

### **Did you fullas know?**

Bub's getting more creative and likes to make up and tell gammon stories. Bub can listen to longer stories and will sometimes follow instructions but sitting still can be tricky.

Bub's trying to do more for themselves, like trying to do up their shoes.

By now, bubs will try to hold a pencil between their thumb and finger.

Drawing will help make bub's hand strong for writing.

Bub is now starting to understand the difference between scribbles and letters.

### **How can you help bub learn?**

Read books, junk mail and magazines to help imagination and knowledge grow.

Dance as you sing your songs. Try some new ones — especially ones that rhyme.

Yarn about maths when playing. Use words like 'middle', 'last', 'some', 'more' and 'less'.

Give bub a good start at school by helping them say and sound letters.

Draw and trace letters with crayons, in the sand, dirt or fingerpaint.

Try to limit bub watching TV and videos to 1–2 hours a day. Yarn about the shows together.



### **Want to know more? Ask**

your family, friends and community.

your Koori worker — contact number [redacted]

your AMS, GP or Midwife — contact number [redacted]

If your bub goes to child care, pre-school or playgroup, ask the staff there.

If your bub has additional needs, ask your doctor or child's support worker for further ideas.

**Or visit** the Early Words website — [www.earlywords.info/aboriginal](http://www.earlywords.info/aboriginal)