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# Newsletter

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## Grandparents and Special Friends Day

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all of our wonderful Grandparents and Special Friends who attended our special celebrations. It was wonderful to see so many families represented on this day. The children and staff enjoyed sharing stories of the 'olden days' and learning many new things about their students families.

### *Grandparents Day*

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrated Grandparents Day. Ruby arrived at school early in the morning when it was cold and cloudy. Jade then arrived at the normal time. When the bell rang, everyone went to the seats and then the performances started. For the first performance, everyone saw the highest violin group. We also saw the junior and senior dance groups and the violin and recorder group. The grandparents enjoyed the performances.

Once all the performances were over the grandparents went back to the classes to visit their grandchildren. We looked at pictures from the past with the grandparents and played Grandparent Bingo. We were then given a questionnaire to ask the grandparents. Jade and Ruby did not have grandparents visiting that day so Mrs Freer's dad adopted them both and answered all of their questions.

After having the grandparents in our classroom, we went outside to do some dancing. Later we all had a BBQ lunch together and could share more time with our grandparents.

Everyone had a fantastic day.

By Jade & Ruby 5/6F



# Principal's Report

## Congratulations Debating Team

Congratulations to the students of the debating team. The team debated the topic of 'Peer Pressure Does More Harm Than Good'. Our team was the affirmative. Throughout the debating season each member worked hard on preparing and delivering their arguments. The grand final was fiercely debated and Padstow Park Public School were victorious on the day. Thank you Mrs Sartor and Miss Gladden for all your hard work with preparations and organising the team structure. Congratulations once again boys and girls!!

## Bankstown District Dance Festival

Well done to the students who represented our school at the recent Bankstown District Dance Festival. Behaviour in the holding room was exemplary and the performance quality was fantastic. Thank you to the families and friends who supported the students. Thank you to Mrs Tsakalis and Mrs Richards for helping with holding room preparations. Thank you to the staff who came and watched the performance. A massive thank you to Mrs Lewis, your excellent preparation for the Junior Dance Group was spectacular.

## Principal Position

Ms Jan Green Director of NSW Public Schools Bankstown Network will be convening a panel shortly and the Principal Position will go to advertisement through iWork NSW. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to come to the office and the office staff will be able to assist you.

## Kindergarten Orientation and Staffing

At this stage we have 56 kindergarten students for 2018. This means we will stay with our current set up of 13 mainstream classes and one IM class. Our numbers at present are fluctuating on a weekly basis. We hope to stabilise over the next few weeks. Week 1 2018 classes can expect to stay in their 2017 location. This allows the school to calculate the return of students and to settle student movement in classes.

## Transition to Stage 1 and 2

Transition workshops have been well received in the past. We are running these information workshops again for parents of students who are moving into Year 1 and Year 3. The information evenings will present information on expectations, homework and home reading as well as helpful hints for making the transitions as smooth as possible into a new learning environment.

## Online Payments

This is just a reminder that our website has the online payment option for parents. This system allows parents to get a receipt number straight away. Online payments are a great way to save yourself time, especially in the morning when time is of the essence. There is a red box in the front office, where parents and students can post cash and/ or cheque payments to save waiting at the counter. Permission notes indicating payment previously made with the Schedule of Payments and online payments can go straight to classroom teachers. You may have noticed iPad holders being installed in the front office. Shortly parents will be able to access online payments using the available iPads.

## Presentation Day

A note explaining Presentation Day will be coming out this week. We have moved the venue to Sir Joseph Banks High School Hall and day to Friday 8th December so please read the notice carefully.

## Dates for your Diary from the Sentral

### 9 November

K-2 Symbio Excursion

### 11 & 16 November

Helpers needed for Pudding Cooking

### 17 November

Pudding Orders due

PSSA Finals Seasons 3

SRC Speeches and Voting

### 22, 23, 24, 25 November

Schools' Spectacular

### 23 November

East Hills Boys HS Transition

### 28 November

Last Scripture Lesson

### 29 November

East Hills Boys HS Transition

### 30 November

9:30am P&C Christmas Stall

2pm Mrs Mollica's Assembly

3:30pm Mrs Mollica's Afternoon Tea

### 1 December

9:30am Cultural Assembly

P & C Farewell for Mrs Mollica

### 4 December

8-9:30am Thank you Breakfast

### 5 December

Combined Scripture Lesson

High School Orientation Day (All)

