



Arkana Pulse

Our school newsletter

Principal's Message

Term 3 has been an eventful and exciting time at Arkana College and featured in recent weeks our winter snow camp for Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 at the Snowy Mountains, a K-2 excursion to the aquarium, an all school science incursion and our students representing the school at public speaking, debating and sport events.

In term 4 we look forward to our PreKindy and Kindergarten transition programs as well as end of year assessments and a fitting farewell to our graduating Yr. 6 class.

I hope you are all as excited as I'm sure our kids are for the term break. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with them deeply and have memorable moments and experiences.

I pray you have a wonderful time during this two-week term break and we look forward to sharing with all our families another exciting time to end the school year.



Osman Karolia

Mr Osman Karolia
Principal

Important Dates

- 11/10 First day students
- 25/10 Stage 3 Well-being day
- 26/10 Yr. 6 Gold Coast trip
- 7/11 K-6 Maths incursion
- 14/11 Harmony Cup
- 24/11 PreK 2023 orientation
- 5/12 EOY Trophy assembly
- 6/12 Yr. 6 graduation
- 7/12 PreKindy graduation
- 8/12 EOY picnic
- 9/12 Presentation day and last day for students.

KINDERGARTEN 2023 ORIENTATION

- 26/10, 2/11, 9/11, 16/11, 23/11
- 28/11 Kindergarten 2023 parent information session



Debating @ Arkana!

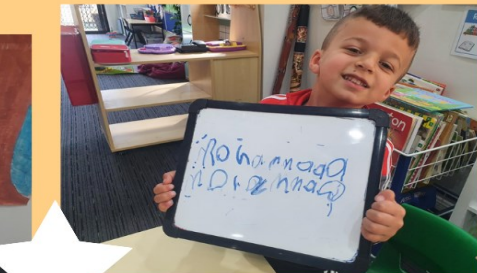
Congratulations to Ms Melligi and our debating teams on their outstanding effort in ending the term with wins against Trinity College.

What a fantastic effort from our debating team, who are becoming confident and accomplished speakers!

Term 3 Snapshot! PreKindy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Perfecting formation of numbers and letters,
- Practicing our names so we can get better!
- Forehand and backhand tennis shots we love,
- Numbers that make 10... oh they fit like a glove!
- Fun in the sun and making lots of friends,
- Playing with blocks to learn how to make tens!



KINDERGARTEN

There was no shortage of excitement this term in Kindergarten, but what stood out, was our visit to Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. The children were taken on an underwater journey through nine themed zones throughout the aquarium. They saw penguins, sharks, dugongs, stingrays, tropical fish, giant lobsters, turtles and so much more. It was a day to remember.





The students of 1/K would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Derbas for a jammed packed year of engaging learning, character building opportunities...and most importantly a lot of fun and laughs! They all wish her well in her future endeavours and she will be surely missed. They are now looking forward for their new adventures, with our well-loved Staff member, Mrs Kourouche, who is returning from maternity leave, to teach 1/K in Term 4!





YEAR 1

UP, UP AND BEYOND!

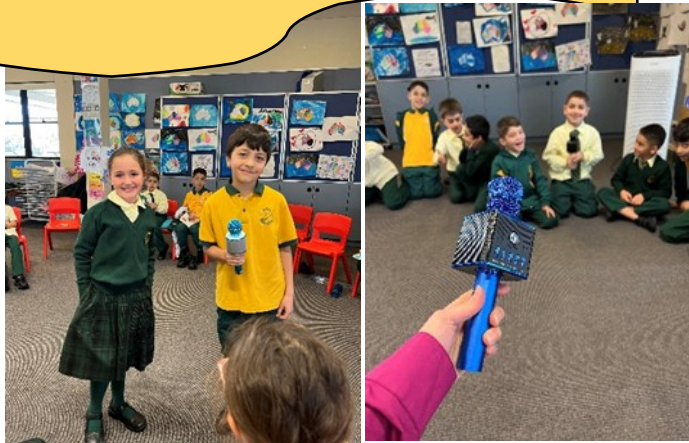


Year 1 have been thinking and learning lots about "what's up and around" in Science this term. They studied the patterns of the sun in the sky, and even learnt about the phases of the marvelous moon using none other than the Oreo (to help us visualise... and because they're YUM!) Alhamdulillah, they showed a keen interest in early astronomy and they especially enjoyed discussing how important both the sun and the moon are to us as Muslims; for the pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Hajj! Another important aspect in Islam is being a good friend. Year 1 donned their best yellow clothes to acknowledge R U OK? Day, whilst reflecting on what qualities make a good friend. May Allah SWT continue to bless Year 1 with knowledge and experiences that will assist them in becoming the best Muslims that they can be. AMEEN!

