

# ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



## ARKANA PULSE - The Arkana College Newsletter Week 5, Term One 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy yet extremely rewarding five first weeks of term one for students and staff at Arkana College. I have been more than impressed at the energy and commitment of students inside and outside of the classroom as they applied themselves to their lessons, sport and a wide range of special events.

Our commitment to STEM continues as we begin the year as the current Australian robotics champions (primary school division) after taking out first and second place at the national finals at the end of the 2023 school year. We look forward to Arkana College again representing Australia at the world robotics finals in Japan later this year. We are expanding our robotics program by rolling out robotics K-6 in 2024 and incorporating robotics as part of our science programs. We have also become a partner school to UTS in STEM and currently have instructors from UTS delivering STEM programs to Yr. 5/6 in addition to the SCOPE IT program which includes coding, web design and other digital experiences.

Together with our amazing teachers and staff we look forward to another year delivering a first class experience for all our students by integrating Islamic values with 21st century learning in a caring and inclusive environment. We encourage parents to share these experiences with us as parents play a crucial role in the partnership to produce well rounded, confident young people who will lead us to a better tomorrow.

I conclude by wishing a very warm Ramadan Mubarak to the entire Arkana College community, may it be a blessed and reflective month for all.

Mr. Karolia  
Principal



### KEY DATES

05/03 PreK –2 and Yr. 3-6 assembly  
07/03 International Womens Day  
11/03 Ramadan begins  
013/03 NAPLAN starts  
18/03 Quran comp begins  
22/03 School iftar  
25/03 NAPLAN ends  
28/03 Harmony Day  
29/03—01/24 Easter long weekend.  
02/04 K-2 and Yr 3-6 assembly  
08/04 Pupil free day



## RAMADAN KAREEM!

- ♦ Ramadan commences 11/03/2024 and concludes 09/04/2024 (estimate)
- ♦ Ramadan Hours 9am— 2:30pm
- ♦ Eid Al Fitr Wednesday 10th April (term ends on Tuesday 8th April)
- ♦ School Iftar 22nd March

Please plan ahead to ensure students are collected when dismissed at 2:30pm

# Learning is...



Our 2024 Prekindergarten students have finally embarked on their enriching, life long journey of learning! Students started the term, by engaging with their Year 5 buddies, fostering a unique peer-to-peer learning experience. Through this interaction, they have not only built friendships, but are also developing essential cognitive and social skills and creating a supportive environment where they feel encouraged to experiment and learn.

In the realm of numeracy, Prekindergarten students are exploring the foundational concepts of numbers. Activities include counting games, sorting objects by quantity, and identifying numbers in their surroundings. By actively participating in these activities, students are beginning to grasp numerical concepts in a fun and interactive manner.

Students are also learning how to fundamental handwriting features and learning how to form their names!

Mrs Nasser and I cannot wait for our students to continue exploring the exciting world learning and develop essential life skills, setting a solid foundation for their educational journey ahead!

## a life long journey!



Keep Learning

Trust your JOURNEY



# KINDERGARTEN

Entering Kindergarten demands great courage from children. Despite the overwhelming size and unfamiliarity of the school environment, these little ones bravely take on the challenge, meeting their teachers, exploring their new classrooms, and forming bonds with both familiar faces and new friends. This year is dedicated to their growth and happiness, and we eagerly await the opportunity to witness their adventure firsthand.





# YEAR 1

## WATER PLAY

The students had a wonderful time during the Water Play experience. From the Sponge bucket filling, to the treasure searching, Float/Sink and Water balloons, there were smiles all round. No better way to end the day, then to have nice cold Ice block to finish the day on!



## MATHS TIME

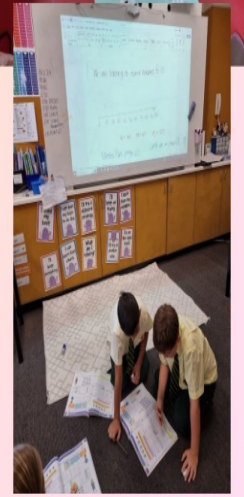
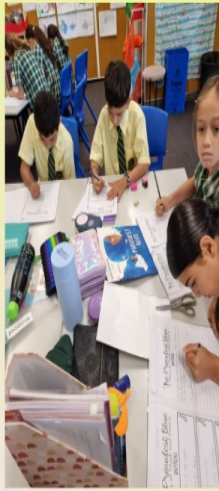
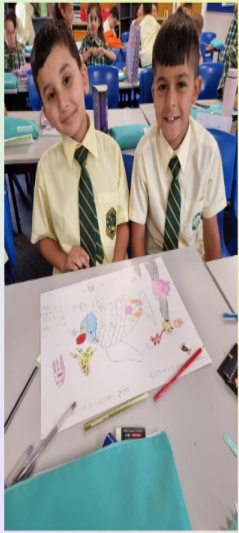


