ELC Director

Our Learning



Through our Kimochi friend, Bug, we are learning about who the trusted people are in our worlds!

Can you share with someone in your family who is in your trust circle?

We are learning about measurement by comparing height, length and width.

Can you work with someone to put the people in your family in height order, from shortest to tallest?





We are continuing our cooking experiences by making a cake with carrot and apple in it!

Can you share with someone in your family about the flavours of a carrot and apple, and how they taste together?

Family Involvement

THINGS YOU CAN DO...
To support your child's friendships

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

- Treat your child and other children in a respectful way and expect your child to do the same
- Talk about how we can understand and enjoy the differences between us
- Give your child ideas about how to join in—encourage them to talk about the game that is being played, rather than about their wants; for example, suggest that they could say I could be a girl on the train instead of Can I play?
- Teach them to stop, wait and listen before offering to join in with whatever the other children are playing, rather than trying to change the game
- Help your child learn to predict what others may say or do
- Invite other children over to play so they can get to know your child better—one child at a time works best at the start. If there are siblings in the house, try to also invite a friend for them so that the child in the first year of school can get time with their new playmate
- Help your child change their behaviour if it gets in the way of making friends. Some children may be too boisterous and push in, so they get rejected; others may hang back and not reach out to other children
- Encourage your child to broaden their friendship group by inviting other children, beyond their special friends, to play sometimes. This helps if there is a break in the main friendships
- Listen to the stories from the playground to learn how relationships are developing



Reference: Early Childhood Australia & Australian Primary Principals Association, 2023, p.50

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.

49 Things to do before you're 5

49. Count the stars at dusk



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)
Last Full Day of ELC	Week 9 Wed (9/12)
ELC End of Year Celebration	Week 9 Thu (10/12)