



# Arkana Pulse

*Our school newsletter*

## Important Dates

- 21/08 Science incursion
- 21/08 Robotics team leave for Japan
- 24/08 Yr. 2 Harbour Bridge excursion
- 25/08 Daffodil Day
- 26/08 World Robotics Finals, Osaka, Japan
- 30/08 Spelling Bee
- 31/08 Bookweek Character Parade
- 05/09 Harmony Cup Athletics
- 06/09 Interfaith Mt. Sinai
- 09/09 RUOK Day
- 11-21/09 Swim School
- 22/09 Last day Term 3

## Principal's Message

Assalamu Alaikum

In the five weeks since the start of the term at Arkana College there has been no shortage of special occasions 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 and support staff.

This newsletter is brimming with news on the highlights of the term including sport, debating, public speaking and incursions for science, maths and wellbeing.

It's also a celebration of our robotics team as they prepare to represent Australia on the world stage at the URC World Robotics Finals in Osaka, Japan. We were equally thrilled to see our Parent Council President Bazzi Deeb and School Captain Safiyah Bowens receive community service awards from our Premier Chris Minns and be acknowledged officially in the Hansard records of the NSW Parliament.

I also commend all students, staff and parent volunteers for a wonderful athletics carnival and our Senior Oztag Girls Team for winning the Harmony Cup Grand Final!



*Osman Karolia*  
Principal

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The Premier Hon Chris Minns MP meets with the Arkana Robotics team, staff, Board Chair Mohammed Helal and



# PSST...KEEP QUIET STUDENTS LEARNING





# KINDERGARTEN

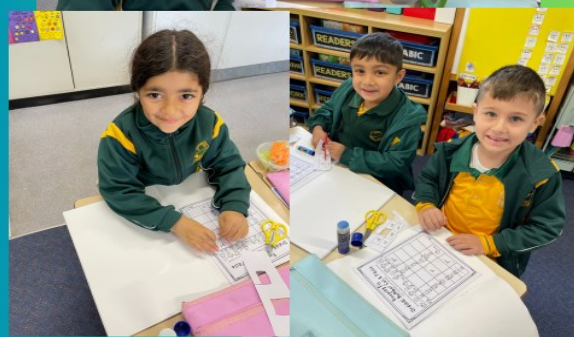


From Kindergarten's first steps in the classroom to this very moment, the growth and evolution of our young learners has been nothing short of remarkable.

Every day is a vibrant tapestry of discovery. From learning complex Maths concepts, to crafting independent sentences, learning has been so meaningful. The joy in their eyes during those 'aha!' moments and the pride they feel when sharing their newfound knowledge, are the heartbeats of our classroom.



Courage is a quality consistently demonstrated by our Kindergarteners. Facing new challenges, whether it's embracing unfamiliar concepts, volunteering responses, or adapting to new social environments, they do so with unparalleled bravery.



As we progress through Term 3, it's evident just how quickly our young students are growing and developing. Each day is a celebration of their achievements, big and small, and we're excited for what the rest of the year has in store for our Kindergarten children.



# 1K NEWSLETTER

## Go Team, Go!

🏆 Go Team 1K! 🏃 Our champs rocked the Athletics Carnival - sprinting, jumping, and laughing all the way to the finish line. 🏆

🕌 Virtual Hajj Adventure 🏠 We explored Hajj like pros, learning about unity and different cultures. Amazing journey, incredible insights!

🚀 NED's Motto: Rise & Shine! ⚡ NED's pep talk was a hit - we're all about "Never Give Up!" Supercharged to conquer anything! 💪

🌙 Eid Fete Fun 📍 Our Eid celebration was a blast - yummy treats and good vibes all around. Sharing and caring in style!

🌟 Imaginative Word Wizards 📖 Kids unleashed creativity, crafting magical stories that transported us to new worlds. Epic adventures, pen at the ready!

