

# ***Term 4***

Week 10

## **SADLEIR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Term 4 Week 10  
Newsletter**

### ***Principal Message***

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements and express my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our school community.

This year has been filled with remarkable events and milestones, that have enriched our students' experiences. I am incredibly proud of our students, who have shown resilience, creativity, and dedication in their learning. Whether on the sports field, in the arts, or through academic pursuits, our students have demonstrated what it means to be successful learners and citizens.

On Monday I attended the Year 6 Farewell and was so very impressed with our students. This Year 6 has shown great friendship and kindness.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to our dedicated staff. Your hard work, passion, and commitment to nurturing our students' growth have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for going above and beyond to create a supportive and inspiring environment for our learners. Events like the Year 6 Farewell, dance concert, gold recognition days and school camps don't happen without the great efforts of staff.

To our parents and caregivers, thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. Your involvement and encouragement play a crucial role in our students' success, and we are grateful for the strong community we have built together.

As we look forward to the next year, let's continue to foster a love of learning and a sense of belonging in our school. Enjoy the upcoming holiday break, and I wish you all a safe and restful time with your loved ones. Today was the last day for students for 2024 and I look forward to seeing students back next year. School returns for all students on Thursday 6 February 2025. Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Kind Regards  
Matthew Ralph  
Principal

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## ***Note to Parents and Carers***

### ***2025 Term Dates and School Development Days***

As we begin preparing for next year, we would like to share some important information regarding our students' return to school and School Development Days in 2025.

The first day of school in 2025 for **all students K – 6** will be **Thursday 6 February 2025**.

# 2025 TERM DATES

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# SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS



Term	School Development Days	Dates for Students
<b>Term 1</b>	Friday 31 January Monday 3 February Tuesday 4 February Wednesday 5 February	Thursday 6 February to Friday 11 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All students K - 6 start school on the same day.</li></ul>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 28 April Tuesday 29 April	Wednesday 30 April to Friday 4 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 21 July	Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 13 October	Tuesday 14 October to Friday 19 December

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## *Selective High School and Opportunity Class Applications*

Applications for Opportunity Classes (Yr 5 2026) and Selective High School (Year 7 2026) are now open. Please read the flyer included in this newsletter for more information and links to the website.

Applications close on February 21, 2025.



NSW Department of Education

## Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

### Why selective education?

Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.

Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.



### Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.



learns quickly and easily



goal-driven



asks complex questions



good memory



curious and creative



deeply explores passions

Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.

## How can I support my child through the application process?



Talk to your child about the **benefits** and **challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.



Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.



Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount of preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.



Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: [edu.nsw.link/equity](https://edu.nsw.link/equity)

Resources in other languages:  
[edu.nsw.link/shsoc\\_languages](https://edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages)



### Financial support

[edu.nsw.link/pubedu](https://edu.nsw.link/pubedu)

The **Public Education Foundation scholarships** offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

*Please note there are no fees to apply and sit for the placement test, and there are no extra fees to enrol in a selective high school or opportunity class.*

### Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](#):



### Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to speak with your child's class teacher please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

[education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc)

## Twilight Swimming Trials - Information for 2025

In 2025 we will be holding a 'Twilight Swimming Trial' for students in Years 3-6 and for Year 2 students who turn 8 years old in 2025.

This swimming trial is for students who can **COMPETITIVELY** swim 50 metres **IN DEEP WATER** in either freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly to qualify for the GVPSSA Zone carnival.

**When:** Tuesday 11th February, 2025

**Time:** After school 3:30pm-4:30pm

**Where:** Michael Wenden Aquatic Centre, Miller 2168

**Travel:** Parents/guardians will need to take student/s to Michael Wenden Pools and stay with their children for the duration of the swimming races.

**Cost:** \$5.20 Paid to the school office

**What to bring:** Swimming costume, towel, hat, medication (if needed), sunscreen lotion, change of clothes

Spectators are welcome to attend (\$2.90 fee to be paid upon entry).

If you have any questions about the event, please speak to Ms Wiles at the beginning of 2025.

