

# NEWSLETTER



## Arkana Pulse – The Arkana College Newsletter WEEK 10 TERM ONE 2025

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Assalamu Alaikum

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we head into the holidays, I reflect on Ramadan and one simple but powerful theme: Community. Because it wasn't individual effort alone that brought impact and ultimately, it was our ability to support one another, collaborate, and stay focused on what matters most: student centred impact programs that brought real change to so many. Charity and community service are cornerstones of our school and a united effort saw our students and staff working with parents, community volunteers and others to bring hope to those in need. This included

- Our grocery drive feeding vulnerable families and individuals across Sydney throughout Ramadan
- Our Eid Toy Drive providing toys to vulnerable families including refugees, victims of domestic violence, children battling cancer and hospitals across Sydney
- Other schools and community groups getting inspired to run similar programs.
- Purchase of tents for shelter, food and medical assistance for those impacted by conflict
- Purchase of water wells in Cambodia
- Providing iftar dinners to impoverished communities in Africa

This ensures that the ripples of goodness emanating from Arkana College spread kindness, love and mercy far beyond our school gates, regardless of faith or background. In doing so Arkana College became a hub bringing together public and independent schools, mayors, police, sport teams and community groups.

Whilst teaching/learning is always our core focus, these experiences demonstrate that Arkana College is a place where children learn essential life skills and develop important attitudes that shape personality and character.

I commend our students, dedicated and committed teaching and non-teaching staff, parent volunteers as well as our Parent Council for such a successful and enjoyable Term One.

Have a safe and enjoyable autumn holiday break!

Mr Osman Karolia  
Principal



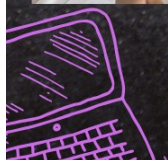
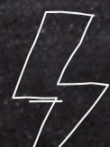
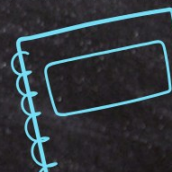
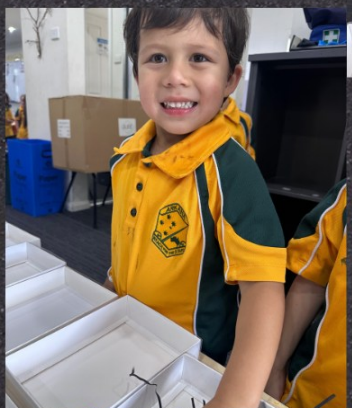
### IMPORTANT DATES

29/04 START TERM 2 ALL CLASSES PREK - YR 6  
30/4 - 02/05 HEALTHY HAROLD PREK - YR 4  
09/05 CROSSCOUNTRY CARNIVAL YR 3- YR 6  
14/05 K & Y1 EXCURSION – CALMSLEY HILL FARM & Y2 EXCURSION – HARBOUR BRIDGE  
16/05 IPSHA DEBATING  
19/05 HARMONY CUP CROSS COUNTRY YR 3-YR 6  
20/05 SCHOOL PHOTOS  
22/05 ASSISSA ZONE CROSS COUNTRY  
26/05 HARMONY CUP SOCCER  
29/05 BIGGEST MORNING TEA (CANCER COUNCIL) @ GEORGE'S CAFE  
30/5 IPSHA DEBATING  
03/06 HAJJ SIMULATION  
06/06 EID AL ADHA (TBC)  
09/06 MONARCH'S OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)  
19/06 MULTICULTURAL DAY  
26/06 UTS VISIT (JAPAN TEAM)  
02/07 YR 3-YR 6 OPERA HOUSE EXCURSION. LAST TERM DAY PREK  
04/07 LAST TERM DAY K - YR 6





# PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2025



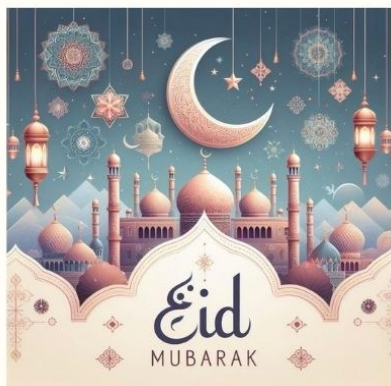






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# KINDERGARTEN T1 W10 NEWSLETTER



## KK Superstars!

This term, our Kindy superstars have been busy learning, exploring, and spreading kindness!