✚ Math's Pattern Power — We cracked number codes, rocked patterns, and math became a mesmerizing adventure. Pattern pros emerging! ✨ ✨ ✨

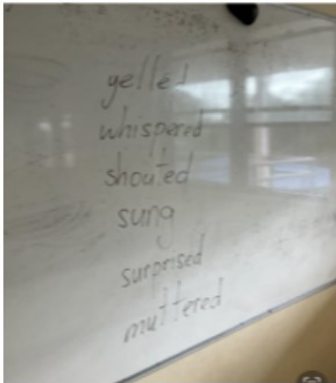




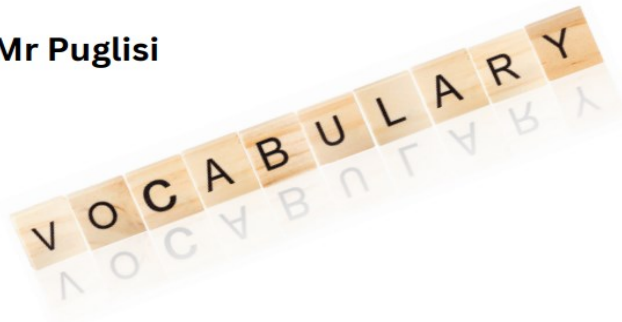


# SUPPORT Report

Vocabulary is essential in writing. A good writer needs a wide range of vocabulary to strengthen the clarity and accuracy of their writing. There are many words that can be used instead of “said” for example. Writing is a productive language skill. By writing, someone can express his or her ideas, and feelings. In Support lessons, the students get to discuss vocabulary with each other, before putting the vocabulary they discussed into action in their own writing.



Mr Puglisi







# YEAR ONE

You know the term has got to be good when it starts with slime, a games bus and pony rides on repeat! Alhamdulillah, Term 3 has indeed been eventful and fruitful with the Fete, Athletics Carnival and lots of hard work in between.

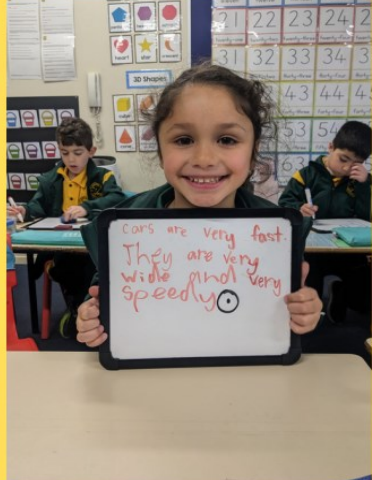
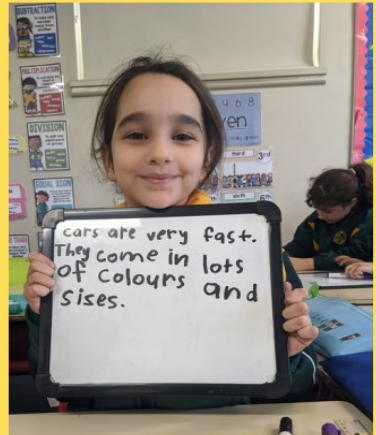
Students in Year 1 have been eagerly pushing themselves to write more descriptive sentences and interesting narratives. They have gained a greater understanding of the sun, moon and the stars as they marvelled at the astonishing celestial creations of Allah in Science class.

Last but not least, Year 1's growth mindset is positively growing thanks to the awesomely presented NED talk. It taught them all about how to approach challenges, encourage others and to do their very best.

Year 1 is definitely on a roll and picking up speed...

