

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

17TH OF MARCH 2021
TERM 1 WEEK 7



Welcome to our Term 1, Week 7 Newsletter. What a wonderful time we have had with our families joining us for Come and Play. We know that families are the first teachers a child has and we greatly value your input into our program.

At Bethany ELC, we believe relationships are the key to your children's overall development. Our staff treasure the short amount of time we spend with your children during their time at ELC and endeavor to form strong connections with your children. The other day I was reading an **article by BE YOU called 'Brain Development.'** It discussed how the brain connections we make during our early childhood experiences shape our future development both positively and negatively. During the early years of life, most of this learning occurs through our interactions with significant adults including families and early childhood educators as children learn how to respond to the world around them. It was such a wonderful reminder how just how important these early years experiences are. If you would like to have a read of this article, you can find a copy in the ELC foyer.

Thank you to those who were able to complete our first family survey. It is a great way for us to gain more information about your child, and ways we can support your child throughout this year. Please keep your eyes peeled in the coming weeks for our second survey.

School Holiday forms are now overdue. If you have not returned your form please do so as soon as possible to avoid being charged if you are intending on having a break. Please be reminded that our normal program will not be operational, and there may be different staff working.

Blessings,
Emily Bondarenko - ELC Director

OUR LEARNING



This week we will be learning about how authors create characters using language and images.

Can you read a book with your family? Who is the main character? What does the main character look like? What is the character's personality?

This week we are meeting our new friends Cloud and Huggtopus. They will help us learn about our feelings!

When you're sad or mad, what can help you feel happy again?

When you struggle to wait to talk to an adult, what is something that can help you?



This week we are learning about the letters 'c' and 'k'. The names of the letters are 'see' and 'kay' and the sounds that they make are /c/ as in cat and /k/ as in key.

Can you think of some words that start with /c/? What about some words that start with /k/?

c/k (Tune: *She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain* Track 7)

C

We are clicking castanets,
/c/-/c/-/c/.
We are clicking castanets,
/c/-/c/-/c/.
We are clicking castanets,
clicking castanets...
...we are clicking castanets,
/c/-/c/-/c/.



OUR LEARNING

This week we are learning about ordinal numbers! Ordinal numbers tell us about position, not quantity. (eg. 1st, 2nd)

Can you race one or two of your family members, or toys? Who came 1st?



We are reading stories in the Bible to help us learn about how to get along with each other when we feel jealous, and when we need to forgive.

How can God help us get along with each other?

We are learning all about jumping!

Can you show someone in your family how to land after a jump? Can you show them how high you can jump?



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.



10. Climb a steep slope on your hands and knees
11. Watch a sunrise or sunset
12. Play with mud



Important Dates in Term 1:

Come and Play

Easter **ELC CLOSED**

Holidays

Week 7 (15-19th of March)

Week 9 (Friday 2nd Apr), Week 10 (Monday 5th Apr)

12th-27th of April

