

**Waite Campus Childrens Centre**

# Family News

**February 2023**



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Welcome to all the new families who have joined WCCC so far this year. It has been a month of change and transition as we farewell lots of children off to school, as children graduate and move to a new room, and as we welcome many new families to the centre. The children have all shown how awesome and resilient they are as they learn new faces and spaces. They are amazing!

The Centre has been freshly painted, the floor have been polished, the carpets have been cleaned and the windows have been washed. All in preparation to welcome families back inside the building. It has been so lovely to return to our normal processes and see everyone's faces inside again!

Please see the website gallery at <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/childcare/waite-campus-childrens-centre/the-team> for photos of the staff team at WCCC. To introduce the team:

**Director:** Eleanor

**Admin:** Cathy

**Chef:** Grace

**Room One:** Gayle, Cherry, Karen, Tamala, Yaejee and Zoe

**Room Two:** Cassie, Bobbie and Madhu

**Room Three:** Dani, Marta, Eunice, Nancy, Emilie and Yvett

**Casuals:** Saru, Kylie, Chao, Kusum, Corina and Anne

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I have not yet managed to get photos of Yaejee and Zoe onto the website but please see page 3 for an introduction from them both.

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Between now and May, Grace will be working reduced hours and only in the kitchen Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday Anne will be the chef.



## *What's cooking in the kitchen with Grace?*

Ciao, I am Chef Grace at the Waite Campus Children Centre. Many of you will know me, but I thought that I may introduce myself to the new families.

I am an accomplished chef with a degree in Nutrition. My specialties are Mediterranean food and pasta. My background is Italian so I put my heart and soul into cooking (just like the Nonnas do). I have been at Waite Campus for 10 years and enjoy planning weekly menus with different foods such as Indigenous, Western, Asian and Italian. I also enjoy outdoor cooking that we do with the children during the winter months. Children need to eat foods from all five healthy food groups. I incorporate the five food groups in my daily meals for the children because they have nutrients that are important for children's growth, brain development, and learning.

When I am not at work, I love to spend time with family and friends, explore the outdoors and cook for my loved ones.

The kitchen is central in the centre so please stop by, when dropping of your fruit for the day. introduce yourself and say ciao Grace!



Thursday 9th February is International Pizza Day! We will celebrate this on Wednesday when Grace will be cooking pizzas with the children. Children will be making their own individual pizzas and choosing their own ingredients.



Each week Grace will share a couple of recipes from her menu in her kitchen corner. Come and see Grace in the kitchen, have a chat and find out what is cooking!

# Introducing.....

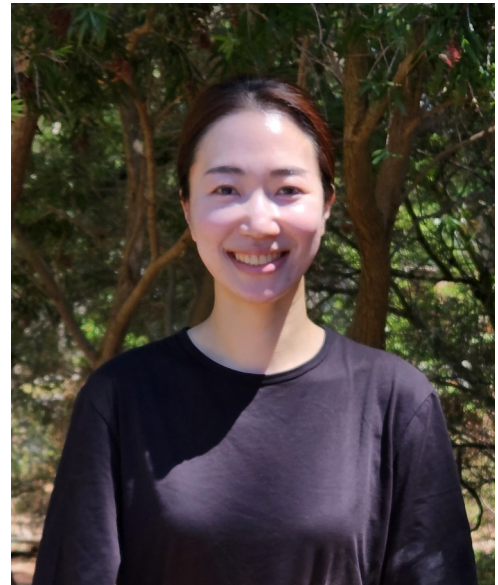
## Yaejee.....

Hi I'm Yaejee [Yezi]. I am an Early Childhood Educator in Room 1. I am a bit shy at first, but once you get to know me, I'm really bubbly.

I live with my husband and he is my best friend. I love walking in a park, exploring a new cafe and watching Netflix.

I feel privileged to support the children's early learning and well-being.

I was a secretary for 10 years in Korea and I changed careers to work at the childcare centre when I came to Australia. Compared to my former bosses, these children are too adorable.



## Zoe.....

Hi, I am Zoe Maynard, one of the new staff members here at Waite Campus Children's Centre. I am 21 years old and am halfway through my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education degree at Flinders University.



