

ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



ARKANA PULSE - The Arkana College Newsletter Week 10, Term One 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy yet enjoyable term one 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 wide range of special events.

We were thrilled to host Paralympian Ameera Lee as she prepares for the Paris Paralympics later this year and events including Harmony Day and the school iftar reminded us during the month of Ramadan of the importance of family and community. The spirit of Ramadan reminded us all of generosity, compassion and empathy for others particularly the people of Gaza and we dedicated fundraising this term to the people of Gaza.

Our commitment to STEM included our Yr. 5/6 program with UTS culminating in an exhibition of student projects.

Our senior boys' basketball team won the Harmony Cup finals and students enjoyed a wonderful swimming carnival with some very competitive races in the heats and finals.

We also bid farewell to Mrs. Gazi after 18 years at Arkana College and thank her for her immense contribution to the school. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Together with our amazing teachers and staff we look forward to an exciting term two.

I conclude by wishing students and staff a happy and safe autumn holiday and a very warm Eid Mubarak to the entire Arkana College community, may it be a blessed and reflective time for all.

Mr. Karolia
Principal



KEY DATES

30/04 First Day Term 2
06-07/05 Healthy Harold
10/05 Eid Fete
14/05 Yr. 3-6 Healthy eating incursion
17/05 Yr. 3-6 Cross Country Carnival
20/05 School Photo Day
23/05 Yr. 3-6 Science excursion
27/05 Harmony Cup
06/06 K-Yr.1 Zoo excursion and Yr. 2 Harbour Bridge excursion
07/06 Arkana AGM
05/07 Last day term 2
23/07 First day term 3



PREK

TERM 1, 2024

In a room filled with laughter and cheer,
Preschoolers diligently persevere.
With tiny hands and hearts so bright,
They embark on learning, shining in their light.

Writing their names, a task so grand,
Each stroke, each curve, they understand.
Counting syllables, one by one,
Their eager minds shining like the sun.

From one to ten, they count with glee,
Forwards, backwards, so joyfully free.
Numbers 1, 2, and 3, they trace,
Learning with each smile on their face.

Identifying sounds, and letters all right,
Their voices dance in the morning light.
Life cycle of a butterfly, they explore,
Amazed by the transformation's allure.

And with pride, they stand to share,
News of their world, stories they bear.
In their world of wonder, they take flight,
Preschool stars, shining bright in the night.



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten have spent the latter part of this term in Ramadan. During this blessed month, they were introduced to the importance of empathy and compassion towards others, and have been learning the values of Ramadan.



1/K NEWS TERM 1 2024



We are thrilled to share the latest update from our 1/K class. It has been a term filled with meaningful activities and exciting learning experiences. Here's a glimpse of what our little ones have been up to:

- **Welcoming Ramadan:** Our 1/K students embarked on a beautiful journey of learning and reflection during the blessed month of Ramadan. Through discussions, stories, and creative activities, they learned about fasting, sharing, and acts of kindness.
- **Money Boxes and Charity Success:** The 1/K students completed their money boxes project, teaching them the importance of saving and giving back. This was further emphasised with the Pre-K to year two charity service, which was a remarkable success.
- **Skip Counting and Animal Exploration:** Our 1/K students have been actively engaged in skip counting, developing their number sense and paving the way for multiplication skills. They have also explored fascinating facts about various animals, expanding their knowledge and curiosity about the natural world.

Warm Regards,
Mrs Yassine





YEAR 1

news



It has been busy in the Year 1 classroom, we had a wonderful day celebrating International Women's Week with a surprise visitor. . Student's applied their knowledge of Patterns to make wonderful flowers that represented the notion of what a 'Women' embodied to Year 1.



K-2 Charity Drive



Ramadan Money Boxes



YEAR two

We love our sentences in Year 2 😊 Building and expanding on the different forms of sentence writing, has been both engaging and entertaining. We've written and read a range of funny, interesting, outrageous and informative sentences. Sharing our best sentences with our peers has been quite the delight.