*Look out!*



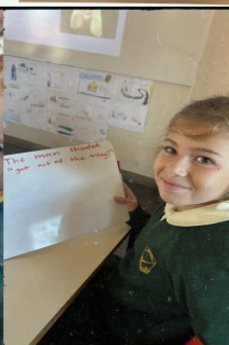
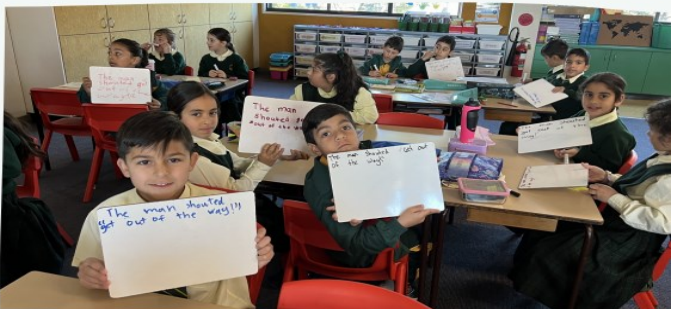
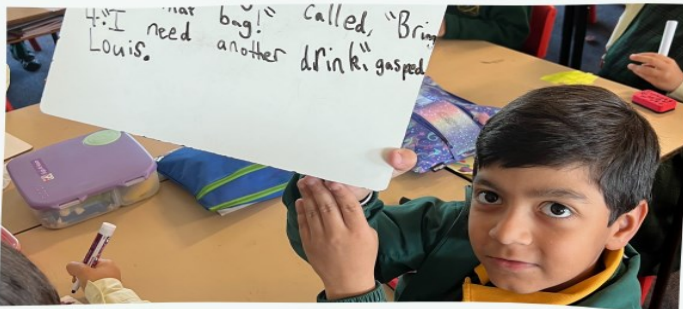
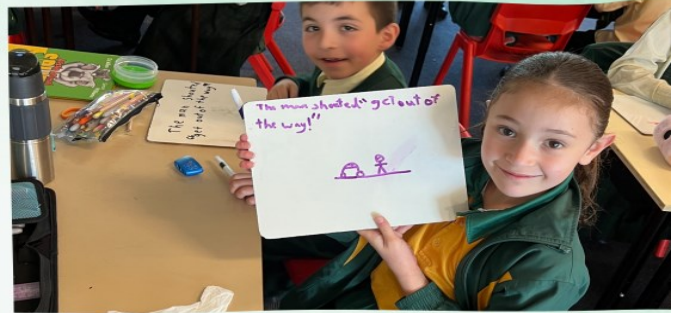
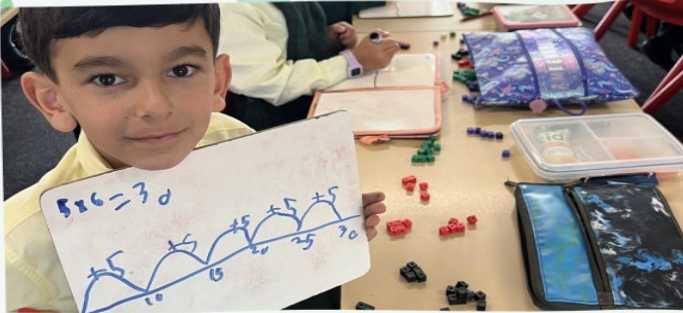




# Year 2 Inquirers'

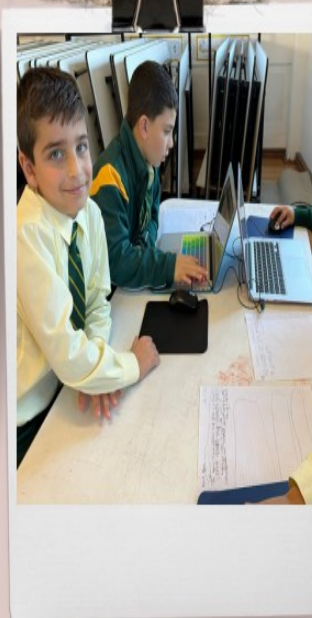
"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin





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# THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

WHAT'S NEW IN YEAR 4



## WORLD OF MATH

Students are engaged in a math playground based on problem solving.



