

# NEWSLETTER



## Arkana Pulse – The Arkana College Newsletter WEEK 10 TERM TWO 2023

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Assalamu Alaikum

Dear Parents

With term 2 coming to an end, it is a good time to reflect on the achievements of our students over the past term.

- Healthy Harold well being and life skills workshops to all students on healthy habits, self-esteem, anti-bullying and respect for others.
- Several excursions including the zoo, historic Elizabeth Farm, science at Carrs Park, Yr. 6 NRL Dragons match
- K-6 Indigenous art/culture/history incursion and Science incursion for PreK
- Robotics competition and selection to represent Australia at world robotics finals in Japan
- Community care with our homeless program, orphan support raising just over \$2000 and world ocean day environmental project
- Interfaith visit to Mt. Sinai College
- Spectacular success in debating against some of Sydney's leading independent schools and public speaking at Kids 4 The Planet event
- Sporting success including girls soccer Grand final in Harmony Cup.
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These experiences demonstrate that excellence in schooling is about more than just teaching a curriculum. Arkana College is a place where children learn essential life skills and develop important attitudes that shape personality and character.

The recent demolition of a neighbouring house owned by the school to increase play/sport and recreation space is an exciting development for our school and will only add value to the experience of all students.

I commend our dedicated and committed teaching and non-teaching staff for such a wonderful Term 2 as well as our Parent Council and volunteers.

I wish all students, staff, parents and families an enjoyable winter break and a very warm Eid Mubarak to all!

Mr Osman Karolia  
Principal



### IMPORTANT DATES

18/07 START TERM 3 FOR ALL STUDENTS  
20/07 EID FETE  
21/07 DEBATING  
04/08 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL  
14/08 MATHS INCURSION  
16/08 HARMONY CUP OZTAG  
18/08 DEBATING  
21/08 SCIENCE INCURSION  
21/08 ROBOTICS TEAM TRAVEL TO JAPAN  
24/08 YR 2 HARBOUR BRIDGE EXCURSION  
230/08 SPELLING BEE  
31/08 BOOKWEEK CHARACTER PARADE  
01/09 DEBATING  
05/09 HARMONY CUP ATHLETICS  
11-22/09 SWIM SCHOOL  
22/09 LAST DAY TERM THREE

# EID MUBARAK !!



# PreKindergarten is a Journey



Knowledge- the Key to Our Life's Journey





# KINDERGARTEN

## KINDY'S FIRST EXCURSION

This term, Kindergarten set out on their very first excursion - a day trip to Sydney Zoo. We had a blast, and saw so many animals. Kindergarten were also lucky enough to get up close and personal with some reptiles.





# 1K NEWSLETTER

Greetings, from the fantastic 1K students! It's time to buckle up and embark on a hilarious journey into the world of our extraordinary young scholars. Our delightful students have been up to all sorts of shenanigans, exploring the depths of math, unleashing their inner animal enthusiasts, and even delving into the art of persuasive writing. Hold onto your funny bones because this edition of our newsletter promises to bring laughter and joy. Let's dive right in!

Our math whizzes are conquering addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with flair. They'll calculate your grocery bill in no time. Our little statisticians are on a roll, collecting data and creating colourful graphs.

Our explorers had a blast at Sydney Zoo, encountering cuddly koalas and cheeky chimpanzees. Learning has never been so wild!

Emersed in Koomurri heritage, our kids, danced, sang and learned about unity and diversity. They returned home with a colourful boomerang!

Chairs, beware! Our persuasive writers are on a mission to convince them not to go on strike. Their words pack a punch!





# YEAR 1'S ACHIEVEMENTS

## OUR TERM 2 CHECKLIST...



LOTS O' LEARNING



FAD READING



EXCURSION EXTRA VEGANZA



FABULOUS FUN WITH FRIENDS



SCIENCE SPECTACULARS



AWESOME ABORIGINAL EDUCATION



ALHAMDULILAH!



# SYDNEY ZOO

## YEAR TWO LOVED YOU...





# Year 3



Best friends!



# THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

## WHAT'S NEW IN YEAR 4



### ART

Students are learning about form in Visual Arts. Making things look 3 Dimensional gives the illusion of form.



### SCIENCE

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



### SPORT

Athletics is the focus this term with the athletics carnival only a few weeks away. Students are gaining new skills in relay, discus, and shotput.