More information will be provided at the start of the 2025 school year along with a permission slip for parents/carers to sign.

Thank you,

Ms Wiles

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## ***Notes Sent Home***

Below are a list of notes that have been sent home over the past few weeks. Click on the files below to access them:



**Year 3 Students - Opportunity Class.pdf**

[Download](#)  
1.1 MB



**Year 5 Students - Selective High School Application.pdf**

[Download](#)  
1.1 MB



**December Munch & Move newsletter.pdf**

[Download](#)  
720.9 KB

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## ***From the Classrooms Sadleir's Got Talent!***



Last Friday, our Year 5 students hosted Sadleir's Got Talent! Chevy, Erika, Riah and Lyric created a fun and inviting show, where every student and teacher in the school sat back, relaxed and enjoyed

many laughs and WOW moments! We had 12 amazing acts, from students in Kindy to Year 6 and they danced, sung, performed jokes, skits and magic card shows! Our judges, Mr Ralph and Miss James, as well as our two Year 6 leaders, Ibrahim and Aliyah, definitely had a hard time marking because all the students did a great job. Well done to all our talented students who gave it their best and thank you to all our Stage 3 students who hosted and helped out on the day!

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## *News from Around the School*

### *Stage 1 Excursion*

In week 8 this term, Year 1 and Year 2 went on an excursion to the Wollongong Science Centre to consolidate their learning in Science this semester. Students had an absolute blast building LEGO towers, experimenting with sound and its movement, soaring across the galaxy in the planetarium and getting hands on and exploring the numerous science exhibits and activities.



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## *Year 6 Farewell*

The Year 6 farewell captured the essence of celebration and reflection as students gathered to mark the end of their primary school journey. The venue was beautifully decorated with deep navy, gold, and silver, creating a starry night theme that added a magical touch to the evening. The evening was a perfect blend of laughter and nostalgia, leaving everyone with smiles and cherished memories.

Good luck on your next adventure, and we look forward to seeing you next time.



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## ***Goodbye Our Beautiful Year 6s***

Year 6 celebrated their final day, marking a momentous occasion after seven years, and for some, eight years in primary school. The day began with a Year 6 assembly, where students showcased a dance they had been working on this term, themed 'Primary School Era.' Following the performance, the celebrations continued as the Year 6 students received their graduation certificates, with some good-natured roasting from their teachers. The excitement peaked during the annual Teacher vs. Student dodgeball competition, where the Year 6s battled hard but ultimately lost to the teachers with a score of 2 to 0. The day wrapped up with students receiving their yearbooks and graduation teddy bears, culminating in the magical moment of the arch, a fitting farewell to their primary school journey.





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# Special Children's CHRISTMAS PARTIES

## *Support Unit Christmas Party*

On Wednesday, December 11th, our K-3 Support Unit students and their parents attended the Special Children's Christmas Party at Rosehill Racecourse! This wonderful event day was filled with fun, laughter, and festive cheer.

Our students had the opportunity to enjoy a variety of exciting activities, including face painting, glitter tattoos and an animal petting zoo where they interacted with friendly animals. There were also thrilling rides that brought smiles and excitement!

A highlight of the day was the opportunity for our students to have photos with the fire brigade, the police, many different superheroes, the Grinch and Santa Claus. As well as all the fun activities, there was plenty of delicious food, pizza, cookies, cupcakes and ice blocks available for everyone to enjoy.

At the end of the day every student received a present, ensuring they all left with a smile and a little holiday magic. It was a memorable experience for our students and our parents!