### 6 December

Pudding Orders Delivered

Carols Night

### 7 December

9:30am 1/2Z Assembly

### 8 December

11am Presentation Day

Sir Joseph Banks High School Hall

Reports Distributed

### 12 December

6pm Year 6 Farewell

### 13 December

K-2 Funhouse Mortdale

### 14 December

3-6 Picnic Day

### 15 December

9:30am SRC Assembly

Padstow Idol

Last day of school for 2017

# Grandparents Day Cont...

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 Padstow Park Public School celebrated Grandparents Day. The day started with a wonderful introduction by our S.R.C. Following this were some performances by our fantastic junior and senior dance groups and our violin groups. Next, Mrs Weldon and the S.R.C let the Grandparents come to our classrooms. We interviewed them, played bingo and we even had to dance for them, which was my favourite part. It was lunch time and because our school is so kind and generous they gave free sausage rolls to EVERYONE!! Lunch finished and the Grandparents left. Many thanks to everyone for helping us make Grandparents Day so enjoyable.

Adrian Kahla -5/6 G



# School News

## MRS MOLLICA'S RETIREMENT.

As you were aware Mrs Mollica will not be returning to Padstow Park as she will be retiring. We will be celebrating Mrs Mollica's many years of service to Public Education with two events.

The first is on **Thursday 30th November** with a school assembly from **2.00 pm**, followed by an afternoon tea for Mrs Mollica's family, friends and colleagues.

The second occasion will be a special parent afternoon tea run by the **P & C on Friday 1st December** from **2.30 – 4.30 pm**. This will be an opportunity for students and parents to catch up with Mrs Mollica and wish her well. More information on this event will follow in coming weeks. Please save the date. There will be a special book available to families at this afternoon tea to write messages for Mrs Mollica.

Any families that would like to contribute towards a special gift for Mrs Mollica, please place your contribution in a sealed envelope marked Mrs Mollica's Retirement and send it to the office.

A gift will be purchased on behalf of the students.

We look forward to seeing parents on Friday 1st December to help us celebrate.

Lynn Weldon & Nerida Hopper

# Selective High School Applications

## YEAR 7 SELECTIVE SCHOOLS

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for entry to Year 7 in 2019 open on 10 October 2017 and close on 13 November 2017. You must apply by the due date. Download a printable version of the application information <https://shsocplacement.org.au/registration/>.

The office has paper copies of the information regarding the application process if you would like one please see either Ms Holden or Mrs Gheno for a copy. Read the information on the Application process pages before applying. You must apply before 10pm on 13 November 2017. You must apply online at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

### Key dates – Year 7 selective schools

10 October 2017	Application for entry in 2019 opens online
13 November 2017	Application for entry in 2019 closes
17 November 2017	Outcome of appeals sent for entry in 2018
15 December 2017	Applicants for 2018 entry with offers are removed from reserve lists unless the offer is declined
12 January 2018	Authority to attend letter sent to applicants enrolling at the school in 2018

**Selective High School Placement Test date** Thursday 15 March 2018

There is more information at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

# P & C News and Uniform Shop

## Uniform Shop News

As of Term 3 the uniform shop will be open on the following days:

Monday from 8:45am till 9:45am

Thursday from 3pm till 3:45pm

### Padstow Park Public School Uniform Suppliers

Mue Panania Uniforms & Embroidery  
34 Anderson Ave, Panania  
(02) 9771 0825

### Lowes Bankstown

Shop 209b, Bankstown Central  
(cnr North Terrace & Lady Cutler Ave)  
(02) 9790 1432

### Telstra Kids Fund

Are you a Telstra employee with a child at our school? You can support our school by applying for a grant from the Telstra Kids Fund.

This year, the Telstra Kids Fund has partnered with the organisation "Technology Will Save Us" to create some awesome Telstra Kids grant projects for pre, primary and secondary school kids. Some of our parents will be applying for the new digital education projects for primary schoolers and it would be great if we could get a few applications going at the same time, so that we can get resources for as many of our kids as possible. Of course, there is still the option to design your own grant project if you have another idea in mind. Next round opens on 30 October P&C can help you apply.

### P&C Meeting

When: Tuesday 5 December 2017

Where: School Library

Time: 7pm

### School Banking

School banking is each Thursday morning in E block. If you would like to volunteer your time to help out with school banking please see the volunteers for details.