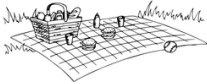






I am originally from a small town in the Mallee region known as Lameroo. I was raised on a big farm with lots of animals. I moved to Adelaide nearly 10 years ago where I completed my high school education at Urrbrae Agricultural High school.

I am also from a very large family. I have 6 siblings, 3 girls and 3 boys, the youngest of these is 5 years old. Growing up with this many younger siblings has helped grow my interest in working with children. I am also very close with my family so I spend much of my time outside of work with them. Along with having a large family we also have a large number of animals, including 1 turtle, 2 chooks, 1 dog and 1 puppy, and 5 cats.

I will be working at the centre 4 days a week and studying on Wednesdays.

I look forward to getting to know everyone, please come say hi if you see me around.



February	
Term 1: 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 14 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Education for Sustainability</b> Thursday	<b>R2/3 Pilyabilyangga</b> Monday
9 <sup>th</sup> February	International Pizza Day 
21 <sup>st</sup> February 	Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday
26 <sup>th</sup> February 	Family picnic celebrating new and old
March	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 	Clean up Australia day recognised
8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day
13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Centre closed Adelaide Cup Day</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Week 
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole Centre walk and picnic and Harmony Day
25 <sup>th</sup> March 	Earth Hour 8.30 to 9.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Room 3 parent evening
April	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 	Daylight savings ends clocks forward 1 hour
7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Centre closed Good Friday</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Centre closed Easter Monday</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day 
25 <sup>th</sup> April 	Centre closed Anzac Day





# Changes to Child Care Subsidy

From 10 July 2023, there are changes to the way we work out your Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlement. Child care will be cheaper for most families.

## What you need to know

- The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90% for families earning up to \$80,000.
- The income limit for CCS is increasing to \$530,000.
- If you earn over \$80,000, your CCS percentage will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 of income your family earns. You'll either get more subsidy or have no change to your entitlement. The CCS percentage you're entitled to depends on your family's income.

For more information about CCS, go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/changes-if-you-get-family-payments](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/changes-if-you-get-family-payments)

## Families with more than one child aged 5 or under

From 10 July 2023, if you have more than one child aged 5 or under you can still get a higher rate for one or more of your children.

## If you get Additional Child Care Subsidy

If you get Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) your rates will stay the same.

From 10 July 2023, the low income limit for ACCS Transition to Work (TTW) will increase to \$80,000. Your family will still need to meet other ACCS TTW eligibility requirements.

## What you need to do from January to June 2023

In most cases, you don't need to do anything to get the increased rate. If you get CCS, we'll apply changes to your CCS automatically from 10 July 2023.

## Updating your family income estimate

The amount of CCS you get is calculated using your family income estimate. It's important to make sure that you check your income estimate regularly and update it if your circumstances change.

If you get CCS or if you're already assessed for CCS but get 0%, you may be eligible for an increased rate. Check your family income estimate is up to date so you get the right amount from 10 July 2023.

You can check or update your income estimate at any time using:

- your **Centrelink online account** through [my.gov.au](https://my.gov.au)
- the **Express Plus Centrelink mobile app**
- the **myGov app**.

For more information about how to update your family income estimate, go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/familyincomeestimate](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/familyincomeestimate)

## Making a claim for CCS

From 10 July 2023 the income limit for CCS is increasing to \$530,000. This means that more families will be entitled to CCS to reduce their child care costs.

If you want to check your eligibility for CCS, you can make a claim using your Centrelink online account through myGov or your Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

If you make a claim and it's assessed before 10 July 2023, you may be assessed at 0% if your income is over \$356,756. Your new rate of CCS will automatically apply to you from 10 July 2023.

You can make a claim for CCS any time using:

- your **Centrelink online account** through **my.gov.au**
- the **Express Plus Centrelink mobile app**
- the **myGov app**.

For more information about how to claim CCS, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-claim-child-care-subsidy](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-claim-child-care-subsidy)

## What's happening from 10 July 2023

If you already get CCS or made a claim, you don't need to do anything to get the increased rate. We'll apply changes to your CCS automatically from 10 July 2023.

Your new rate of CCS will show in your online account from 10 July 2023 through myGov. Select **My family** from the Menu, then **Family assistance**, followed by **Child Care Subsidy Summary** to view your rate.

You can also use your Express Plus Centrelink mobile app. Select **Child Care Subsidy**, then **Children assessed** to view your rate from 10 July 2023.