## SCIENCE

Science is all about experiments and having fun! Students participated in a practical excursion about slime.



## SPORT

European Handball is a fantastic game for kids to get their bodies moving.



## ROBOTICS

Students are preparing for the world national finals in Japan.



# CHARITY SERVICE COOPERATE

FOR THE KIDS.  
BY THE KIDS.



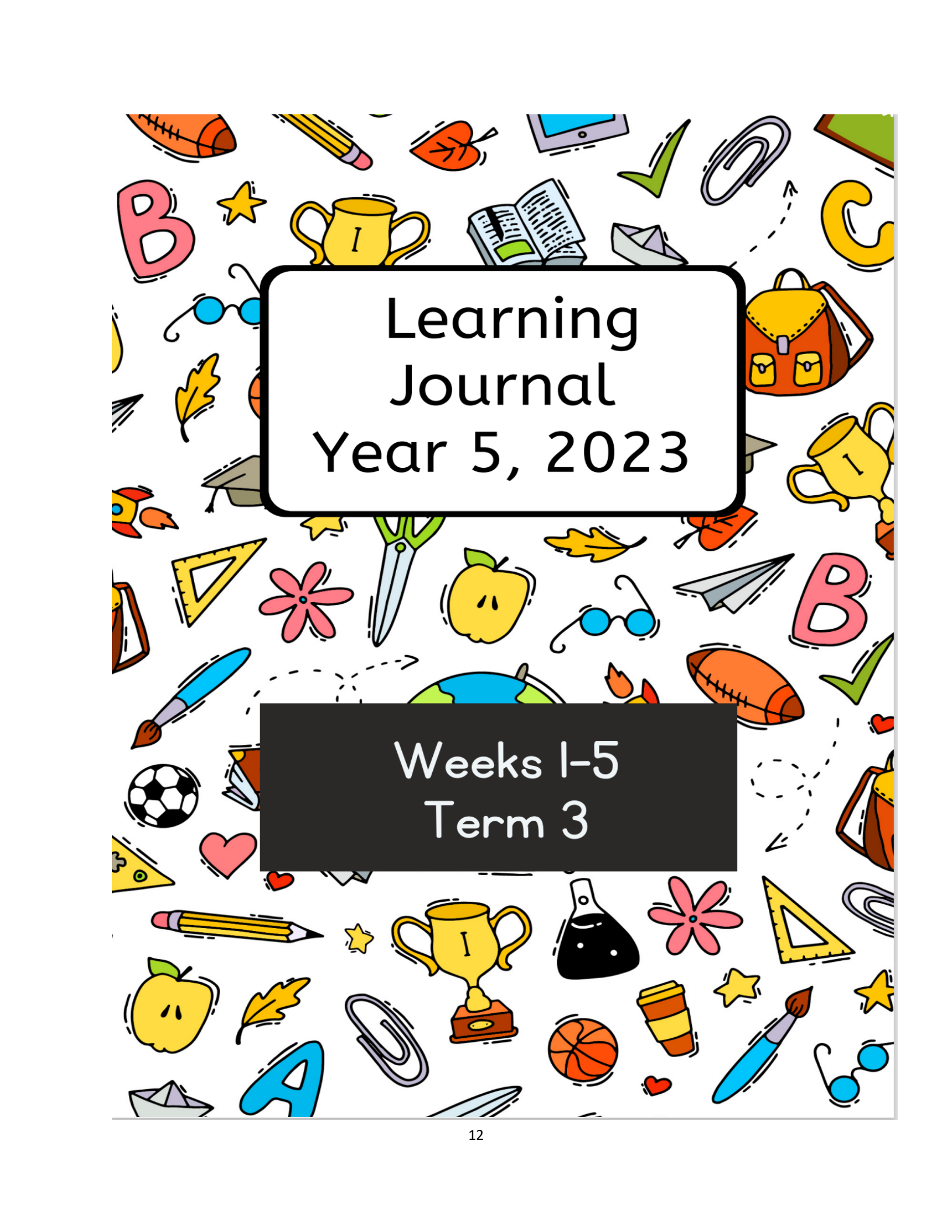
"Picasso, Monet, Da Vinci, Michelangelo, etc, have nothing on the artists we have here at Arkana, and what highlights this fact like no other is a drawing competition."