# READ ALONG WITH YEAR 2

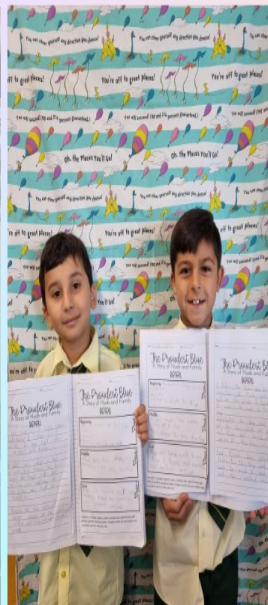
TO READ IS TO DREAM WITH OPEN EYES,  
IT IS TO TRAVEL WITHOUT  
MOVEMENT.



# Year 3 Term 1



Year 3 students have settled really well into Term 1. They have demonstrated their creativity and commitment to learning in all learning areas. They thoroughly enjoyed their sport and creative arts activities this term!



# THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



## ROLE PLAYS

In Year 4 we love to perform role plays based on what we are learning in class. This term we were tasked with the job of creating a role plays about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life before settlement. We had lots of fun creating this fishing scene!

By: Emily E., Mariyah M and Fatima A. N.



## ROBOTICS

We are excited to be the first ever Year 4 class to have robotics lessons in class as part of our science curriculum. We have already learnt so much about the Artec block system. Did you know that the brain of our robots is the studuino board?

By: Amal, Armani, Zayd, Imran, Mohamed-Jawad.



## CLASS DOJO POINTS

We work hard in Year 4 to earn class dojo points. We win points for showing our school values, or being 'ready to learn' and doing good deeds. Did you know that in year 4, you can earn points to win prizes and rewards such as 'Nintendo VS the teacher'? We love our Year 4 class.

By: Ayan and Zayan.



## STUDENT OF THE DAY

Every day our teacher selects the top 3 students to win 'Student of the day'. These students win this prestigious title by displaying our school values, Adaab, Confidence, Generosity, Integrity, Responsibility and Empowerment. Students of the day get to play virtual archery and get the chance to win 10 dojo points!

By: Abbas Sayed Boussi



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STUDENTS WITH UTS PRESENTER SHASHINA



MATH GAMES!



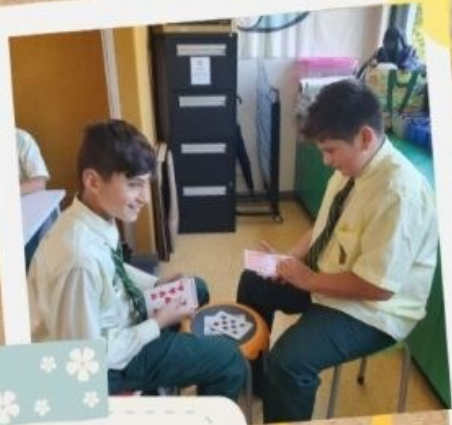
ST GEORGE DRAGONS VISITING ARKANA COLLEGE



ENJOYING TIME WITH PRE-KINDY



STEM LESSON ON ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS



TARGET NUMBER MATH GAME



VISITING OUR PRE-KINDY BUDDIES AT RECESS & LUNCH

YEAR 5, TERM 1, WEEK 5 2024

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# YEAR 6

with Mrs Rizk

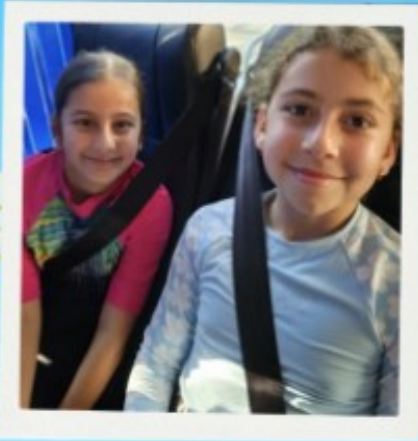


Year 6 has thrived this term. Students settled into the year seamlessly, diving deep into the concept of freedom through stories of displacement. Now, they're gearing up to craft their own narratives focusing on character and theme.

Our STEM x Play sessions have been a hit, with students diving into the ideation stage of their projects. They're eager to bring their innovations to life.

Our first wellbeing day was a resounding success. Students tackled challenges at the lake, learning valuable lessons in problem-solving and resilience.

Looking ahead to the rest of Term 1, we're excited for the holy month of Ramadan and the continued growth of our incredible students.



