



Arkana Pulse

Our school newsletter

Principal's Message



Assalamu Alaikum

In the five weeks since the last newsletter, Arkana College there has been no shortage of activities and events to keep students, staff and parents engaged in meaningful activities. This is in addition to the quality teaching/learning programs delivered daily by our team of dedicated teachers.

This newsletter is brimming with news on the highlights of the term including sport, debating, excursions, the Hajj mock simulation, interfaith visit, our orphan sponsorship program and our homeless outreach program.

It was wonderful for our students to share the homeless outreach event with their parents and some of our alumni.

Together with a quality teaching/learning framework we strive to provide a first class experience for all our students by integrating Islamic values with 21st century learning. We look forward to a meaningful, productive and exciting Term 3 where we will continue to strive to produce well rounded, confident young people who will lead us all to a better tomorrow.

Wishing all our students, staff and families a safe and enjoyable winter vacation.

Important Dates

- 09/07 Eid Al Adha
- 18/07 Staff PD Day
- 19/07 Term 3 start for students
- 22/07 St. George vs Manly Yr. 5/6 NRL match visit
- 26/07 Anasheed concert and Eid Fete
- 29/07 Islamic New Year
- 02/08 Mosque/Archery visit
- 04/08 Disability centre visit
- 09/08 NSW Touch Football Gala Day (Yr. 3-6)
- 19/08 Debating (Newington)
- 23/08 Daffodil Day
- 30/08 Bookweek Character Parade
- 09/09 RUOK Day
- 11-14/09 Yr. 5/6 Snowy Mountains camp

ARKANA COLLEGE

ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Human Appeal



Osman Karolia

Mr Osman Karolia
Principal

Yr. 6 launch Orphan Sponsorship Program

Our Yr. 6 students with Human Appeal Australia offices and launched our orphan support program where our school will provide care including food, shelter, medical aid, education for the five orphans in four countries. All children are encouraged to contribute \$1 a week orphan tins in their classrooms. Parents and staff can make a tax deductible donation to support our orphans by clicking the link below

<https://www.humanappeal.org.au/community-program/arkana->

At the Crossroads with PreKindergarten



Well we're here at the crossroads,
At the middle of the year!
Gotta come up with another way,
Of telling you where PreKindy is in the stratosphere!

So here it is... a crossword for the crossroads,
To tantalise your curious brain!
We're not going to make it so easy,
But we don't want to put you in too much pain!

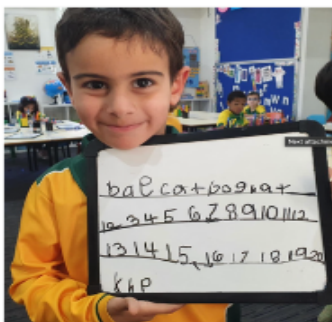


Be sure to read the clues carefully,
They might not be so straight!
You may have to ponder between the lines,
Do your best and just, 'have a go mate!'

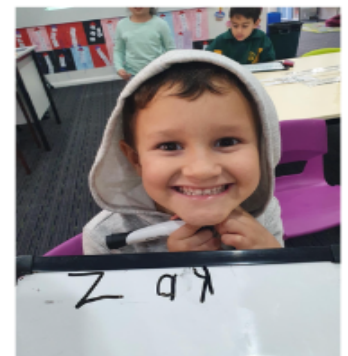
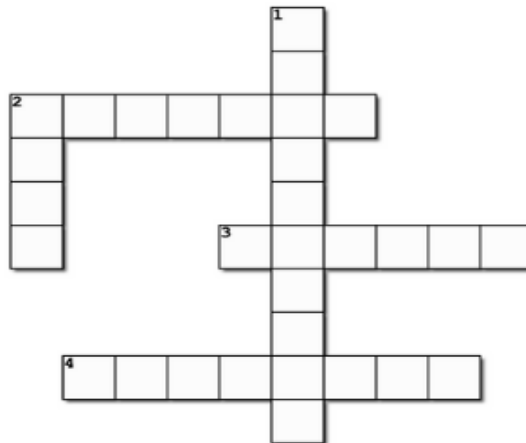


Don't leave it to yourself,
Remember there is another you can ask!
He or she have been part of it all,
Through every challenge and every task!