"Come fly with us. Come fly the Arkana skies, with our very own paper plane building contest. How far, high and steady will your plane fly?"



"Colouring-in isn't easy you know. Staying within the lines, colour choice, not crinkling the paper... This is what it takes to be Arkana's Colouring-In Champion!"





Learning  
Journal  
Year 5, 2023

Weeks 1-5  
Term 3



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# To Remember

Record in your learning journal something you want to always remember about in weeks 1-5 of this term.



We are Kung Fu Fighting into this term with having experienced so much already! We started the term off with the Eid Fete- this was heaps of fun with pony rides, a gaming bus, a reptile encounter as well as food stalls and activities! The Haj Simulation experience was a fantastic way to learn all about Haj and the steps taken to fulfill this Pillar of Islam. We then got to meet an international writer, Rehan Khan, who shared with us some of his inspirations to his novels. St George Dragons representatives helped us work on our resiliency and team work and we continue working hard in-class, whetting our curiosity about Earth's Place in Space among many other topics! I wonder what the next five weeks will bring?





Despite their bustling schedules and tightly packed calendar, Year 6 students have been deeply engrossed in their study of narratives during class. In recent weeks, we've delved into the intricate aspects of them, character development, varying perspectives, and the broader contextual understanding. As part of their collective journey, Year 6 was assigned the enthralling challenge of crafting a collaborative mash-up narrative. Guided by the theme of 'belonging' and centered around the transition from primary to high school, they skilfully woven together the following short story.

Within the threads of their narrative lies a concealed message, a reflection of their sentiments and thoughts directed towards you.

#### A Journey into the Unknown

"Wait for me!", she called as she watched the yellow school bus drive right past her house. Josie stared at the bus realising that she was going to be late for her last day of year 6. Josie ran back inside wondering what she should do.

"Why do I have to go to high school, I'm just not ready!" cried Josie as she threw her backpack across the room. Warm salt-laden tears dripped down her cheeks as Josie curled up into a little ball beside her bed. "Hey Josie, Sam is here", shouted mum from the bottom of the stairs. A few moments later Sam entered the room. "Hi Josie, guess what? I've gotten everything I need for high school," said Sam, his eyes shining like diamonds. As Josie emerged from the curled up ball, Sam pulled Josie off the floor and they both walked to school together.

The last day at school is an emotional rollercoaster for Sam and Josie. They have been busy saying their goodbyes and signing their jerseys. They have been extremely devastated since they will never see each other again. Although Sam and Josie are feeling mixed emotions, they can't stop thinking about their future in high school.

Finally it comes to the end, the end of the day. Sam and Josie look at each other and say their goodbyes. Sam and Josie heard something in the distance, "we never got to finish our fight," said Jack in a scary voice. Sam ignored them and walked away. "Where do you think you're going?" said Jack.

"Sam! Sam!" Josie said in a frightened voice. Sam felt dizzy and could hardly stand up. Josie's tears were hard to hold back as she stared at the condition her best friend was in. "I don't know what happened," stumbled Sam. "But it felt good to get it off my chest."

Sam thought about Year 6 and his best friend, his surprisingly supportive teachers, the fun excursions almost every week and just the whole journey from kindergarten to the last day. He knew it would be tough but he was ready for a new chapter.