# YEAR 6 WELLBEING DAY



Year 6 had their first wellbeing day at Narrabeen Sport and Recreational Center. It was packed with activities focused on teamwork and resilience, even challenging our teachers. These days are vital for our Year 6 students as they prepare for high school, fostering essential skills like communication and problem-solving. By engaging in teamwork and resilience-building activities, students gain confidence for the road ahead. The day was filled with laughter and lasting memories, ending with pool activities led by Mr. Ali and Sh. Taha.

# Arabic-Quran-Islamic Studies

This term Arkana College marked the Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) miraculous night journey during the Islamic month of Rajab with a whole school assembly. We heard the story of Al-Isra and Mi'raj told by our wonderful Year 6 student leaders and were treated to a truly moving performance of 'Ya Aqsa'. Every student had the opportunity to add their fingerprint to the image of the Dome of the Rock, signifying our connection to Islam's third holiest site and left messages for Palestine and our ummah at large on our Wall of Hope.

Our Year 3 to 6 female students partook in International Hijab Day where our guest speaker Ustatha Jinan Dadoun gave a presentation and facilitated discussions with students about the significance of hijab in Islam. The girls then engaged in fun hands-on activities.

In our lead up to Ramadan, Arkana College students of all ages are invited to partake in our whole School Challenge to memorise the 99 Names of Allah and win the Principal's Award as well as other exciting prizes!

## International Hijab Day





# SUPPORT REPORT

Each week in one of our Support sessions, we focus on Writing. Good writing includes sounding out words using single letter and multiletter phonograms, use of sightwords, appropriate punctuation, applying some Spelling rules, employing varied vocabulary, embedding accurate Grammar, and also writing with confidence with a huge smile in your heart and face. 😊

Mr Puglisi



“Messi passes it to Ronaldo who gives it on to Mbappe to score a fantastic charity service activity goal involving football trading cards!...And the crowd goes nuts!!!”



“ One of our most popular Charity Service activities ever!...Sold out in minutes!...Hot cakes have been replaced by brightly coloured slime and clay!”

“ If you think trying to guess correctly how many lollies in one lollie jar is hard, trying guessing correctly twice in a row for TWO lollie jars...Brain bending madness...Woh!!!”



“An extravaganza of lucky dips, stationery, toys, glitz, glamour, colour, masses of excited kids, even a gymnastics competition amongst it all...in the name of giving love to our Palestinian Brothers and Sisters!”



**CHARITY SERVICE**

**COOPERATE** 



# Arkana College Choir

The Arkana School Choir is in full swing this term. Great to see many new faces enthusiastically participating, along with our long time members. The school choir is all about teamwork, harmony and fun... and a little bit of sacrifice, as students practice during Recess times. We appreciate the hard work our choir members put in, to learn and perform songs for the pleasure of Allah (SWT), themselves and their audience. May their voices soar to the heights of Jannah, and uplift the hearts of who listen to them In Sha 'Allah. Look out for our performances coming up during both Week 6 Term 1 Assemblies, as well as for Harmony Day.

Mrs Ghazi and Mr Puglisi  
(Arkana School Choir Maestros)



# Dragons Visit

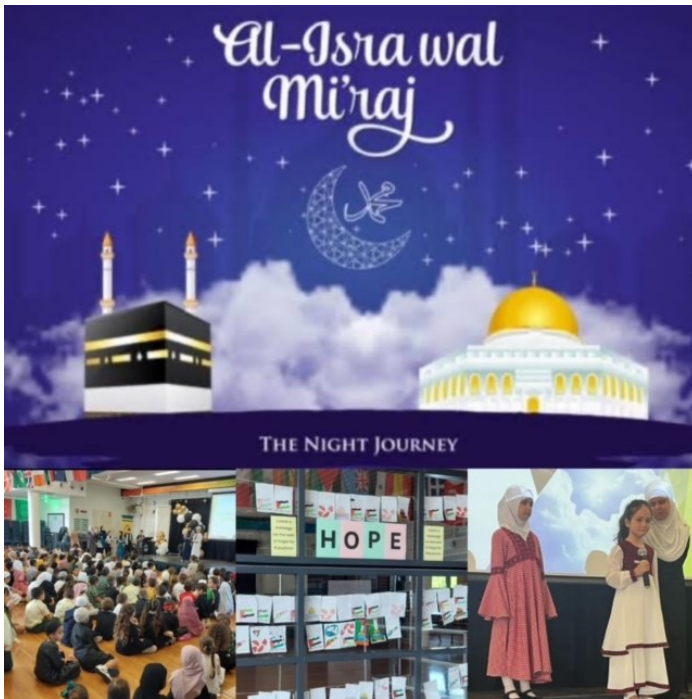


Thank you St George Illawarra Dragons for visiting the school as part of the Best You Can Be program. Dragons stars included, Samoa international Jayden Sua, Jesse Marschke, Viliami Fifita and Kingsgrove local who grew up near the school Hame Sele. Players spoke about healthy living, resilience, and achieving your goals. Players were gracious in chatting with students, giving away items and signing autographs. We look forward to our annual Yr. 6 excursion to a home game at Kogarah Jubilee later in the year. We wish the Dragons all the best for the 2024 season and thank them for visiting our school.  
ps Mr P couldn't resist turning up in his Bulldogs jersey!