CLASSROOM NEWS

YEAR 3 WEEK 10

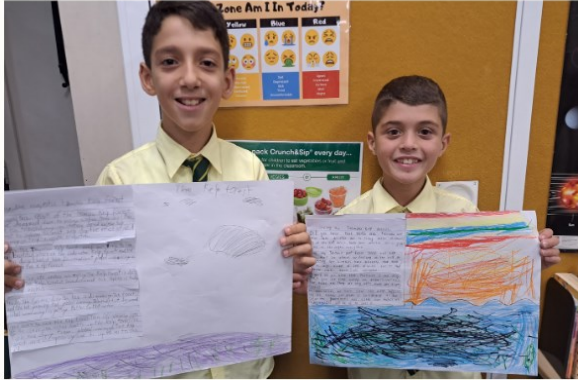
Congratulations to our Year 3 students for trying their best in the NAPLAN tests. They had a busy and productive term, participating in a range of teaching and learning activities. Well done on your individual achievements this term! Have a well deserved school holiday break!

DREAM BIG,
WORK HARD,
MAKE IT
happen.



THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



TASMANIAN KELP

Did you know the majestic Tasmania Kelp forests are disappearing at an alarm rate? We are writing persuasive texts to help spread the word of saving these beautiful majestic underwater worlds before they are all gone!

By: Muhammad I and Bakkar H



SADAQAH CRAFT

Sadaqah is the act of giving charity for the sake of Allah. We have created these beautiful charity boxes to encourage giving in the month of Ramadan. Let's work together and keep on giving!

By: Zayan, Rayann, Dejana, Bakkar and Imran.



SCOPE 1.T

We are working very hard in scope this term, learning all about the original computer language, binary. Binary is a language comprised of 0's and 1's and is the foundation of technology.

By: Fatimah N, Noah, Muhammad A, Safiya J and Abbas .



ANNUAL IFTAR

Every year our valued PNC host a magnificent iftar for students and families. This year topped all previous iftars, featuring fabulous food and delicious coffee with all proceeds going to Gaza. The year 4 boys were kind enough to save me a seat on their table. Thanks boys.

By: Mr. Kayal

memories



STARTING RAMADAN OFF WITH MAKING CHARITY BOXES



MS TRAN, MR KAYAL & MS ISSA SWEATING IT OUT AT THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO ROUND & ROUND...OFF TO THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



AND THE WINNER IS ...



PROUD FAMILY MEMBERS AT THE STEMXPLAY SHOWCASE



STEMXPLAY SHOWCASE UTS MENTORS



CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**YEAR 5,
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YEAR 6



STEM Showcase

Our Year 6 students demonstrated their innovative spirit and problem-solving prowess at the STEM Showcase, where they wowed audiences with their creative projects and scientific discoveries.

Harmony Cup Champions

Congratulations to our talented basketball boys who clinched victory at the Harmony Cup! Their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship were truly inspiring. Well done to all our Harmony Cup competitors!

Exploring Freedom and Refugees

Students have continued to delve into the complex theme of freedom, with a special focus on understanding the plight of refugees around the world. Through empathy, education, and advocacy, they embraced the values of compassion and solidarity. As a result, they have skillfully crafted imaginative texts from the perspective of refugees.

Eid Mubarak

Eid Mubarak! As we celebrate the end of Ramadan, may the spirit of this blessed month bring happiness, prosperity, and harmony to you and your families. May your prayers be answered, and your hearts be filled with love and contentment. Warmest wishes for a wonderful Eid filled with joy and blessings!

Eid Mubarak



Arabic-Quran Islamic Studies

The commencement of Ramadan signalled the start of our Annual Ramadan Quran Competition. This competition is a cherished tradition at Arkana College, where our students showcase their dedication to the Quran by memorizing and reciting selected Surahs.

Our K-2 students have had the opportunity to voluntarily attend 10 prayers in the hall at lunch time, to attain their junior prayer licenses, under the guidance of our patient Year 5 and 6 students who continue to mentor and nurture our juniors through their prayer journey.