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# WORLD OF MATHS

## 14TH AUGUST 2023



The Pre K – 6 students all participated in an engaging, hands-on Maths workshop that boosted their problem-solving and Mathematical skills. Students worked in small groups, helping to take any anxiety out of Maths, by working together and achieving wonders! The engaging presenter, Nick, ran the sessions in our school hall, guiding students to analyse various mathematical problems through investigation, comparison and reflection.

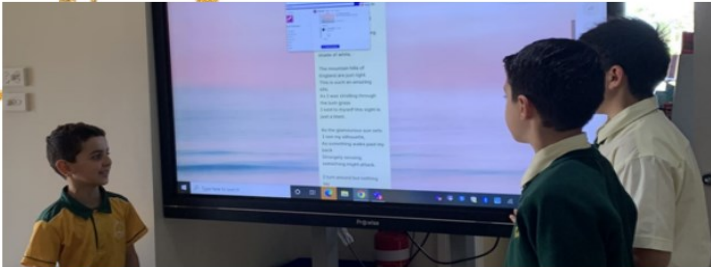
The activities focused on real life problem solving and explored various Mathematical strands, such as: data, numerical patterns, measurement, counting numbers, mazes, space, calculation, probability, graphs, statistics, logical thinking, trial and error, eliminating possibilities and logical deduction.

All the students had fun learning through tasks that promoted their sense of curiosity and amazement for the world they live in.





# **EXTENSION/** **DEBATING**



***EXTENSION-****This term Year 3-6 Extension students of all grades have been working on Narrative Writing. Students have written creative and inspiring stories and have explored a plethora of ways to incorporate more engaging creative writing techniques in their writing. They have been using visual and literary prompts and explored writing across varied genres. Students have enjoyed being giving feedback to their peers through Padlet and Teams. All Extension students will be participating in the Red Room Poetry Competition soon.*

***DEBATING-****The Friday Afternoon Debating Tournament has continued with our students debating Newington College and Trinity College this term. The topics include : the importance of cooking, staying in the shade versus wearing sunscreen and whether school assemblies should be banned. Our teams have become confident speakers while producing excellent rebuttals.*







**NED's Mindset Mission is a character education program that centers around three important messages that have lifelong relevance: Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. During the assembly, students learnt about the importance of these three life skills while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humor and yo-yo tricks.**

<http://www.mindsetmission.com/assembly.html>





Assalaamu Aalaikum,

This term has been another interesting and eventful term for all the Arabic department classes, full of fun activities, learning and experiences for all the students. The term started with the Eid fete, where students were able to re-experience the atmosphere of Eid and enjoy themselves as our Deen encourages us to on this day. A couple of weeks later in week 3, all the classes did a simulation of Hajj, where they enjoyed learning about the rituals of Hajj, performing them, asking questions and learning the Duaa that is associated with these rituals. At the end, they learnt about the story of Zamzam and enjoyed drinking it while making their own beautiful Duaa.

The rest of this term Insha' Allah is set to be another fulfilling term for all the Arabic classes.





## ISLAMIC STUDIES

A highlight of the term was the Hajj simulation with PreK—Yr. 6 experiencing the different stages of the Hajj pilgrimage including a glass of Zam Zam water!



## EID FETE

Thank you to our Parent Council for an AMAZING Eid Fete! From pony rides, and snakes, to a games bus, activities, delicious food and so much more!

Children are to be commended for their behaviour and our wonderful staff for all their efforts. Thank you to all parents who attended and those who volunteered and contributed to a memorable Eid Fete!







## BUNNINGS FUNDRAISER

Loads of fun and plenty of laughs at our first ever Bunnings sausage sizzle to assist students/staff travelling to Japan to represent Australia at the URC World Robotics Finals next month! Thank you to all who dropped in and special mention to Kahil Meats Bass Hill and Ghazi Butchers for assisting with the sausages!

The day was a huge success with sausages selling out by 2pm and more supplies brought in! The day was also an opportunity to share with the wider community our success in robotics and give the wider community an opportunity to contribute in our campaign for the URC World Robotics Finals in Japan!



## HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our thanks to students/staff who participated in our Homeless Outreach Program with Brothers In Need in June and August.

The program allows our school community to make real impact whilst learning values through action in the service of others.





## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2023 athletics carnival at Sylvania Waters was a wonderful event with many, many exciting track and field events, colourful clothing and loud and excited cheering. Congratulations to Makkah who won the event! We look forward to those who qualified for the Harmony Cup and ASISSA athletics carnivals!

Special shoutout to our amazing staff and parents for making the day the success that it was,



## DRAGONS VISIT

Thank you Blake and Grace from the St George Illawarra Dragons for their visit to promote teamwork and resilience to Yr 5/6 as well as a NRL skills clinic





## HARMONY CUP OZTAG

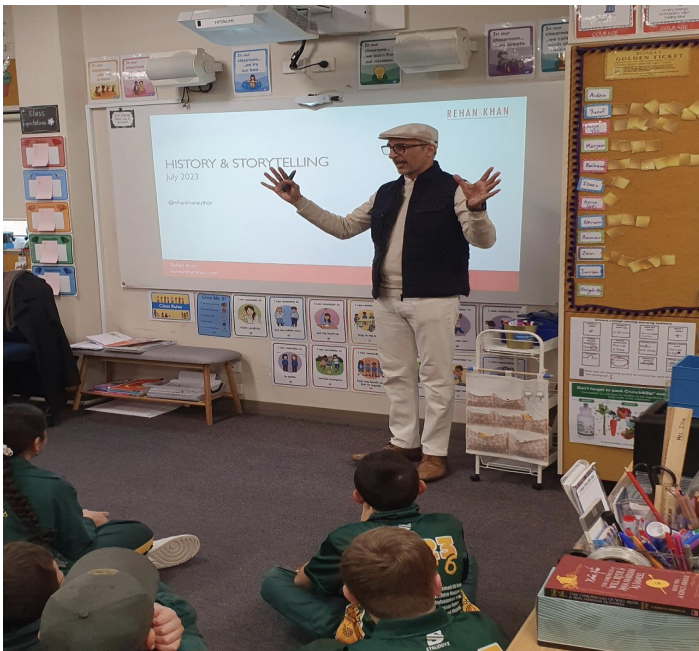
Congratulations to our Senior Girls Ozttag team for going through the Harmony Cup undefeated to win the Harmony Cup!

The boys were also impressive only narrowly missing out on the finals!



## MANAL ROSTOM VISIT

Students were treated to a visit by Egyptian marathon runner and mountaineer. Manal is also the first Egyptian woman to climb Mt Everest and gave the students plenty of inspiration.



## REHAN KHAN VISIT

International novelist Rehan Khan from the UK visited Arkana College to discuss his inspiration and ideas for writing. Rehan signed books and described how different periods of history provided the backdrop of many of his novels.



## Premier Chris Minns - Robotics Team and Community Service Awards



NSW Premier Chris Minns recently met with the Arkana College robotics team who will be travelling to Japan to compete in the World Robotics Finals.

The Premier mentioned how impressed he was with the team and he was excited they were representing their local area, NSW and Australia!



Arkana College School Captain Safiyah Bowens and Parent Council President Mariam Bazzi Deeb were awarded community service awards for their service to the school and the wider community by Premier Chris Minns. Along with the school they were also acknowledged in the official Hansard records of the NSW Parliament.





## MAYOR NICK KATRIS VISIT

Arkana College hosted GRC Mayor Nick Katris this morning, he came to meet and send best wishes on behalf of council to the robotics team and to meet Zahra Akacha who was the sole rep from southern Sydney in the CIS NSW Netball team

## WITH THANKS TO OUR ROBOTICS SPONSORS

# ARKANA COLLEGE URC WORLD ROBOTICS FINALS OSAKA, JAPAN 2023

