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Weekly wrap for the early childhood education and care sector



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Tomorrow is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is a time to celebrate the strengths and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

It's an opportunity for all Australians to show support and learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child.

Children's Day has run annually since 1988 and is the initiative of [SNAICC – National Voice for our Children](#).

My Dreaming, My Future

This year's theme is **My Dreaming, My Future**.

Watch as the 2022 Children's Day Ambassador, Thomas Mayor, [talks about this year's theme and how you can celebrate](#).

Get involved

Each year, early childhood education and care services across Australia host events to celebrate Children's Day.

[Find ideas for celebrating](#) and [register your event](#).

You can also [download culturally appropriate resources and activities](#), including the [2022 activity sheet](#).

Let us know how you're celebrating in our [Facebook group](#).

Learn more on the [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day website](#).

Session reports close on Sunday

Don't forget to submit your session reports for the 2021–22 Child Care Subsidy (CCS) year by 11.59pm this Sunday.

The Child Care Subsidy System (CCSS) will be closed for the 2021–22 CCS year from Monday.

You won't be able to submit, vary or withdraw session reports for any period between 12 July 2021 and 10 July 2022.

You must submit complete and accurate session reports on time – it's the law. Failure to do so is an offence and may result in an infringement. It is also essential for [CCS balancing](#) to commence.

Learn more about session reports in the [Child Care Provider Handbook](#).

Enrolment notices must be accurate

If your enrolments are incorrect or missing important details, families may miss out on CCS.

Enrolment notices include details about a child, their parent or carer, the provider, and the agreed care arrangement.

Importantly, they **must** include the name, date of birth and Customer Reference Number (CRN) of:

- the child
- the parent or carer who is claiming CCS.

These details link the enrolment to a parent's CCS claim. If these details are missing or incorrect, Services Australia cannot pay CCS on behalf of a family.

List the correct claimant

A common mistake is to list the parent or carer who has not made a CCS claim. **Please ensure you have listed the correct individual so that CCS can be paid.**

While enrolment notices must list the individual claiming CCS, a Complying Written Arrangement can be made with either parent or carer.

Enrolment timeframes

You must submit an enrolment notice in the CCSS within 7 days from the end of the week in which you enrol a child. This is a requirement under Family Assistance Law.

If a family does not provide all the required information, you may still submit the enrolment to meet the above timeframe.

However, you must follow up with the family and update the enrolment notice as soon as possible. This will minimise payment delays and avoid payments going directly to the family. Learn more about enrolments in the [Child Care Provider Handbook](#).

Useful information

Handy resource

The National Centre for Australian Children's Literature has a [free database](#) for educators to discover children's books by and about Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Good to know

We share news, updates and resources in our [Australian Child Care Providers and Services Facebook group](#).

Plus, it's a great place to ask a question. Recently, a member asked us about closing a Cent Based Day Care or Outside School Hours Care service early. [Take a look at the conversation](#). Have a question of your own? [Join the Facebook group and ask us](#).

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