

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

3RD OF FEBRUARY 2021
TERM 1 WEEK 1



Welcome to our Term 1, Week 1 Newsletter.

It has been so lovely getting to know each of your children and your families over the past few weeks. Through the transition visits, we have seen our children grow in their sense of belonging and comfort within our ELC environment, develop friendships with their new peers and experience joy as they discover and participate in new experiences together. Thank you for making the time to bring your children to their visits and for supporting them to have the best start to their ELC year.

As your children begin their full days at our ELC, it is understandable that many may feel 'big emotions' or feel tired from their big day at ELC. We would like to encourage you to support your children in having a regular bedtime and nutritious meals so they are fuelled and rested for their days at ELC. Support your child in talking about their feelings and reflections on their ELC day.

Your children should have had their first visit to the library this week, with a library book and bag to bring home. Please check the library schedule in our foyer to determine your child's library day. Your child will need to return their library books in their library bag each week on their allocated day.

We will be hosting our annual 'Meet the Teacher Night' on the 10th of February. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our whole staff, ask questions and hear more about our ELC program. There will be two sessions to choose from, 5pm and 7pm, with limited spots available for each session. A link to book your spot will be sent out later this week. Please also remember to check your child's pocket at the end of each day for any notices and forms to be signed and returned.

Blessings,
Rachael Chesson - ELC Director

OUR LEARNING



We are learning about thinking thoughts and feeling feelings, and following the group plan.

What are you thinking about right now? What are you feeling? Can you ask someone in your family what they're feeling?

This week we are learning about syllables, sorting, and Blank's 2000 questions!

Read your favourite storybook with a family member. Can you count the number of syllables in one of the words? Can you describe what is happening in the story?



We are exploring the concept of a word, and start to learn how words are formed.

Have you learned a new word this week? What is it? Is it short or long?



OUR LEARNING

This week we are learning to sort items into categories.

Can you sort your favourite toys by colour?

Can you sort them by size?



This week we are exploring colours!

What is your favourite colour? Can you mix it with a different colour and make a new colour?

We are learning how to wash our hands properly!

Can you sing our washing hands song?

***Wash, wash, wash your hands,
wash them every day, in and out,
and in between to keep the germs away. HEY!***

(To the tune of Row Your Boat)



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, or phone: 8283 0000.



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 1:

Meet the Teacher Evening
School Dentist Visits
Come and Play

Wed Week 2 (10th of February)
Week 3 (15-18th of February)
Week 7 (15-19th of March)