### SCOPE I.T

We are making an app about endangered animals. Apps need pages and design elements just like websites.





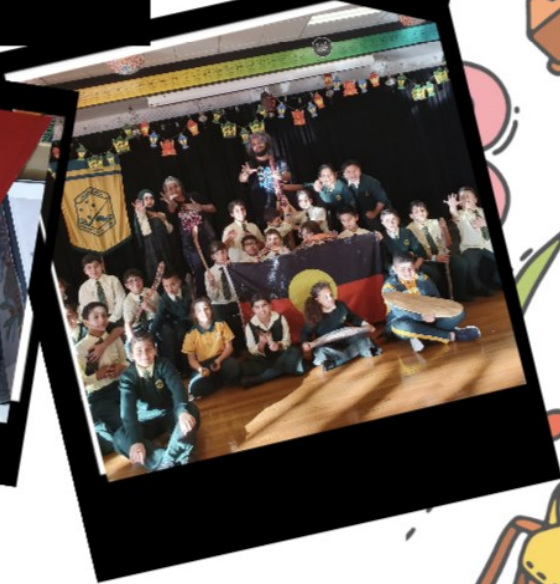
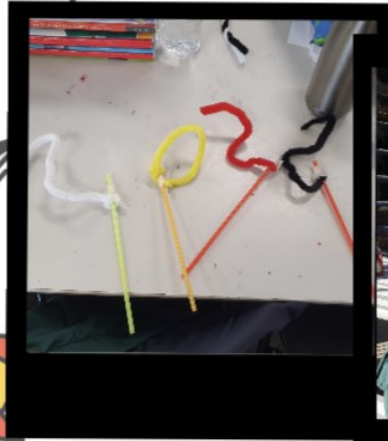
Learning  
Journal  
Year 5, 2023