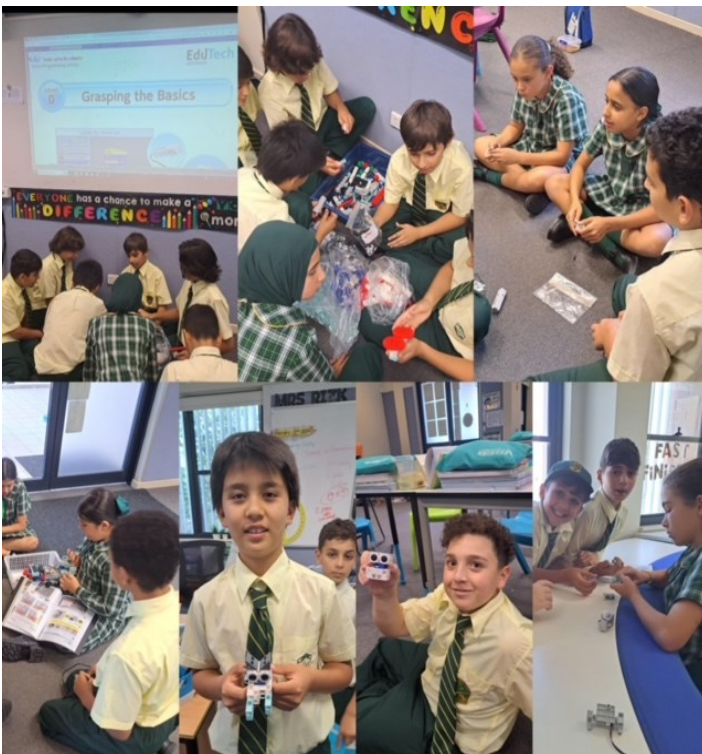


## ISRA wal MI'RAJ



Thursday 8th February or 27th Rajab Arkana College acknowledged the occasion of Isra wal Miraj, the night journey of our beloved Prophet pbuh from Mecca to Jerusalem then to the heavens where the instruction for Salah was made. Students wore traditional attire, enjoyed performances and presentations to mark the occasion. It also reinforced our strong connection to Masjid Al Aqsa.

## ROBOTICS CLUB



Arkana College is the current robotics national champions after taking out first and second place at the EduTech Australian finals in 2023 and we look forward to representing Australia once again in Japan at the world finals later this year as we did in 2023. In our robotics club interested students engage in an introduction to robotics components and their purpose. The robotics club will run every Tuesday at lunch for years 5 and 6 students whilst Year 4 will participate in whole class robotics lessons in class. Robotics club is run by Mr. Kayal and Ms. Rizk who will have a process to select which students will join those who qualified at the national finals to join the team competing in Japan. As our robotics program evolves we look forward to it being accessible to all students K-6 through our science program.

## SALAH MONITORS



Appreciation post for Yr 6 students Isaac Jomaa and our girls captain Madinah Malas. Isaac and Madinah are our Salah monitors and do an outstanding job every day ensuring Salah is performed punctually and orderly. They're particularly effective in looking after younger learners from K-2 who don't have to pray with the main congregation but can do so if they wish. Thank you Isaac and Madinah!

## CHESS



Arkana College commends Salahadeen Bowens of Yr. 6 for advancing to the final rounds of the Australian National Junior Chess Championships in Adelaide recently. We are always excited to see our students excel in their out of school pursuits and we look forward to introducing a chess program into the school later in term 2. Well done Salahadeen, we are all very proud of you!



# SCHOOL CHALLENGE



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"Allah has 99 names. Whoever memorises them goes to Jannah." (Sahih Al- Bukhari)

1

Memorise the 99 Names of Allah

2

Recite them to your Arabic or Quran teacher before the end of Term

3

Win a Principal's Award!

Plus other prizes to be won!



Collect a copy from Miss Elrayes



Your mission, should you choose to accept it.....

Memorise all 99 Names of Allah!

In our lead up to Ramadan, Arkana College students of all ages are invited to partake in the School Challenge!

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It was as all smiles at our 2024 swimming carnival with multiple events, some very close races and free time in the water at the end! Thank you to our staff for a wonderful event and our parents who attended to cheer on their children. Congratulations to all swimmers and those who qualify for the ASSISA zone carnival.