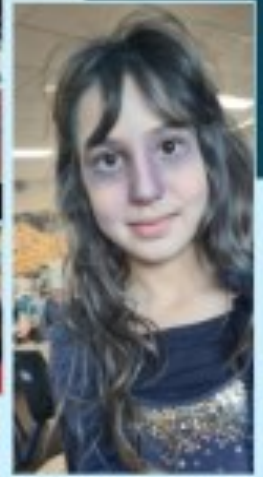


As busy as bees, Year 2's Spelling Bee Contest was a huge success, lasting through six rounds. Every contestant went above and beyond to prove their capabilities. We saw the best kind of team support and motivation, students so eager to see their peers succeed, it was truly a happy ending.

Year 2



YEAR 3



YEAR 3 TRAVELLED AROUND THE WORLD IN THIRTY DAYS. WE TRAVELLED THROUGH NIGHT AND DAY, AND IF WE GOT LOST, THE SUNDIALS THAT WE MADE CAME IN VERY HANDY. IN FACT, THEY MADE SURE THAT WE WERE ALL OK. YOU KNOW WE SHOULD ASK EACH OTHER IF WE R OK. ALHAMDULLILAH YEAR 3 IS A RESILIENT BUNCH. YOU NEED TO BE WHEN LEARNING YOUR 8 TIMES TABLES AND DRESSING IN YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!



YEAR 4 NEWS

WEBSITE BUILDING



Year 4 are hard at work building their lego day websites. Students are learning how to design and create functional websites. Great job Year 4!



The Year 5 Incredibles!



It's not easy being a superhero...

It takes rigorous and ongoing training to maintain the razor-sharp mind required to work through Mathematical problems thrown at you in everyday life.

The Year 5 Incredibles continue practising their mental computation and number skills through weekly Math game rotations!



Year 6

The highlight for Yr. 6 was undoubtedly the winter snow camp to Thredbo with Yr. 6 students having a wonderful time whilst learning to ski all whilst enjoying a memorable time with their friends.

Students also participated in swimming, excursions and a variety of experiences for a memorable end to term three.!



Arabic/Quran/Islamic Studies

Congratulations to the Quran competition winners. The students have made us very proud with their dedication to learning the book of Allah. Well done to those who participated. When we make effort to learn even one verse of the Quran we are all winners in the sight of Allah.



We are also very proud of Year 3 for their show stopping performance at the Anasheed Concert earlier this term. They captured all our hearts with their performance to the popular nasheed 'Eidun Saeed' by Maher Zain. They got the whole school singing along, Masha Allah.



Charity Service Cooperate

FROM THE CHILDREN.
BY THE CHILDREN.



All the artists were in, drawing to win Chuppa Chups...I'm sure even Picasso would not have had a chance to win a Chuppa Chupp against our Arkana artists."



MMMMMMM.. I wonder how many could be in there... 134 or 99?"

SRC

ABC Book Club

The SRC would love to share some photos of their Arkana Book Club (ABC). It's always amazing to witness how younger kids respond to their slightly older peers. Sometimes as teachers we should hand over the reigns to our older student cohort, who seem to get great responses from our younger cohort of students.



SRC Magazine

The SRC Magazine 'Yours, Ours and Mine' continues to be an amazing success 24 editions later. This term's theme was about 'Animals' and our students across all classes responded with some fantastic pieces. Find it on Dojo and enjoy with your kids and a cup of coffee.

Class Captains' SRC Meeting

This term was a great term for Democracy at Arkana College. Student power came to the fore. The Class Captains from each class presented their fantastic ideas for school improvement in a very persuasive manner to the SRC. Much debate was had. Many good proposals were endorsed. It is now over to Mr Karolia to decide on what is going to come to fruition.