- 🚀 Coding with Scope IT – We had a blast learning the basics of coding and problem-solving in our fun tech lessons!
- ♥️ Harmony Day – We celebrated diversity, wore orange, and shared what makes us all special.
- 🌙 Ramadan & Good Deeds – Our daily acts of kindness helped raise funds to build a water well for those in need—what an amazing effort!
- 🎉 Eid Celebrations – We dressed in our beautiful Eid clothes and enjoyed a day full of joy and togetherness.
- +–🧮 Math Fun – We explored addition, subtraction, and length, making numbers exciting and hands-on! It's been an incredible term, and we can't wait for more adventures ahead! ✨





# KT NEWSLETTER

Wow! What a busy and successful term we've had! We can't believe it's already the end of Term 1. Students worked so well in all key learning areas and achieved so many individual goals, both academically and socially. I am super proud of all our students in Kindergarten! We look forward to many more exciting adventures next term. Have a relaxing and fun break! 😊





*A Blessed  
Ramadan and  
a very Happy  
Eid from  
One M*





# 1P

## WITH MISS PARKIN



TERM 1  
WEEKS 5-10

### Harmony Day



### Harmony Day



### Eid Gifts



### Eid Mubarak



### CAPA







# YEAR 2

## TERM 1 WK 10

Year 2 what a wonderful term we have had, I have learnt so much about you all and I hope I can continue to discover many more great things. For the time that we have spent in class I have seen you work really hard on your information reports and learning the different representations of multiplication. We have also enjoyed many events this term like Ramadan, Eid, Harmony day and even putting together the Eid Gift packs.

Very proud of you all and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday.

Mrs Elmir & Mrs Hawkins





- In Year 3, Let's continue to be kind, respectful, and responsible in all that we do!

# YEAR 3 NEWS

## EID PREPS

Year 3 celebrated Eid al-Fitr by creating beautiful canvases for their families and crafting lanterns, learning about the joy and traditions of this special occasion.



## EID AL FITR /DRESSUP



After the holidays, Year 3 celebrated Eid by dressing up in festive outfits, sharing traditions, and enjoying the spirit of togetherness.



## NAPLAN



## LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

### Harmony day

Year 3 celebrated Harmony Day by wearing orange, sharing cultural stories, creating artwork, and enjoying while embracing the theme "Everyone Belongs."



### Reading

Year 3 enjoyed regular library visits, fostering a love for reading through diverse books and quiet reading time.



### Scope IT

Year 3 learnt about coding and programming through fun, hands-on activities that develop problem-solving and logical thinking skills.



## CHARITY WORK



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Keep learning. But, above all, keep having fun".

Greta Mae Evans





# THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



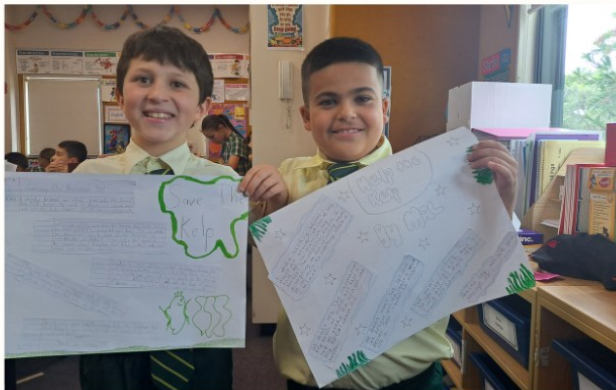
## EID MUBARAK

We are creating Eid artworks to gift our families. These artworks were created using stencils and sponge paints. We are so creative and had lots of fun.



## DRAMA

We are preparing for our end of year play performance, 'A Caterpillar's Voice'. We love to make masks, and rehearse our lines in preparation for the big day.



## PERSUASIVE WRITING

We are using our persuasive writing skills to help save the Tasmanian kelp forests. Using strong words, personal pronouns and rhetorical questions, helps us become more persuasive.