Weeks 6-10  
Term 2



# To Remember

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

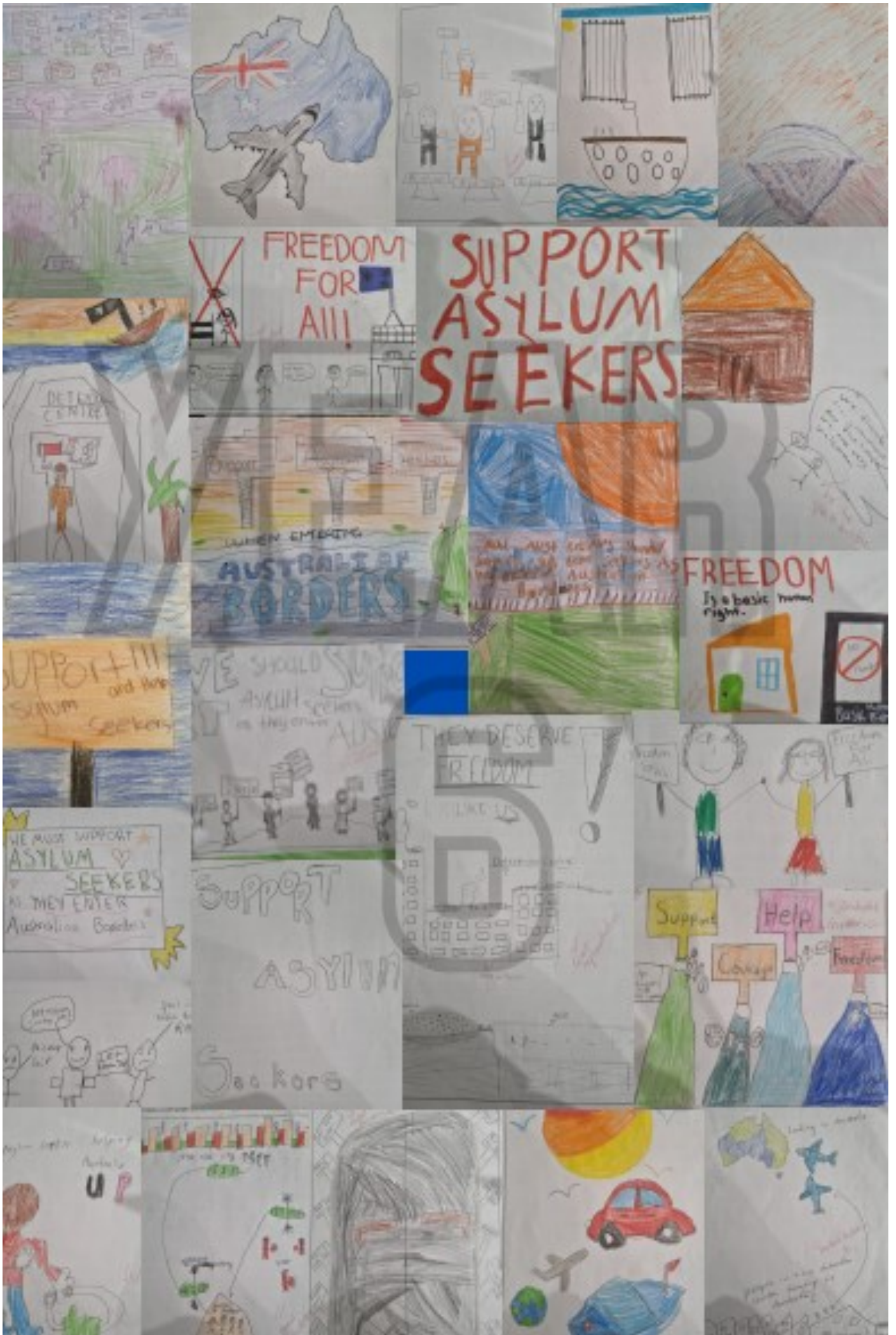


Is there any such thing as too much fun?

We have had non stop learning fun and action from the last journal entry. We completed our history unit through researching and presenting a significant person from colonial Australia; reinforced our history topic through visiting Elizabeth Farm; ended our science unit with a Science Day that was in the form of a 'Kids party'; enjoyed the company of our friends from Mt Sinai; and learnt more about the Australian Indigenous culture through the Koomurri visit.









# Arabic

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

This term has been a very busy term as the students prepare for their half yearly exams.

Students from K-2 have been working hard as they practise their Arabic reading, writing and listening skills as well as strengthen their Arabic conversations.

Students in Years 3 and 4 have been reading Arabic words from Quranic script.

I pray that all those who have embarked on the blessed journey of Hajj return back safely to their loved ones. Eid Mubarak and happy holidays to our Arkana College family.

