

# BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

13TH OF OCTOBER 2021  
TERM 4 WEEK 1



Welcome to our Term 4, Week 1 Newsletter.

We hope you have all had a restful school holiday period and that you were able to create some precious memories with your children. It has been exciting to hear the children share about their holiday adventures, from camping and beach trips to Pixar mini golf.

Just like that, we have come to our final term of 2021. We have a packed term as we prepare the children for 'big school' and welcome our 2022 ELC children for transitions. In preparation for Reception, we will be visiting the playground in small groups during the school's recess and lunch time, having visits to the Reception classroom (with all Reception teachers) in Weeks 4, 5 and 8 and hosting Parent Teacher Conferences in Week 4 to discuss your child's progress and how we can support them best in their transition to school. Throughout November, the Diverse Learning team from the school will also be conducting school pre-entry assessments during your child's booked ELC days. No bookings or parent attendance are required for these assessments.

This term we will be focusing on the 'We Change' element of our philosophy. We will be investigating changes in our environment, exploring how things grow, investigating changes in science (i.e. processes such as freezing/melting) and learning how to be brave when coping with changes.

Our last full day of ELC this year will be on Wednesday the 8th of December, with our End of Year Celebration and family picnic on the 9th of December. The ELC will be open for a week of school holiday program from the 13th to 17th of December before we close for the rest of the year. Please take note of these dates to arrange necessary care arrangements for your children.

**Blessings,**

**Rachael Chesson - ELC Director**

# OUR LEARNING



LEFT OUT



EXCITED

This week, we will be learning about the excited and left out feelings. Fun has to be fun for everyone, and we will learn to be inclusive and make room for others.

**Can you show someone in your family how to use "Stop Hands" to control your excited feelings? Can you practice getting yourself included in play?**

This week we are going to do more work on understanding letters in the context of words.

**Can you sound out the letters in the words bat, sun, and mop?**

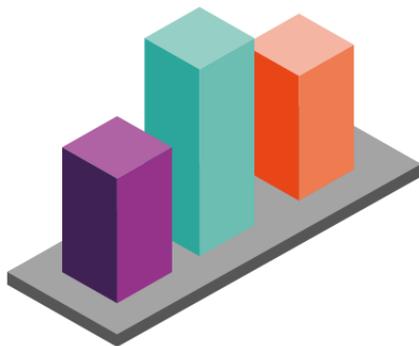


We are going to be learning Christmas carols this term!  
**Which Christmas carol are you learning this week? Can you sing some of it for your family?**

# OUR LEARNING

This week we will be learning to compare and order the number of items in different groups!

**Can you practice this with someone at home?**



This week we will practice dribbling basketballs using games!

**How long can you dribble a ball for? Can you teach one of the dribbling games to someone in your family?**

This term we are getting ready for BIG school!

**Can you tell someone in your family about one thing you're excited to do next year? Can you talk about something you're nervous about for next year?**



# OTHER INFORMATION

## Communication:

Each child has their own pocket in the foyer where you will find notices. Please remember to check this each day your child is in ELC, and to check Storypark for regular updates of our daily activities.

We understand you may need to contact the ELC other times throughout the day which you are welcome to do via email: [elc@bethany.sa.edu.au](mailto:elc@bethany.sa.edu.au), or phone: 8283 0000.



- 43. Catch rain on your tongue
- 44. Sprout some fast growing seeds



### Important Dates in Term 4:

ELC Parent-Teacher Conversations	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Week 4
Reception 2022 Transition Visits		Ongoing from Week 4
Twilight Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun		Friday Week 8
Last day of school		Wednesday Week 9
ELC Picnic & End of Year Celebration		Thursday Week 9
ELC Holiday Program	Thursday	Week 9 - Friday Week 10
ELC Closed (Pupil Free Day)		Friday Week 9

