

Food and friendship

ABOUT 150 local Muslims crowded Koshigaya Park on Thursday to celebrate the end of the religious fasting of Ramadan.

Macarthur Diversity Service family settlement worker Sana Al-Ahmar said the day was a big success.

"Many attended the event for the first time. Some took a day off from their work to come and enjoy the day," she said.

"The invitation was open to all – and many non-Muslims came and enjoyed the friendly, happy atmosphere as well as the food and the baklava. Children of school age enjoyed the face painting and other activities and games that Macarthur Diversity Services and Northcote provided.

"The Eid celebration is an annual event and the service hopes it will continue to bring Campbelltown Muslim communities together with the wider community and promote friendship and understanding."

Police attended the event as part of the Building Bridges Project between the police and the Muslim community to counter discrimination.

The NSW Fire department also attended the day.



Fast ends: Nessrene Khalic, 10, (pictured) enjoyed a meal with friends and family on the day.

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