Pick up a sharp pencil or a biro that doesn't leak,
Make yourself snug on a comfortable chair!
Enjoy the crossword, with a cup of tea,
But please don't blame us when you pull out all your hair!



Complete the crossword puzzle below



Across

2. the process of decoding phonograms by which meaning is derived ... required when enjoying the Arkana College Newsletter
3. if a 'bee' had a 'bot', but it was a 'robot'- what would it be?
4. it's an 'operation' that doesn't require a hospital visit, but you do gain something during this procedure

Down

1. small, fascinating and amazing creatures which you would not want to find in your bed at night
2. PreK do this with dice and it can also be described when you painstakingly climb to the top of the hill, against all odds, an



KINDERGARTEN

This term has been packed full of adventures for Kindergarten. The highlight however, was when we stepped back in time to as early as 1887, and learned about schooling in the past. We learned about how classrooms in those days had 60-70 students, and did not go past Year 5! Students would finish school in Year 5, and then go off to work. A very interesting experience!

The excursion was held at the Schoolhouse Museum of Public Education, located at North Ryde Public School.



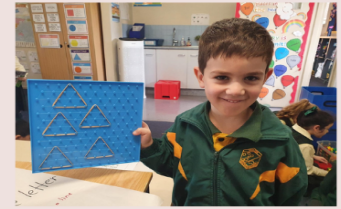
Year 1



Year 1 stepped up to the stage and delivered an entertaining show making the distribution of awards an academy award winning performance. They were very excited to host the assembly and speak on stage using a microphone. Every student did an amazing job!



Mrs Derbas & Mrs Ghazi



How to make the Perfect 1/K Class

Ingredients:

- 20 eager, excited, energetic wide eyed students hungry teachers ready for the boil
- 70 mind- boggling (strange jungle sounding spicy) phonograms
- 1 cup of grammar (half a cup of nouns and half a cup of verbs; don't overdo this as it may lead to tummy upsets)
- A block choc full of numbers, 2D shapes and patterns
- 10 weeks' worth of beefy Games and Sport lessons with Mr Ali: Option- Mr Ali recommends using lean beef!
- Thick Islamic history and knowledge syrup
- A mixed lolly bag of art, craft and music to decorate the cake

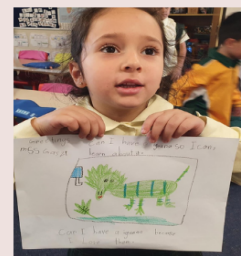
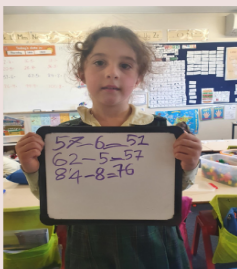
Note: Preheat students in the 1/K oven till crisp.



Steps:

1. Mix in your students with the teachers. Toss and tumble until they become one mixture.
2. Now you are ready to throw in the spicy phonograms- not too many in one go, or this may cause severe headache.
3. Dice and add in the cup of grammar and the block choc of numbers etc. and blend until it holds to a peak.
4. Use a sizeable mallet to flatten the beefy Games and Sports... including Mr Ali, before including into the mix.
5. Slide this class of well blended ingredients into the preheated oven and leave to cook... for 2 terms.
6. Eagerly remove the hot class cake, infuse it with a thick syrup of Islamic history and knowledge, so that it soaks into its core.
7. Once cooled, wrap the cake in a layer of harmonious icing (any colour is accepted).
8. To top it all off (no...hold the cherries), decorate the cake with the assortment of art, craft and music to give it a sparkle!
9. Once the end of term timer rings, cut yourself a considerable slice of 1/K Cake (don't worry about the calories or Fitbits) sit back and enjoy with a cup of memories, laughter and learning ... cause it's just good to have.

If you enjoyed eating this cake...well, get ready for what will be cooked up in Term 3!



