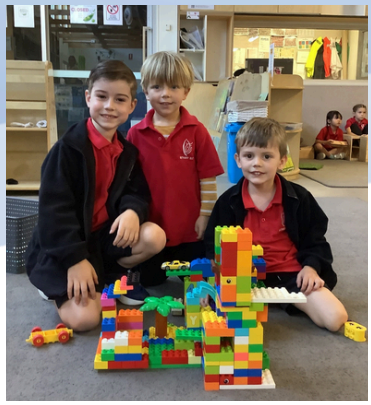
BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

11th of November, 2026
Term 4, Week 4







Hi Families,

What a fun few weeks the children have had as they continue to learn and explore in our ELC. The children have been given many opportunities to become more familiar with our school environment and daily routines as they prepare for their transition to school next year. They have been exploring different areas of the school and building their confidence within the wider school community.

In small groups, the children have been looking at a bird's-eye view map of the school, identifying key locations and discussing the different spaces they will use when they begin school. These experiences are helping to strengthen their sense of belonging and excitement for this next stage of their learning journey.

Please refer to the school email for full details regarding transition dates and important information for families, or contact the school office if you require any further information.

We are also looking forward to celebrating together at our End of Year Celebration and Graduation. This will be a special opportunity to reflect on the wonderful year we have shared and acknowledge the growth, learning, and achievements of the children. Please see our Storypark post for further details.

The final Bush Kindy session for the year will be held on Wednesday of Week 7. We are grateful for the many opportunities Bush Kindy has provided for exploration, discovery, and learning in nature throughout the year.

As we enter the final few weeks of ELC for 2026, we are thankful for the privilege of journeying alongside your children and witnessing their growth and development. We look forward to making the most of this special time together and creating many more wonderful memories before the year comes to a close.

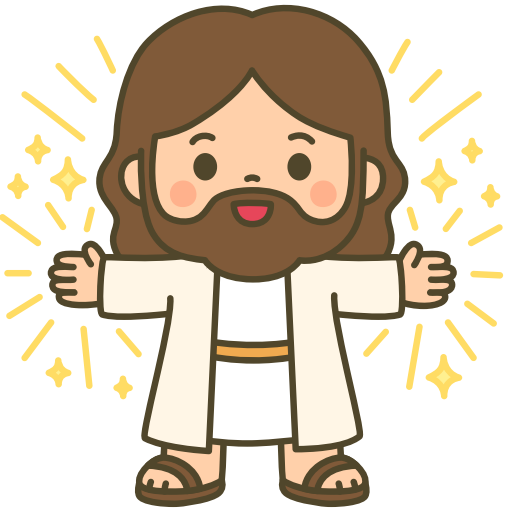
Blessings,
Rebecca Thomson – ELC Director

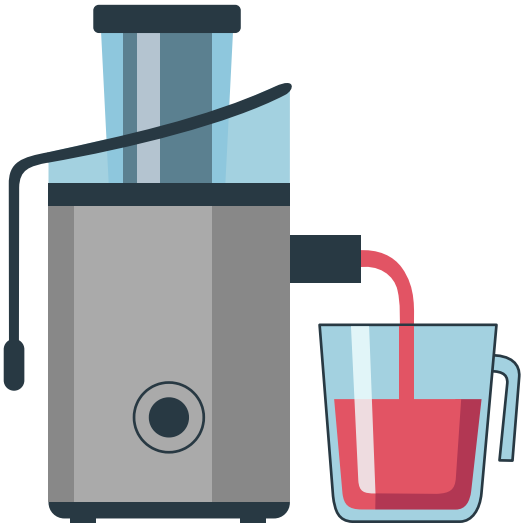
Our Learning



Using a map, we explored our school to discover more about location, position and movement. We are excited for our Reception students in this space next year!
Can you share with someone in your family what cool things you saw on our school adventure?

In our devotions this week, we learnt that God sent Jesus to be the light of the world!
Can you explain to someone in your family what it means for Jesus to be the light?





We continued our cooking experiences by juicing different fresh fruits and vegetables!
Can you share with someone in your family about the flavours you tasted in our juice?

Family Involvement

THINGS YOU CAN DO...

To establish wellness routines

When families establish regular routines, they build connection and grow together.
Shared, repeated experiences make the family unit stronger, which helps both parents and children cope with changes and transitions. It is therefore a good strategy to establish some patterns for family life before children begin their first year at school.

Purposeful routines might include:

- Dedicating time to being as a family, just to enjoy each other's company
- Spending time talking about the things everyone is grateful for
- Remembering to connect with relatives and friends who are important to the family unit
- Eating together on school nights
- Making it a priority to read books with your child
- Allowing space for any worries to be shared within the family unit



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

1. Run around in the rain
2. Play hide-and-seek in the garden
3. Lie on your back and watch the clouds



Important Dates in Term 4:	
2027 Reception Picnic	Week 5 Wed (11/11)
SRC Market Day	Week 5 Fri (13/11)
Christmas 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)