Ramadan has also seen the recommencement of student-lead Jummah khutbahs. Muhammad Al-Hariri from Year 6 wrote and delivered a beautiful khutbah, filled with many pearls of wisdom and excellent advice to his peers, may Allah reward him!



Finally, our students have taken the opportunity to reflect on the blessings we have, and show gratitude to Allah swt by creating Eid cards for orphans along the Syria/Türkiye border who have been affected by the recent earthquakes.



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

COUNTING IN THE EARLY YEARS



One very simple rule...Count every day!

You can incorporate counting into everyday activities such as:

Cut fruit into six pieces and ask your child to count the pieces.

Count the pieces of toast you cooked for breakfast.

Add the total number of cutlery items at the table.

Count the number of people travelling in the car or on the bus.

Count the number of houses as you walk along the street.

Count how many steps it takes to walk from the kitchen to the bathroom.

Practice counting when grocery shopping with your child (for example, counting the number of apples you put into the bag).

Encourage your child to talk about the number of things in the pictures they draw....

You get the picture...Count everything...Everything counts! 😊

Mr Puglisi



K-2 Charity Service

Cooperate *Eid Packs*

"The Years Pre K – 2 students worked magnificently well as a team, as they created, advertised and sold Eid Packs, with all sorts of goodies contained in them, to help celebrate a wonderful Eid, and raise a substantial amount of money for charity. Eid Mubarak to all!"



EID MUBARAK



Arkana College School Choir

Knock! Knock! It's Ramadan!

The Arkana School Choir welcomed Ramadan with a fantastic performance of "Knock Knock It's Ramadan!" at the Years Pre K - 2 and Years 3 - 6 Assemblies. These performances were followed by another, in celebration of Harmony Day, which this year coincided with the approaching of the end of Ramadan and the joy of Eid, so it was very fitting that the Choir sang "Lean on Me". Both songs were sung beautifully, with sincere happiness and conviction in their smiles and hearts, Alhamdulillah.

Mrs Ghazi and Mr Puglisi
(Arkana School Choir Maestros)



HARMONY DAY



Arkana College recently celebrated Harmony Day to acknowledge our cultural diversity. Students were treated to performances by Yr.2 and Yr.3 and remembered those in difficulty around the world including Gaza/Palestine whilst expressing gratitude for the peace and opportunities we enjoy in Australia.

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and All Aware (Surah Hujarat 13:49)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Yr. 3-6 students enjoyed an action packed swimming carnival with many close races in the heats and finals.

Well done to Al Aqsa for winning the 2024 Swimming Carnival!

2024 Age Champions

Senior Boys - Ammar Nasser
 Senior Girls - Asiya Al Khoshaibi
 Junior Boys - Malik Chebli
 Junior Girls - Yaquote Al Hariri

Congratulations to Yaquote Al Hariri for representing the school with distinction at the ASSISA zone swimming carnival.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY



On International Women's Day Arkana College celebrated the contribution of women to our faith and to the modern world.

Students heard from our special guest Ameera Lee who will be representing Australia at the 2024 Paris Paralympics in archery. We wish Ameera all the very best!

We also thank our P&C who sold cakes on the day to raise funds for women displaced by the 2023 earthquakes in Syria and Turkey.

WORLD HIJAB DAY



On World Hijab Day students celebrated hijab and engaged in craft activities to design their own hijabs!