1/K

The Arkana College Charity Service Cooperate (CSC)

*Mr P &
Mrs Ghazi*



FROM THE KIDS BY THE KIDS



“How cool will you look wearing one of these specially hand crafted bracelets!”



“This could be your lucky day. Take a pick at the lucky dip!. If you don't want to take a dip, buy some beautifully handmade arts and crafts!”



**MMMMMMMM...
What ingenious method do you use to guess the number of lollies in the lollie jar?**





If you want to be smart and do great work, buy our pens, pencils, books, stickers, and you'll be helping people in need!



Some absolutely fabulous drawings produced by Arkana's artists in the hotly contested drawing competition.



"The handball competition was more hotly contested than a State Of Origin!...Mate Verse Mate!!!"



Who is the fastest runner at Arkana? Find out in the world famous Arkana Ali Gift Race!"



"You need the right equipment to succeed at school. We have it all right here!"



Support



In our K – 3 Support Lessons, one of the many activities we have been immersed in, is working out Number Patterns, and applying these patterns in everyday situations. It's always very important to use knowledge learnt in real life situations. This is important for parents to also do this with your children, modelling it and getting them to apply their skills and knowledge around your home... because everyone is a student, and everyone is a teacher!

Mr Puglisi



Year 2

Year 2's action-packed, fun-filled, Term 2

Year 2 has been riding the busy bus this term as we observe, practice, and engage with all the concepts learned across the Key Learning Areas. Students put their mathematical skills to the test during Place Value revision, their debating hats on during Persuasive Writing, and gave their fingertips a stretch during Scope IT. Year 2 also got a run for their money at the annual Arkana College Athletics Carnival. We look forward to braving all of Term 3's adventures together as the one and only, Year 2 team of Arkana.



Year 3

Year 3 performed magnificently well at the Athletics Carnival. Not only did they run fast, jump long, throw far, but more importantly they showed exemplary sportsmanship and as a result, we had an awesome time!

Also, Year 3 were lucky enough to enjoy a trip to Kurnell this term. Despite the day being very windy, the sun was shining brightly and unbelievably there was not even one drop of rain to spoil the day. We got to explore mapping, find interesting living specimens from the coastal area and even go for a bushwalk, along the way tasting leaves from the bush, just like the local Aborigines from the area did for many thousands of years.



Year 4

As part of our 'materials for a purpose' science unit, students are using the knowledge they have learnt about materials and their properties, to design and create a toy using recycled materials. Students will then present their toy to guest judges (investors), who will decide which toys are the best and which they would like to invest in.



The Year 5 Incredibles!

In the fight for justice, the students of Year 5 argued a great case for both 'The Little Pig' and the 'Wolf', as portrayed in the story, 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. Although students from both sides of the debate made strong and valid points for their clients, the team led by Piggy Parker came out on top, with the Judge ruling in their favour!

The collage consists of 16 individual photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. Each photo captures a different moment from the classroom debate. Students are seen in various states of activity: some are reading from papers, some are speaking into microphones, and others are engaged in discussion. The background of the photos shows a classroom setting with a projector screen displaying a cartoon wolf's face. The overall theme is one of active participation and learning.

Year 6

As part of their unit on migration Yr 6 recently hosted the Chairman of the School Board Hajj Mohammed Helal who spoke about his youth, studies, reasons for migrating to Australia and challenges faced by migrant families and communities.

Hajj Mohammed shared how migrants established mosques, Islamic cemeteries and schools including Arkana College which he co founded in 1986. Hajj Mohammed encouraged students to do their best at school, be engaged with community and to appreciate the hard work and sacrifice of previous generations.

Students enjoyed learning how Arkana College grew from a small house with 30 students to the school it is today with over 200 students from PreKindy to Yr 6.



Arabic

As we near the end of Term 2, the students are reaping the rewards of their hard work. They have just completed the end of term exams and made us proud.



Kindergarten enjoyed using connecting blocks to demonstrate their understanding of the Arabic numbers.