## HARMONY DAY

A day of harmony created to remind us how to be kinder to each other no matter where we come from. We are sitting in front of our beautiful artworks created for harmony day.





KEEP CALM

I'M IN

YEAR 5

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Four horizontal lines for writing random thoughts.



## TERM 1, WEEKS 6-10



RAMADAN & EID  
CRAFT



HELPING PRE-  
KINDY



IFTAR DINNER



ASSEMBLY



SWIMMING  
CARNIVAL



GETTING ACTIVE



## MY NOTES

THE LAST FIVE WEEKS OF TERM 1 HAVE BEEN SO MUCH FUN AND FULL OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES! WE'VE BEEN GETTING ARTISTIC, PAINTING AND DESIGNING BEAUTIFUL RAMADAN AND EID CANVASES TO TAKE HOME, WHICH HAS BEEN A GREAT WAY TO EXPRESS OUR CREATIVITY. WE ALSO HELPED OUR PRE-KINDY BUDDIES WITH THEIR PAINTING, GUIDING THEM AS THEY EXPLORED COLOURS AND BRUSHSTROKES. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WAS GATHERING FOR A SPECIAL IFTAR DINNER UNDER THE STARS WITH OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES- IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL EVENING FILLED WITH DELICIOUS FOOD AND GREAT COMPANY. WE ALSO CELEBRATED EACH OTHER'S ACHIEVEMENTS DURING OUR SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES, CHEERING ON OUR CLASSMATES AND RECOGNISING THEIR HARD WORK. THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL WAS ANOTHER EXCITING EVENT! WE ENJOYED A SPLASH IN THE POOL AND HAD FUN COMPETING IN DIFFERENT RACES. AFTER WEEKS OF FOCUSING ON OUR NAPLAN TESTS, WE BURNED OFF ALL OUR ENERGY ON THE FUTSAL COURT, RUNNING, KICKING, AND PLAYING TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT. IT HAS BEEN A BUSY BUT AMAZING END TO THE TERM, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT'S COMING NEXT IN TERM 2!



SYDNEY,  
AUSTRALIA

SPECIAL EDITION

# \* City Series \*

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# YEAR 6

*THE CLASS THAT STAYS SHARP, FOCUSED, AND NEVER BACKS DOWN FROM A CHALLENGE.*



**ESTABLISHED  
IN 2019**

*Term 1 has been a wonderful journey in Year 6, filled with fun, learning, and the joy of getting to know each student better.*

## YEAR 6 HIGHLIGHTS

### Ramadan

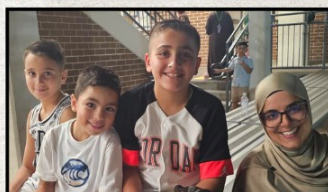
*It's been heartwarming to see Year 6 support one another and uphold the values of Ramadan.*

### Ramadan Iftar

*Breaking our fast together was a special experience.*

### Eid Breakfast

*Year 6 celebrated Eid together while enjoying a delicious traditional breakfast.*





# Arabic-Quran-Islamic Studies

# EID MUBARAK!

The Arabic, Quran & Islamic Studies Department would like to wish the Arkana College community an accepted Ramadan and a Eid Mubarak!