SCHOOL IFTAR



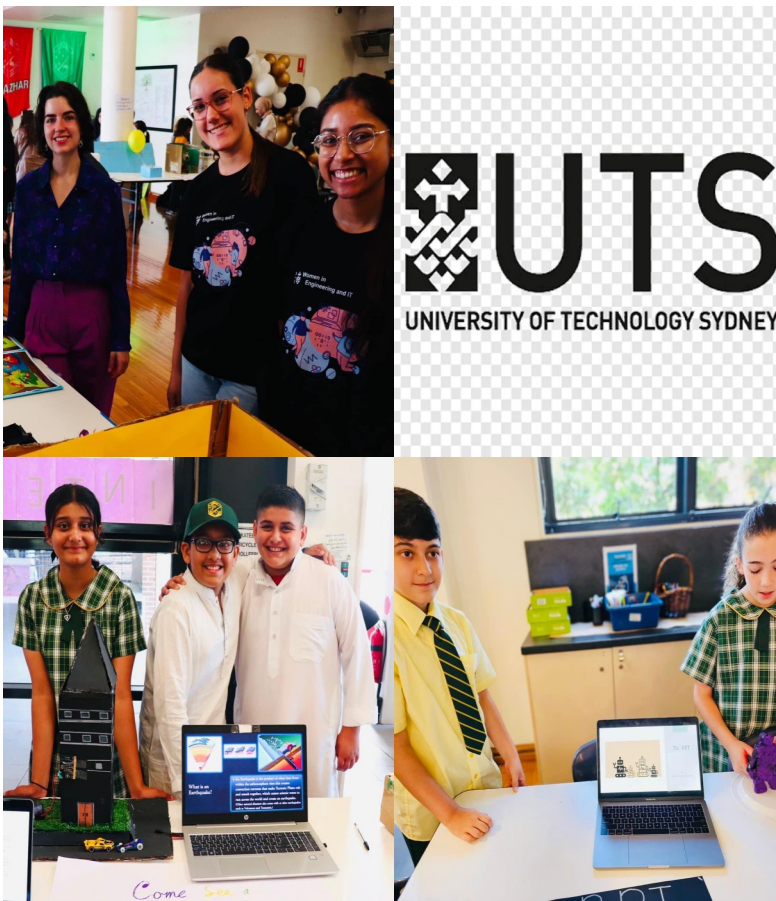
A warm thank you to all our students, parents, staff and their families who attended the school iftar organised by our P&C.

With more than 330 attending it was wonderful to have our school community come together. The food was incredible as it was plentiful and the 2 baristas from The Coffee Counter serving specialty coffee were a huge hit!

Most importantly a significant sum was raised for Gaza and surplus food was distributed to local families in need.

Arkana College is grateful to Human Appeal Australia for supporting the event

UTS STEM PARTNERSHIP



The weekly STEM workshops between Yr. 5/6 Arkana College students and UTS featured a recent exhibition of the special projects students had been working on during the term.

This University partnership engages students to have a keen understanding of science and technology.

UTS will host our robotics students at the university next term as they again prepare for the world robotics finals in Japan

HARMONY CUP BASKETBALL



Congratulations to our Senior Boys Basketball team who are the 2024 Harmony Cup champions!

After 3 successive years as reigning champions our senior girls team again did exceptionally well narrowly losing the semi finals.

Congratulations to both teams and their coaches Mr. Kourouche and Ms. Rizk!

Harmony Cup is a competition between 12 Islamic schools across Sydney.

Yr. 6 WELLBEING DAY



Yr.6 enjoyed a Wellbeing Day at Lake Narrabeen where students enjoyed kayaking and water activities.

Students also participated in workshops on resilience, identity, and self esteem.

Mrs. Ghazi Farewell

It is with a heavy heart that Arkana College bids farewell to Mrs. Ghazi after close to 20 years at Arkana College. Mrs Ghazi has had a tremendous impact on the school and many hundreds of students.

From quality teaching/learning, to sport, choir, debating, public speaking, SRC and so much more where there was something positive, exciting and wonderful you could be sure that Mrs Ghazi has had some input.

Mrs. Ghazi has also been a source of support and a mentor to many teachers at Arkana College. The farewell tribute assembly in honour of Mrs. Ghazi was a way to thank her for all her efforts with a video highlighting her time at Arkana College as well as student performances, tributes and gifts including a water well built in Mrs. Ghazi's name arranged by the P&C.

We wish Mrs. Ghazi all the very best in her future endeavours and pray that Allah s.w.t. blesses her and rewards her richly for all her efforts.