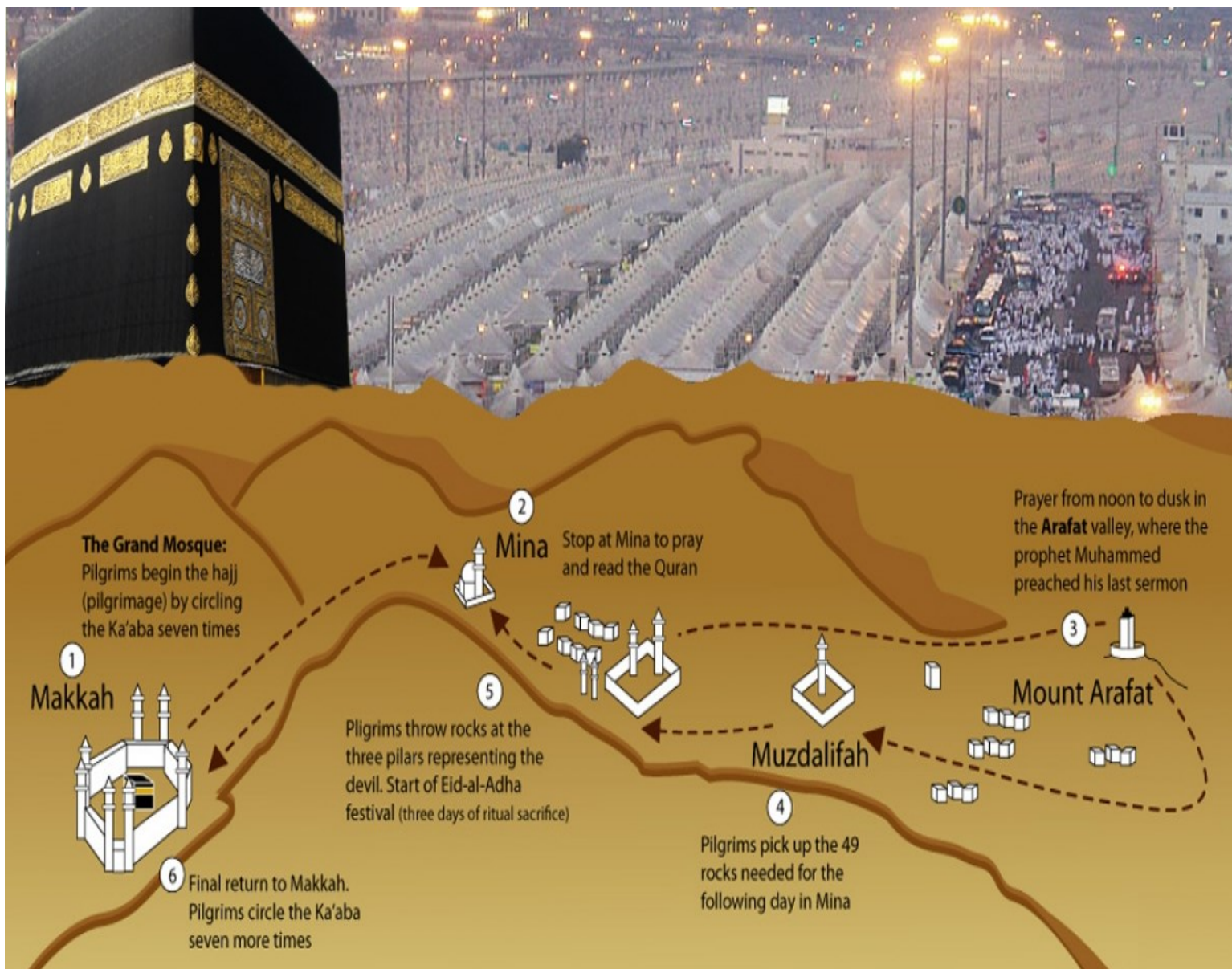




# ISLAMIC STUDIES

## What is Haj?

- Haj is the yearly occurring ritual of pilgrimage to Mecca by Muslims
- Haj is one of the Pillars of Worship in Islam
- Haj is enjoined on the Muslim to perform
  - At least once in a life-time if:
  - The person can afford it
  - And if he is able to
- People hale from every country, nationality, background, financial status, and level of education





# CHARITY SERVICE COOPERATE



**" THE LOLLY JAR COMPETITION FOR MATHEMATICIANS...MEGA-SIZED JAR, DIFFERENT SIZED LOLLIES OF ALL DIFFERENT SHAPES... QUITE THE MIND-BENDER TO FIGURE OUT!"**

**" THE ARKANA MARKETS IS THE PLACE TO BE TO GET ALL YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS...AND THE PLACE TO GET YOUR GOOD DEEDS ALHAMDULILLAH!"**



*For the  
Kids.*

*By the  
Kids.*



# SRC



Thank you Mr Rami Ykmour, founder of RASHAYS and his team for so graciously hosting our students and staff at Rashays HQ to record our latest student podcast. Students were able to record in the Rashays studio including an exclusive interview with Mr Ykmour himself to learn about his journey and advice to

## DEBATING AND EXTENSION



Our debating team enjoyed continued success against MLC and The Scots College.

Arkana students attended the Kids 4 the Planet competition at Lakemba Public School. They participated in the public speaking events, a STEM challenge, an ART competition, 30 word writing challenge and presented a video promoting the message 'Edge of the Future : Education for all'.

The students enjoyed their day interacting with students from 5 local public schools.

Congratulations to Raihana and Safiya Bowens for winning the Public Speaking Category and to Aysha Afioni for success in the writing category.

Ayman, Layla, Alyssar E, Samara and Izhaaq produced an outstanding video for the event about education equality which was inspiring and highly commended.



SCHOOL CAPTAIN MESSAGE



# ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

## From the Arkana College School Captain

As school captain of Arkana college, Safiyah Bowens, I am passionate about creating a caring school community. As students we must do our part to look after the environment and that is something which has been encouraged this month! The month of June was an important month as we celebrated World Environmental Day and Ocean Day, This helped to raise awareness about the crucial role our environment plays in our lives.



