

NEWSLETTER



Arkana Pulse – The Arkana College Newsletter WEEK 10 TERM ONE 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy yet extremely rewarding first term 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 whole range of special events. Our staff continue the implementation and design of new curriculum documents in response to NSW syllabus changes.

Our charitable and community work aligns with our values to give back to local communities and the Ummah and included fundraising for those affected by the Turkey-Syria earthquake as well as our food drive to support local families in challenging circumstances. More recently we raised funds to support the 8 orphans we sponsor around the world.

Our recent Parent Council iftar was a huge success with well over 300 attending and our thanks and appreciation is extended to our Parent Council, staff and community donors who assisted with amazing food for all to enjoy. On the sporting field we participated in a first tackle football event with some very impressive results and our girls netball team performed admirably at the recent ASISSA zone netball competition.

Our best wishes is extended to all our students, staff and parents for the remainder of Ramadan and for the holidays.

Eid Mubarak!

Mr Osman Karolia
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

26/04 FIRST DAY TERM 2
01/05 SCHOOL PHOTOS
05/05 DEBATING
08- 10/05 HEALTHY
HAROLD WELL BEING
11/05 YR 4-6 CROSS
COUNTRY CARNIVAL
19/05 DEBATING
19/05 YR 6 DRAGONS VS
ROOSTERS NRL MATCH
25/05 YR 2 HARBOUR
BRIDGE EXCURSION
29/05 HARMONY CUP
30/05 YR 3/4 RANGER
EXCURSION
01/06 YR 5/6 ELIZABETH
FARM EXCURSION
06/06 K-2 SYDNEY ZOO
EXCURSION
28/06 LAST DAY TERM
TWO
29/06 EID AL ADHA

EID MUBARAK !!

PREKINDY'S LAWS OF MOTION

When matter and force meet

FIRST LAW

"Children at play, in motion they stay, like Newton's Law they obey – for every action, a playful reaction!"

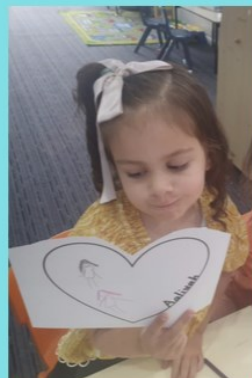


SECOND LAW

"Children's learning is like Newton's Laws of Motion, where knowledge is the force, curiosity is the acceleration, and the joy of discovery is the inevitable outcome!"

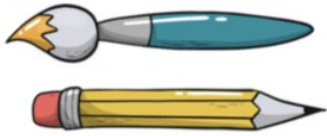
THIRD LAW

"Children creating art and craft are like Newton's Laws of Motion, where imagination is the force, creativity is the acceleration, and the resulting masterpiece is the object in a state of pure awesomeness!."



KINDERGARTEN





Term 1

1K



As we settle into school,
Learning new things every day,
We're exploring writing, numbers,
patterns and 2D shapes,
In such a fun and playful way.

During Ramadan, we learned and grew,
As we fasted and prayed together,
We celebrated the month of giving,
And became closer than ever.

As Ramadan comes to an end,
We look forward to Eid with delight,
We will dress up in our finest clothes,
And celebrate with joy and might.

We also created the Good Deeds Beads,
For the charity service event,
It feels so good to give back,
And show our kindness and commitment.

We met new friends like Zaky and Kazwa,
And we laughed and played all day,
We watched a movie with our friends,
And had a great time all the way.

On Harmony Day, we celebrated diversity,
And had fun exploring different cultures,
We wore bright colours to show we stand
for inclusivity,
With open hearts and curiosity.

So, here's to a wonderful Term 1,
Full of learning, laughter, and fun,
We'll work hard and play harder,
And treasure every moment we've begun.

Ramadan Fun in Year 1

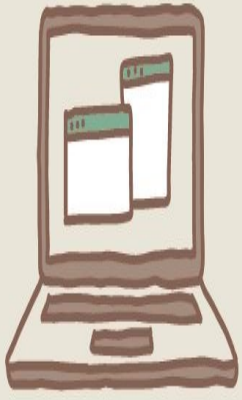
There is a special buzz in air, with the arrival of our honoured guest 'Ramadan'. We have been practising our duas and discussing how we can be of benefit to others during this sacred month. We watched the 'Zaky Ramadan Movie' to learn more and even got to meet Zaky and Kazwa in person! We have also designed beautiful Ramadan related art work have made 'Good Deed Beads' to sell and raise money for those in need.