Islamic Studies/Quran

Of the many highlights since the last newsletter, our K-6 students went through a simulation of an actual Hajj pilgrimage including Tawaf of the Holy Kaaba, Saee between Safa and Marwa, Mina, Muzdhalifa, the Jamarat and even a visit to Madinah! Yr 6 gave an explanation of the significance of each station. Students were even given actual pure Zam Zam water. Students enjoyed delicious treats from a Yr 6 stall and enjoyed fresh lemonade and a sausage sizzle from the parents.

A special thank you to Unity Grammar for lending us their replica Kaaba and our sincere appreciation to all staff for making the day an incredible success.



Harmony Cup



Our Yr. 5/6 students recently competed in the Harmony Cup and won several games with our girls narrowly losing the semi final to Unity Grammar. Well done to all students and their coaches Mr Puglisi and Mr Kourouche

Athletics Carnival



The 2022 Arkana College Athletics Carnival was another wonderful day filled with many exciting events that had the crowds cheering! From our track events to long jump, shot putt, javelin and sack races to the parents vs. teachers Tug of War it was an exciting day for all!

In a tightly contested event congratulations to Medina for a very narrow win to be athletics carnival champions for 2022!

The teachers also had a convincing 2-0 win in the best of three Tug of War against the parents.

EXTENSION



Extension students have had a very busy few weeks, a highlight being participants in the UN affiliated Kids 4 the Planet event at Lakemba Public School. Students participated in public speaking, a STEM challenge, an art competition, writing challenge and presented a Video promoting the message 'ONLY ONE EARTH'. Our students were incredible and enjoyed their day mixing with students from 4 local public schools whilst promoting an important message of caring for our environment.

Debating @ Arkana



Congratulations to the Arkana College affirmative and negative debating teams with both recently scoring wins over Newington College. This follows impressive wins recently against PLC Burwood and St Patrick's. Ms Melligi has been outstanding in preparing our students for debates against some of Sydney's leading independent schools!

This year, the SRC have met with all the Class Captains from all the classes, PreK to Year 6, at least once per term. The Class Captains have presented a suggestion for school improvement, which was voted on by each student of their class. The students from PreK to Year 6 are freely able to put their suggestions in their "Class Ideas For School Improvement Suggestions Box". The SRC then debate and discuss the do-ability of the suggestions. Once all the SRC members agree, the two School Captains meet with the Principal to put forth the students' suggestions. Once the School Captains and Principal have come to an agreement on what can be enacted, the two School Captains let all the students from all classes know the good news. In Term 1 of this year, Mr Halbouni agreed to have a Pyjama Day, purchase portable soccer goals for the court, and lay artificial grass in a significant area of the playground. In Term 2, Mr Karolia has also come to the party, and agreed to purchase a swing set for the PreK play area, have a shelter constructed for the court, and plan a Mufti Day, two Fridays a term, with a gold coin donation encouraged, to raise money for targeted charity initiatives.

DEMOCRACY IS ALIVE AND THRIVING AT ARKANA. POWER TO THE STUDENTS!

Ms Ibrahim, Ms Ghazi & Mr Puglisi
(SRC Coordinators)



National Reconciliation Week



Thank you Anthony Mundine for presenting to our Yr. 5/6 and prekindy classes on the significance of Reconciliation Week, the importance of fighting for what's right and justice and the importance of making right choices when we're tempted to do the right thing. On Reconciliation Week we acknowledge the crimes against humanity done to our First Nation's people, the courage of Eddy Mabo and pay our respects to the Bidegal people of the Eora nation on whose land our school is located and to also pay respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Homeless Outreach



Yr 6 students recently launched our Homeless Outreach Program which will include several visits to Martin Place each year to deliver food and other items to the homeless community. Giving back and practicing what we preach and teach is essential and delivers life lessons and experiences one cannot get in a classroom or lecture.

Interfaith Visit



Well done to all students and staff who participated in the visit Mt Sinai College. Our students were outstanding in representing our school and community, learning about others and making new friends. We live in one of the most multicultural communities in the world, respect and understanding are at the core of these programs, they embody the values and character we strive to achieve.



From the Arkana family
to your family

Eid Mubarak!