# 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.

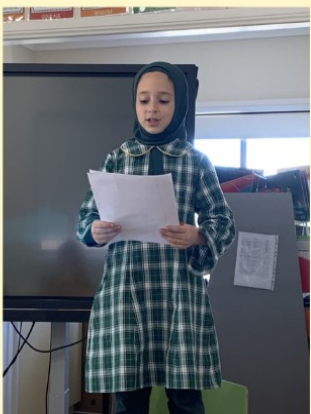
**Mr Puglisi**







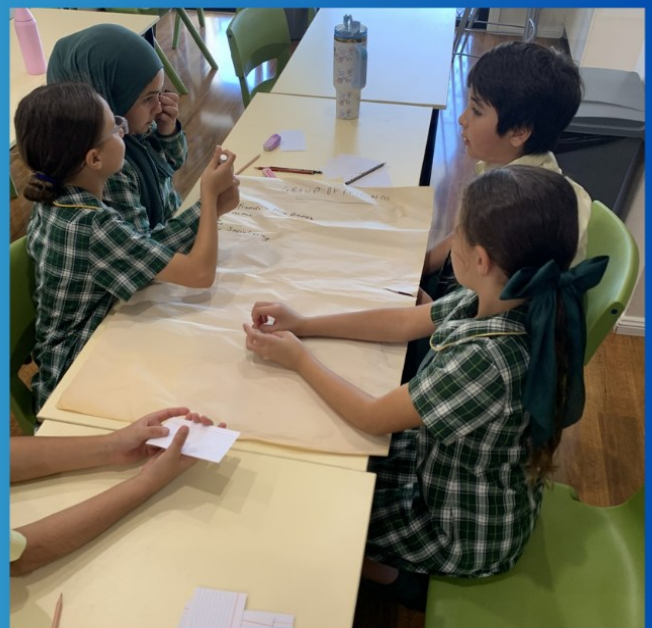
# EXTENSION







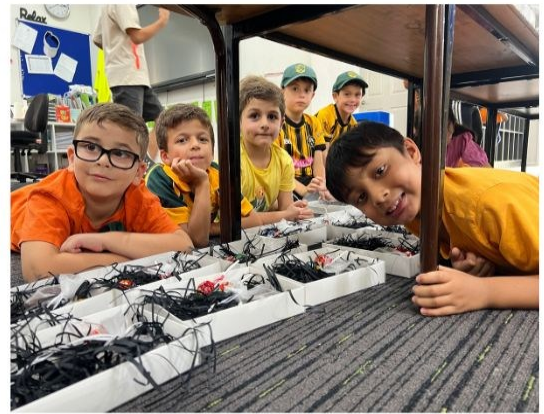
# DEBATING





# PRE K - Y2 CHARITY SERVICE

Years Pre K - 2 made, advertised and sold, "Edible Eid Packs" for charity, as part of their Ramadan worship activities. Outstanding job, and may Allah reward all at Arkana, for their acts of charity in participating with the selling and buying of these wonderful "Edible Eid Packs!"





## RAMADAN GROCERY DRIVE



A huge thank you to our parents and wider community for the huge response to our Ramadan grocery drive to provide food hampers to recently arrived refugee families from Gaza and other local vulnerable families including the elderly on their own, those with a disability and others for whom Ramadan is a difficult and lonely time. Special thanks to Yr 6, Canterbury - Bankstown Mayor Bilal El Hayek, Steve Dabliz for packing/sorting, The Nutroasters for their huge donation of food items, our partners at Lighthouse Community Services, parents who dropped in to lend a hand and Sheikh Taha who worked late into the night to finish all the hampers. We exceeded all expectations and pray it's a source of mercy and blessings for all those who participated. Together we can all make a difference and a wonderful service learning with impact experience for our students.

It was heartening for other schools to join us on a similar campaign with Arkana College becoming a distribution hub with Lighthouse Community Services and GWS Giants distributing food hampers



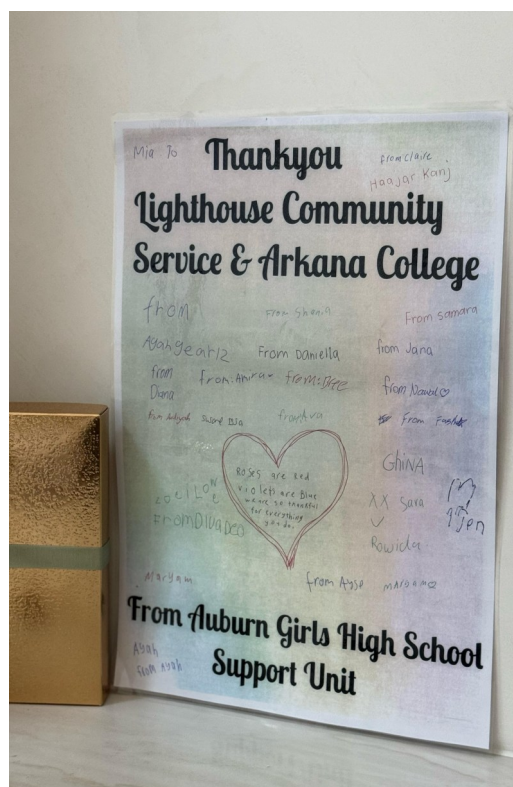
A huge thank you to one of our Arkana fathers Mr. Dino Ceranic, for delivering the Arkana Ramadan grocery hampers! Helping others is a core principle of our faith and to all who donated items, assisted with packing or like Br Dino delivered directly to others, may you and your families be blessed and be under the shade of the Almighty