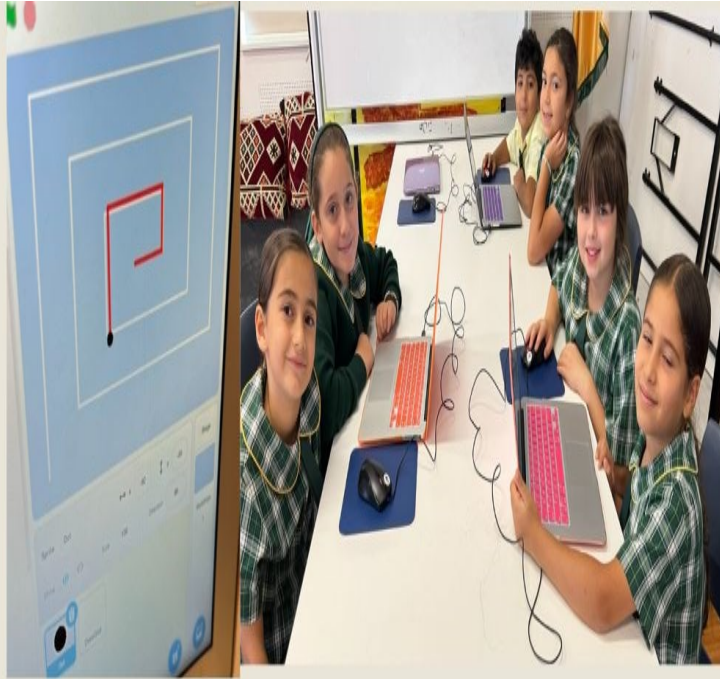
Ramadan Mubarak from Year 2

With an open heart and a clear mind, together we begin our journey into the holiest of months, that is Ramadan. Year 2 have welcomed this month with warm wishes, messages, images, and songs. Our environment is filled with positive energy, giving us new strength and harmony every day.





Year 3
End of term



Throughout this term we have been working hard at learning new skills during Scope IT. They have been working on a variety of coding skills - setting different commands, working on algorithms and learning through estimation to set coordinates in the games they have been developing. Look at those proud faces!



THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

WHAT'S HOT IN YEAR 4



RAMADAN

Students are preparing their Ramadan deed jars and calendars. The month of Ramadan is spent fasting, remembering Allah and increasing in good deeds.



ZAKY AND FRIENDS

It was great to have Zaky and Kazwa visit us at school this term. We got to see Zaky's new Ramadan movie which was entertaining and beneficial. See you soon Zaky!



HARMONY WEEK

What does it truly mean to live in harmony? Students are learning to live together, no matter their differences, in peace and harmony. Islam teaches us that all humans are equal, except in Taqwa (God consciousness).



SPORT

Basketball has been a huge hit at sport time this term! Students are learning to dribble, pass and shoot for hoops. Great to see Year 4 having a blast and getting fit.



Learning
Journal
Year 5, 2023

Weeks 6-10
Term 1

To Remember

Record in your learning journal something you want to always remember about in weeks 6-10 of this term.



Weeks 6-10 of Term 1 will be remembered for all the physical activities presented to us! The weekly sport days at school; the school Swimming Carnival; The Harmony Cup Basketball competitions; as well as the Workshops hosted by GWS Giants and the St George Football Club. We are grateful to have been given these opportunities to work on our fitness, health and team building skills. We also gave our minds a good workout: learning new content in Mathematics; applying our knowledge of animal and plant adaptations to design an ultimate des survivor organism; and undergoing NAPLAN for a week! That's what you call true endurance and strength. Gooooo Year 5!



GIANTS



YEAR 6 WITH MRS RIZK AND MR ALI

Year 6 have had a busy yet highly productive Term 1. Students were immersed in several incursions and excursions that were motivating, exciting and consolidating. We look forward to yet another busy term.



Ramadan Kareem



Arabic

Ramadan Kareem!

InshaAllah you are all having a blessed Ramadan. The students have thoroughly enjoyed making Ramadan cards for their loved ones. They have also been busy preparing for their end of term assessments. Wishing you all a happy Eid in advance!



ISLAMIC STUDIES

‘This is a month, the first part of which brings Allah’s Mercy, the middle of which brings Allah’s forgiveness and the last part of which brings emancipation from hellfire’.
(Bukhari)



Arkana College was honoured to host Sheikh Shady Alsuleiman, President of the Australian National Imams Council for a pre Ramadan workshop with Yr. 6. We have also been blessed with Friday khutba's from our School Captain Ayman Abbas and Vice Captain Izhaaq Akkawy.