### World Environmental Day

- World Environment Day was on the 5th of June 2023
- This day was a reminder that people's actions on plastic pollution matters
- The steps governments and businesses are taking to tackle plastic pollution are the consequence of this action
- It is time to accelerate this action and #BeatPlasticPollution

ZERO WASTE



### World Ocean Day

- One Ocean, One Climate, One Future – Together
- World Ocean Day is an international day that takes place annually on 8 June
- The ocean covers over 70% of the planet
- It is our life source, supporting humanity's sustenance and that of every other organism on earth
- Me and the environmental group in year 5 went to Botany Bay and dedicated some time to clean it up
- We were extremely saddened to see all this rubbish piled up onto the seashore.



"Each fruit of the tree you have planted will be appreciated by a reward from Allah" (Prophet Muhammad PBUH)



IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION!

"He released the two seas, meeting between them is a barrier which they do not transgress." (Ar-Rahman)



# HOMELESS OUTREACH



Values are best learnt through actions.!

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who attended the homeless event at Martin Place this evening.

Students distributed food, warm clothing and footwear to Sydney's homeless community.

We also thank parents who have been leaving food items at admin and the Murgatroyd family for treating the entire group to gourmet gelato on the way home.

# ORPHAN PROGRAM



Well done Imaan (Yr.2) and Asiyah (Yr.4) with help from our captains Ayman and Safiyah for running a campaign to provide an Eid lunch and new clothes for the 8 orphans we sponsor around the world as well as for their siblings and friends. More than \$2000 was raised which will also go toward their shelter, clothing, health care and education.

# NAIDOC WEEK INDIGENOUS INCURSION



Students recently enjoyed an indigenous incursion where they engaged in art and cultural activities delivered by Koomurri Education. Students got to paint their own boomerang in traditional designs to take home and learnt about indigenous culture. Arkana College acknowledges the Bidjegal people on whose land we learn and work



# ENVIRONMENT



Our Environment Club who won a national award in 2022 visited Botany Bay to clear rubbish including plastics and foam items that ends up in our oceans and waterways causing great harm to the environment and marine life.

Students saw first hand how storm water drains brought rubbish from surrounding suburbs directly on to a local beach and into Botany Bay.

Never throw rubbish out the window, nor leave it around in the playground or after a picnic as it often ends up in our oceans.

# INTERFAITH



Engaging with other cultures and communities is the best guarantee of a more just, peaceful and respectful society. It also endears others to our faith and the teachings and character of our beloved Prophet pbuh. Thank you Mt Sinai College for so warmly hosting our students and staff!

# SPORT



Students at Arkana College enjoy a wide variety of sport including inter school sport competitions against Islamic and other independent schools.

Congratulations to our senior girls soccer team on winning the Grand Final in the recent Harmony Cup event!



# ROBOTICS

**WORLD ROBOTICS FINAL**

**ARKANA COLLEGE IS REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA IN JAPAN!**

DATE: **AUGUST 26th 2023** TIME: **OSAKA, JAPAN**

**GET BEHIND OUR STUDENTS!**

## TEAM ARKANA IN JAPAN!

Arkana College will be representing Australia in the primary schools division at the URC world robotics finals in Japan later this year.

This is a huge achievement for our school and the wider Muslim community to have an Islamic school represent Australia on the world stage. Congratulations to all students and their coaches Mr Kayal and Ms Rizk.

The trip is a milestone event as we send students overseas for the first time and gives us a truly global reach!

# PARENT COUNCIL

Arkana College is blessed with an incredible Parent Council and volunteer group who assist at events and fundraising, from sausage sizzles and fundraising to feeding the homeless. A special mention to parents who own local businesses including Ghazi Butchers, Bexley for donating sausages for our robotics trip to Japan and to build a student initiated water well in Cambodia. Fresh Poultry, Padstow and Dougies Grill Hurstville, Bankstown and across Sydney for assisting with Yr. 6 graduation and other fundraisers. The Parent Council are also running a Chocolate Drive for our robotics team and busy preparing for our annual Eid Fete!





# NEW DEVELOPMENT



## WE ARE EXPANDING!

The school recently demolished a property it had previously purchased on 3 Rayment St.

Once appropriately cleared, levelled and safely prepared for use, the property directly behind the school will provide significantly more playground space for sport and recreation including at recess and lunch.

Plans include an artificial grass field, eating area, play equipment and green space to facilitate outdoor learning.



**WISHING ALL OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES A VERY WARM EID MUBARAK AND A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE WINTER HOLIDAY!**

**SEE YOU ALL IN TERM 3, 18th JULY, 2023**