### Book Club

Just a reminder the book club committee cannot take cash orders for book club orders. All orders are completed online. If you need help please ask at the office.

### School Locker Liverpool

Shop R20-R21, Liverpool Megacentra  
2-20 Orange Grove Road  
(02) 8796 2100

Online orders available.  
See office for member card.

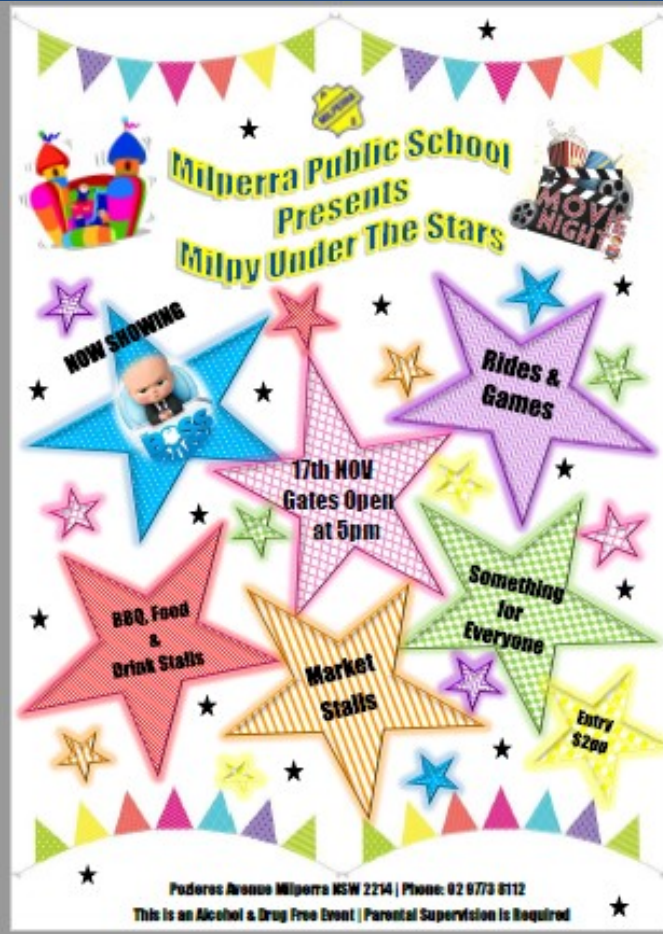
### Claudine School wear

23 President Ave,  
Caringbah NSW 2229  
(02) 9526 2525

Great value summer and winter tunics.  
Phone orders and postage available.



# School and Community News



**Milperra Public School Presents Milpy Under The Stars**

NOW SHOWING

17th NOV Gates Open at 5pm

Rides & Games

BBQ, Food & Drink Stalls

Market Stalls

Something for Everyone

Entry \$2pp

Poderos Avenue Milperra NSW 2214 | Phone: 02 9773 6112  
This is an Alcohol & Drug Free Event | Parental Supervision is Required

CASTING NOW

## FAMILY FOOD HISTORY SERIES



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In an entertaining and insightful way, we'll take your family and your home back in time. Giving you the chance to shop, cook and eat your way through Australian history.

If you'd like the chance to show your children and experience together just how much family life and mealtimes have changed over the years, we would love to hear from you.

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castingau@warnerbros.com


## EDUCATE & EMPOWER

### Volunteer to Teach Islamic Scripture!

**ALL MATERIALS AND TRAINING PROVIDED FOR YOU**

Islamic Special Religious Education (ISRE) is a voluntary, non-profit organisation responsible for providing Muslim children in NSW Government schools with religious education classes every week.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to be able to access all **40,000** of these children.

**PLEASE DONATE TO THIS AMAZING CAUSE**

You can transfer a donation to  
Account Name: Islamic Council of NSW Inc ISRE  
BSB: 062 174  
Account Number: 1052 78 49  
CommBank Bank Type

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 ISLAMIC COUNCIL of New South Wales

P: 9708 0880  
M: 0415 252 555  
W: [www.isre.org.au](http://www.isre.org.au)




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**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** **\$5** FROM EVERY PAIR OF SHOES PURCHASED IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

PLEASE MENTION PADSTOW PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL WHEN PURCHASING.

**BANKSTOWN**  
The Athlete's Foot (02) 9708 5929

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