Wassalam
Ms Ibrahim, Ms Ghazi and Mr Puglisi

The Big Science BIG FUN SHOW

FOR SCIENCE WEEK, PRE K TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS WERE PART OF THE BIG SCIENCE BIG FUN SHOW. THEY GOT TO EXPERIENCE GIGANTIC BUBBLES, FLYING TOILET PAPER, HAIR-RAISING ELECTRICITY EXPERIMENTS, LEVITATING BEACH BALLS, VOLUNTEERS ON A NAIL CHAIR...IT WAS OK, NO ACCIDENTS WERE HAD, A GIANT GYROSCOPE, FIREBALLS, COLOURED SHADOWS, A FLAME EQUALIZER AND MORE. KIDS AND ADULTS LOVED IT...DON'T TRY IT AT HOME THOUGH...EXCEPT FOR MAYBE THE FLYING TOILET PAPER!



Arkana College Touch Footy Competition

The Annual Arkana College Touch Footy Competition was played in a friendly, fun and inclusive context, with a high level of skill, competitiveness and passion displayed. The players, supporters and staff were kept deliciously hydrated throughout the day by QuenchFest! Congratulations to all teams. Mr Drifters beat Brain Lickers in an epic final 4 - 3. Then they faced the might of the Teachers, who put up a good fight till a running malfunction had by a teacher put an end to the contest. That's OK, we'll all be recovered by The Arkana Soccer World Cup in Term 4...
In Sha 'Allah.

Ms Yasmin and Mr Puglisi "



Support- Term 3

Being a student entails many challenges. As a “support” student, these challenges can increase exponentially if not managed in an appropriate manner. However, more often than not, support students display a high level of resilience. Resilience is the ability to cope and thrive in the face of negative events, challenges or adversity. It is a skill that can be developed through positive connections, safe environments, life skills such as positive coping and problem solving skills, pro-social values, positive self-regard, and a sense of purpose and agency or responsibility. In our Support lessons, whether we are focusing on Literacy or Numeracy, Reading, Writing or Number Operations/Problems, we try to build our personal and social capabilities, by encouraging each other to learn to recognise and regulate emotions, developing empathy for others and understanding relationships, establishing and building a framework for positive relationships, including being more aware of how we communicate with one another, working effectively in teams and developing leadership skills, and finally learning to handle challenging situations constructively.

Mr Puglisi



Book Week Character Parade

A wonderful Book Week Character Parade with plenty of colour, smiles and amazing costumes! Thank you to all students, staff and parents for such an amazing day! A special thank you to our judges, Shuv Homsy from Giving Back Australia, Alexi from Hurstville library and Madenia Abdurrahman, former principal of Arkana and current Chairperson of Muslim Aid Australia. Congratulations to all winners who each received a voucher to buy their favourite books!



Al Quds Palestine Awareness Day

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for supporting the Al Quds Palestine Awareness Day today hosted by Mae AlMubasher and Assiyah Allam of Yr. 6. We thank the El Mubasher family for providing delicious Knefeh made fresh at school and serve Arabic coffee to the adults. We also thank our P&C for donating show bags which were sold with all proceeds given to our campaign to support the Al Shifa Hospital in Gaza with our friends from Human Appeal Australia who attended today's event. It was encouraging to see so many of our school community attend today to support this campaign and express support for the people of Palestine and Islam's third holiest sacred site.



Charity Programs

During term three students were able to raise awareness and some funds to support a number of local charities to improve the mental well-being and physical health of others.



Fred Hollows Walk

Thank you to the Arkana students/parents who attended our recent community walk to end our The Fred Hollows Foundation campaign which gave the gift of sight to 255 people in some of the worlds poorest locations who were blind!

The support of the school and wider community is much appreciated!



Dougies Pakistan Flood Relief



A very big thank you to all students/staff who participated in the Dougies Grill Burger Pakistan Flood Relief with Sadaqa Welfare Fund Alhamdulillah \$2500 was raised to assist the millions who have been displaced by the recent devastating floods.

A big thank you to Dougies who donated all items so that all proceeds go directly to the flood victims

Stage 3 Gardening Program

Just in time for spring students from Yr. 5 and 6 and Sheikh Taha started planting some herbs including basil, mint and coriander as part of a new gardening initiative teaching new skills and an opportunity to work together.



Stage 3 Winter Snow Camp

Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 recently travelled to Thredbo in the Snowy Mountains for the Winter Snow Camp. Students had a wonderful time learning how to ski, playing games, visiting an aquatic centre and taking a gondola half way up Mt. Kosciusko, Australia's highest peak!

Education is very much about giving new and unique experiences. Students had a wonderful time and shared some special moments and lifelong memories with friends and classmates!