## EID TOY DRIVE

A big thank you to our families for supporting the Eid Toy Drive! Toys were distributed to recently arrived children from Gaza and others with serious illness including cancer. Toys were also distributed to Auburn GHS to young people with special needs and local hospitals by Lighthouse Community Services, Arkana parents, GWS Giants and the LMA. It was encouraging to have other schools join the campaign with Arkana College acting as a distribution centre.

May Allah reward and bless all those who have participated.





## HARMONY DAY



"And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the diversity of your languages and your colours. Surely in this are signs for those of knowledge" (Quran 30:22)

Arkana College recently celebrated Harmony Day where through art, presentations and other activities we reminded each other that human dignity must be respected, regardless of faith, race, ethnic origin, or social status

## ASISSA ZONE AND CISNSW SWIMMING CARNIVALS



Celebrating our swimming team that qualified for the ASSISSA zone carnival. Fatima Moussa (Yr 6), Jamal Mujala (Yr 4), Muhammad Kassab (Yr 4) and Zakariya Mehana (Yr 3) all competed admirably against dozens of independent schools from across the wider Sydney metropolitan region. Muhammad Kassab qualified for CIS NSW and competed admirably against some of the best swimmers in the state at Sydney Olympic Park.



## BASKETBALL GALA DAY

A wonderful end of the term for students and staff with our basketball competitions and sausage sizzle! The students vs staff match was a stand out (students won)! Thank you to our volunteers from Campsie and Hurstville Police, Lighthouse Community Support and Addi Road. The support from Fetteyleh Foods and Human Appeal meant 100% of funds raised were for humanitarian projects. Huge thanks to Yusef Jomaa of Yr 6 for putting the day together and our amazing parent volunteers for making the day an incredible success!



## NEW STEM LAB



We were thrilled to open our new STEM Lab complete with 20 computers for coding, floor space for designing and operation of robots as well as a large monitor for presentations and storage space

Arkana College are the current Australian Primary School Robotics Champions and will be competing in the world finals in Japan later this year.

We're thrilled that this process is taking place in our new STEM lab and wish all our robotics students all the best!

We were delighted to recently to host one of our robotics sponsors from Salaam in the new facility



## STUDENT KHUTBA SERIES



During Ramadan Arkana College were treated to some inspiring Friday khutba delivered by school captain Zaky Aka-cha, vice captain Umayr Abdul-Rahman and Ismael Shami of Yr.6. Themes included character development, respect, humility, parents, charity and using our time responsibly,

It was wonderful to have parents and other family members attend!



## EID CARDS FOR CAMBODIA



From Kingsgrove to Cambodia! Arkana parents Karim Rifai and Wally Ayad and former parent Jihad Skaf who had two children graduate from our school hand delivered Eid cards made by our younger grades for children and orphans in Cambodia as part of their humanitarian trip to deliver aid with AusRelief.

A special connection from our children to children in Cambodia.



## 2025 SCHOOL IFTAR

The 2025 school iftar was a truly amazing event celebrating faith and community whilst also raising funds for charity initiatives. With our partners Brothers In Need food from the iftar was distributed to four local shelters for women and children. Our students enjoyed the ice cream cart and parents loved the coffee carts!

We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the local businesses that donated food for the occasion. Your generosity enriched our celebration and made it even more special!

A special thank you to the dedicated Arkana staff, our Year 6 students, and the parents who generously volunteered their time and efforts to make this event a success. In particular we acknowledge our Parent Council

Thank you to event sponsor Human Appeal Australia and all those who supported the event. Dougies Grill, Taste of Thai, Veloce, Dough'd Up, Al Sultan Pastry, Banksia Bakery, Hariri Chikcen, Salon White, Jalu Perfumes and Zoom Carwash