## Community

**Lupco**  
fashions  
SCHOOLWEAR

### Back to School Trading Hours for 2025

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
9.00am - 4.00pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
9.00am - 12.00pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
9.00am - 4.00pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
9.00am - 4.00pm

**Lay-By available or**  
**Order online at**  
**[www.lupcofashions.com.au](http://www.lupcofashions.com.au)**

Unit 3A  
9 Lyn Parade Prestons NSW 2170  
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W [www.lupcofashions.com.au](http://www.lupcofashions.com.au)  
E [sales@lupcofashions.com.au](mailto:sales@lupcofashions.com.au)

Regular trading hours resume on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025



## Christmas Closure Dates

We will be closed from  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

We are re-opening on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Get prepared for 2025.**  
**We recommend purchasing school  
uniforms early.**

**Order online at**  
**[www.lupcofashions.com.au](http://www.lupcofashions.com.au)**

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E [sales@lupcofashions.com.au](mailto:sales@lupcofashions.com.au)

# AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAM

## ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS & KIDS THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Join us these school holidays for a range of sport activities to keep teens and kids entertained these school holidays:

- 6 & 8 January: Soccer & Basketball
- 13 & 15 January: Basketball & Mixed Sports
- 20 & 22 January: Soccer & Mixed Sports
- 29 January: Soccer or Basketball Sessions

Participants are required to bring drink bottle, lunch and snacks. Fully supervised by qualified coaches

**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**9am to 3pm**

Teen Active Member enjoy 2 DAYS FREE

**\$57.7\***  
PER CHILD  
PER SESSION



REGISTER AT RECEPTION OR CONTACT (02) 9607 6598



Michael Wenden Aquatic Leisure Centre  
62 Cabramatta Avenue, Milsb, 2568 NSW  
02 9607 6598 | [wendenreception@belgravialeisure.com.au](mailto:wendenreception@belgravialeisure.com.au)  
[www.wendenpool.com.au](http://www.wendenpool.com.au)





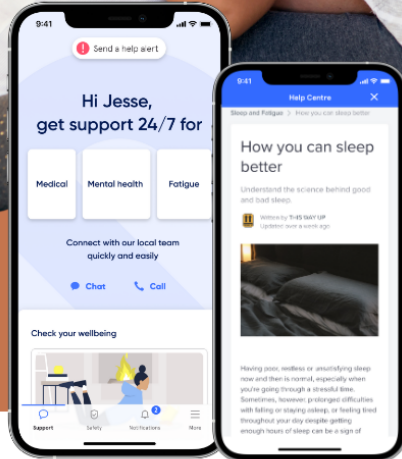
# Free medical, safety and wellbeing support for parents in SWS over the holidays

The Sonder Support Centre will be open 24/7 during the holiday period to provide support to you and your family.



Scan the QR code to complete the Sonder registration form to create your free account.

If you have any issues activating your account, please reach out to [hello@sonder.io](mailto:hello@sonder.io)



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Partnerships made for parents

# DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE HOME INTERNET?



If there is a school age student at your home and you don't have an nbn connection, you could qualify for free home internet until the end of 2025.



School Student  
Broadband Initiative  
An Australian Government Initiative  
Powered by nbn

# FREE HOME INTERNET FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

This is an Australian Government program that offers free home internet to families and carers who look after school age children and are struggling to pay the bills.

To apply, follow the four steps below:

- 1 Contact the National Referral Centre on **1800 954 610** Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm (AEDT) or visit [anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](https://anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet)
- 2 They'll ask you some questions to see if this offer is right for you.
- 3 If you qualify, you'll get a voucher.
- 4 Use the voucher to connect through your chosen participating internet provider before 31 December 2024.



**LEARN MORE**

Scan QR Code to learn more.

## THE BEST PART IS



Free home internet until 31 December 2025



The Wi-Fi router is free and you can keep it



There is no lock-in contract



Assistance provided by the National Referral Centre



Callback, webchat and interpreting are available



An Australian Government Initiative



## Communication

Sadleir Public School uses the following platforms to communicate news to our community. Please join us on our online platforms, follow us on facebook, look out for our newsletter or notes sent home to keep up to stay informed.



### **Audiri**

Download the Audiri: school communication app from the Apple or Google Play Store.



### **Facebook**

Follow us on our Facebook page for news and updates.  
<https://www.facebook.com/sadleirpublicschool/>



### **Sadleir Public School Newsletter**

Check out our school newsletter. This will be emailed to your email accounts. The other way you can access the newsletter through our school website.



### **Sadleir Public School**

<https://sadleir-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

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