EXTENSION

This term Extension **Year 4** have been working on extracting key points from large texts. They constructed Information reports about various countries and made a Powerpoint presentation that they presented confidently to their class.

Year 5 have been refining their narrative writing. They will be submitted their writing to several national writing competitions.

Year 6 Extension constructed Information Reports about Ancient Rome and Egypt and have worked on the What Matters Competition where they have written about many social issues of importance.

Students also participated in the **Arkana Public Speaking Competition** - the Extension students participated in the Public Speaking competition addressing topics such as the significance of time, health, positive change and excellence.

Great work this term, Extension students.

Finally, students have been eagerly preparing for next term's IPSHA debating tournaments.



SUPPORT REPORT

Cognitive Load Theory provides an explanation of how students absorb new information. Our memory has a limited capacity to learn, and it is very easy to overload with new information. Teachers often use this theory to help them dictate how new subject information is delivered to students, as it can vastly alter learning outcomes. Essentially, it's all about how teachers adapt their lessons to cater to their students' working memory.

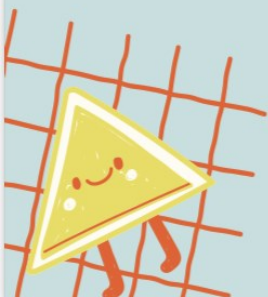
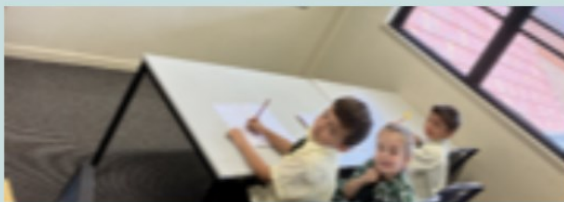
Here are some examples of cognitive learning strategies that can be used in a classroom:

- Ask students to reflect and discuss their learning experiences.
- Help students look for new solutions to a problem.
- Promote class discussions about the subject material.
- Encourage students to explore ideas and work out how they are connected.
- Get students to openly explain their reasoning to the subject material.
- Provide visual learning techniques to help students learn and recall.

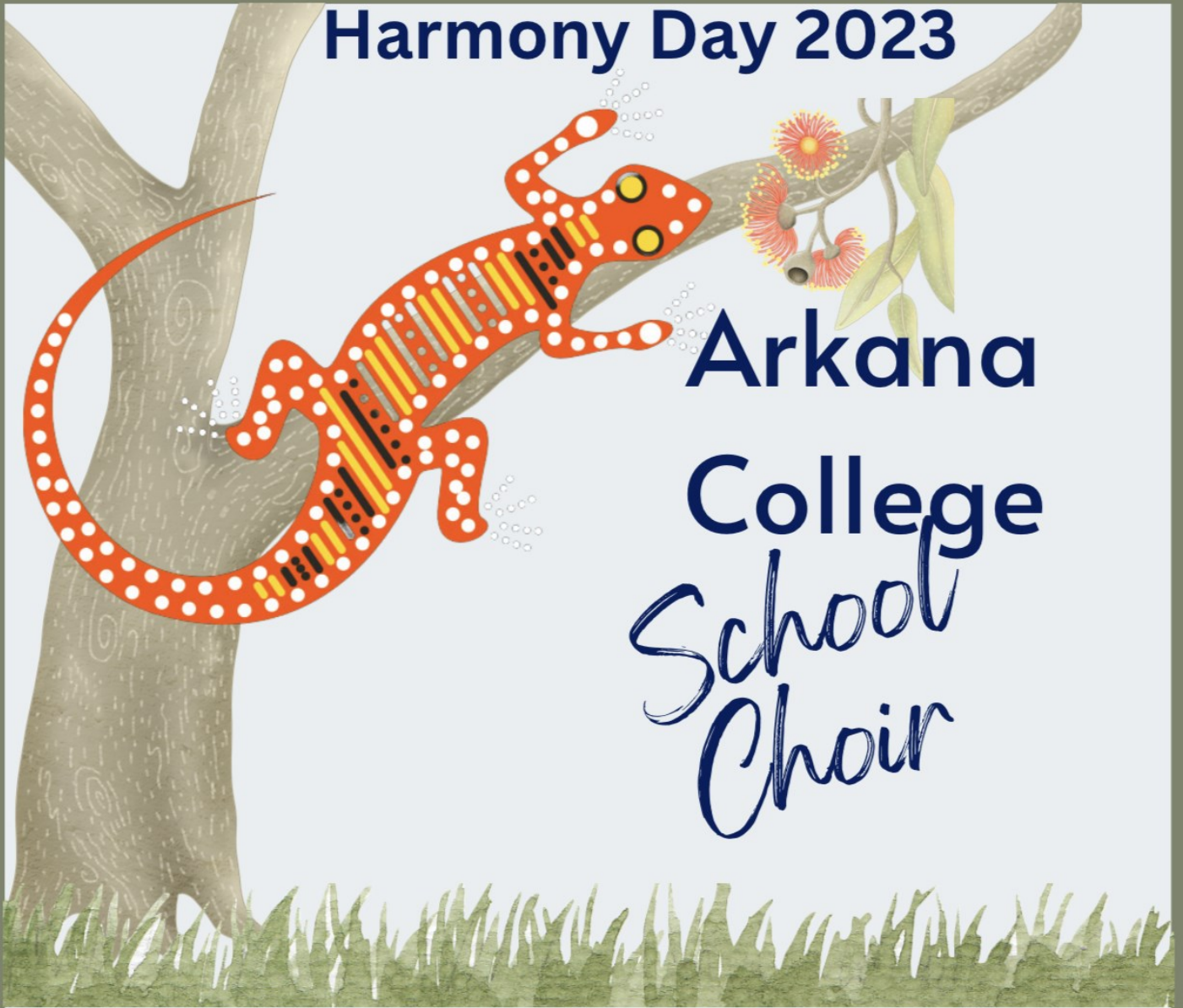
Here are some simple tips for preventing cognitive overload in the classroom:

1. Make sure to include information that's already in students' long-term memory.
2. Only include information directed at the learning goal.
3. Encourage students to combine new information with the concepts and ideas they've already learned.

Mr Puglisi



Harmony Day 2023



Arkana College School Choir

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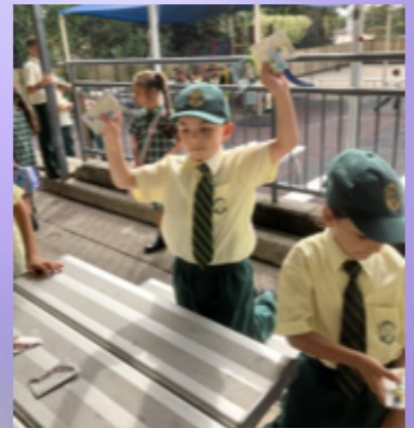


PREK-2 CHARITY SERVICE



'GOOD DEEDS BEADS'

"Years Pre K - 2 made, advertised and sold, "Good Deeds Beads" for charity, as part of their Ramadan worship activities. Outstanding job, and may Allah reward all at Arkana, for their good deed of participating in the selling and buying of these wonderful Good Deeds Beads!"



ZAKY RAMADAN MOVIE SCREENING



Jazak Allahu Khayrun to the One4Kids team for making many students...and teachers so happy this Ramadan!

HARMONY DAY



Thank you Sonny Bill Williams for addressing our Harmony Day assembly and sharing the diversity in his family with their New Zealand, Samoan, South African and Australian heritage. SBW reminded us how with kindness, forgiveness and hard work we can all be better people and make the world a better place as well as sharing with our podcast interview how we can all get the best from Ramadan. Wonderful to see our school in a sea of orange and our choir were amazing singing an indigenous song!

“O humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another. Surely the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you. Allah is truly All-Knowing, All-Aware.” Quran 49:13

NETBALL



Congratulations to our girls Netball team who recently won 5 of 7 matches at the ASISSA Zone Gala Day against some of the largest independent schools. A special mention to our school Vice Captain Zahra Akacha who was selected to the zone team at the NSWCIS tournament in May! Congratulations Zahra!

RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to our inaugural rugby league teams who were impressive in their first rugby league competition at the Brad Mackay Cup hosted by the St. George Illawarra Dragons!

The boys had two wins and a draw and a loss
Our girls won 2, lost 1 and drew 1



SCHOOL IFTAR

The Parent Council Iftar was an incredible success with over 330 attending and sharing some wonderful dishes as well as each others company. It was wonderful to have previous Principal's Mrs. Madenia Abdu-rahman and Mr. Sam Halbouni attending!

Any surplus funds were forwarded to the school orphan fund with Human Appeal and surplus food distributed to women's shelters for women seeking refuge from domestic violence and homelessness.

