

# BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

2ND OF SEPTEMBER 2020  
TERM 3 WEEK 7



Welcome to our Term 3, Week 7 Newsletter.

I don't know about you but I am so excited that spring is upon us! In our ELC we have been loving the sunshine and warmer weather, and we have begun exploring the changes this season brings - from leaves and flowers growing to birds building nests and laying eggs in our pepper tree. Spring also signifies that we are more than halfway through Term 3. Time absolutely flies by in Term 4 as we begin preparing our children for Reception. Our educators have been enjoying reflecting on the growth our children have demonstrated, and have been busy mapping out goals and learning journeys for the rest of the term/year.

ELC Photos have been going smoothly this week - it has been lovely to see our children's big smiles that reflect the joy and fun they have at ELC. I am sure you will be pleased with the final outcome and will treasure these precious snaps for a long time.

Our Father's Day stall is happening this Thursday and Friday. Please remember to send your child's money (between 50 cents and \$15) in a labelled ziplock bag and pass it directly to an educator on the morning. If your child does not attend either of these days and would like to join in, please speak to Bec/myself so we can make arrangements. We also have a Pupil Free Day on Friday 11th September. Please put these dates in your diary.

We hope you have a lovely weekend celebrating the special father figures in your families - whether they are dads, grandpas, uncles, neighbours or family friends. We are looking forward to having your special people join us for our special Father's Day Come and Play next week!

**Blessings,**  
**Rachael Chesson - ELC Coordinator**

# OUR LEARNING

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y (Track: *Apples and Bananas*  
Track 29)

I like to eat, eat, eat,  
yogurt and bananas.  
I like to eat, eat, eat,  
yogurt and bananas.  
I like to eat, eat, eat,  
yogurt and bananas  
- /y/-/y/-/y/-/y/-/y/!



Action: Pretend to eat  
yogurt from a spoon,  
saying y, y, y.

We are learning about the letters 'Yy' and 'Xx'. The names of the letters are 'we' and 'ex', and the sounds they make are /y/ as in yo-yo and /ks/ as in box.

**What are some other words that start with Y and X? Is there anything in your house that starts with these letters?**

We are learning about blending and segmenting the sounds in words, and matching words with the same beginning sounds.

**Can you sound out these sounds? C-a-t? M-a-t? Now can you put them all together and say the words?**



We will be learning more about patterns this fortnight!

**Can you make an ABAB pattern with some of your toys at home? Now can you try making an ABCABC pattern?**

# OUR LEARNING

We are learning new things through books during our Storybook Challenge! Every afternoon we will be reading a new storybook to promote literacy and comprehension skills, and exercise our imaginations.

**Can you try sounding out some of the sounds in your book? Can you try blending the sounds together to make a word?**



We are learning about flexible and stuck thinking, and that problems come in different sizes, so our responses should too.

**What can you do when your thoughts get stuck?**

**What kind of response should you have to a small problem?**

We will be exploring "We Challenge" this term with different challenges! This week we will do the Father's Day Challenge.

**What did you cook or make for your dad for the Father's Day Challenge? Did you have fun?**



# 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 3:

Photo Days

Mon August 31 & Thurs September 3

Father's Day Come and Play

Week 8 (7th-10th of September)

Pupil Free Day

Friday September 11

