

# ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy yet enjoyable term two 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.

Students enjoyed exciting excursions to the University of Wollongong STEM Centre, the Zoo and the Sydney Harbour Bridge and I recently joined our Yr. 6 Environmental Warriors for a clean up of Botany Bay as part of our environment program.

Our soccer teams played with distinction with one girls team making the semi finals and the other narrowly losing the Grand Final in Harmony Cup inter-school sport.

Several of our students were finalists and winners of inter school competitions including Spelling Bee, Kids for the Planet (STEM, video and public speaking) and the Islamic schools Quran competition. Our debating team enjoyed wins against some of Sydney's leading schools.

We celebrated several events including the annual Eid Fete, Hajj Simulation and the Parent Council High Tea was a sell out whilst also raising funds and awareness for cancer.

We also commenced work on our new playground with Futsal field and look forward to it opening for students to enjoy early in term 3.

I conclude by wishing students and staff a happy and safe winter holiday and look forward to another exciting term at Arkana College!

Mr. Karolia  
Principal



## KEY DATES

23/07 First Day Term 3  
26/07 Debating Newington  
02/08 Athletics Carnival  
03/08 Kingsgrove Buntings sausage sizzle  
05/08 Harmony Cup (Oztag)  
09/08 Debating PLC  
10/08 Dragons/Bulldogs match excursion  
15/08 Yr. 6 fundraiser  
21/08 Dragons football  
23/08 Debating Scots Gala Day (Yr. 5/6)  
22/08 Robotics Expo  
27/08 PreK -2 Science incursion  
28/08 Spelling Bee  
29/08 Book week Character Parade  
04/09 Social Impact Expo Kings School  
05/09 Multicultural Day  
10-13/09 Snow Camp  
16-24/09 Japan World Robotics Finals  
27/09 Last Day Term 3  
15/10 First day Term 4  
11/12 Last Day school year



**ARKANA ROBOTICS**  
**2023 Australian Champions!**  
**2024 WORLD FINALS, Osaka, Japan!**

*Get behind our team!*

**UNIVERSAL  
ROBOTICS  
CHALLENGE**  
ユニバーサル ロボティクス チャレンジ





# PRE-KINDY NEWS TERM 2 2024

Assalamu Alaikum parents,

As we wrap up another enriching term at Arkana College, we are thrilled to share the delightful adventures our prekindergarten students have experienced. It has been a term filled with exploration, learning, and of course, lots of fun!

One of the standout highlights this term was our captivating incursion where our young learners had the incredible opportunity to get up close and personal with mini beasts. From tiny ladybugs to fascinating caterpillars, our students were in awe as they explored the world of these creatures firsthand. This hands-on experience sparked their curiosity!

As we approach the holiday break, we wish each and every one of you a safe and enjoyable time with your families. Please remember to stay warm and stay safe wherever your adventures may take you inshAllah.

Warm Regards,

Mrs Yassine & Mrs Nasser







# KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten ventured out for the very first time together this year, and landed themselves at Taronga Zoo, Sydney.





# ZOO TICKET Year 1K

Arkana College

21 / 06 / 2024



THE BEST EXCURSION EVER  
**TICKET**



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**WE WENT TO VISIT THE ZOO  
YEARS KINDY AND ONE, TEACHERS TOO.**

**WE HAD SO MUCH FUN,  
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SUN.**

**WE WENT TO VISIT THE ZOO!**



**LIONS AND TIGERS WE SAW,  
GIRAFFES, CHIMPANZEES- SO MUCH MORE!**

**WE ATE ALL OUR SNACKS,  
FROM OUR HEAVY BACKPACKS.**

**WE WENT TO VISIT THE ZOO!**





# ZOO TICKET

Year 1K  
Arkana College

21 / 06 / 2024



**WE SAW SOME AMAZING FROGS,  
BIRDS FLYING TO AND FROM LOGS.**

**WE WATCHED THE SEAL SHOW,  
SAW THEM SWIM TO AND FRO.**

**WE WENT TO VISIT THE ZOO!**



**ALHAMDULILLAH WE GOT BACK-  
A GOOD BUS NAP THEN, ONE MORE SNACK.**

**WHAT A LOVELY WAY,  
TO END A MARVELLOUS DAY.**

**WE WENT TO VISIT THE ZOO!**









# DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS



- YEAR 2 TAKE ON PERSUASIVE WRITING -



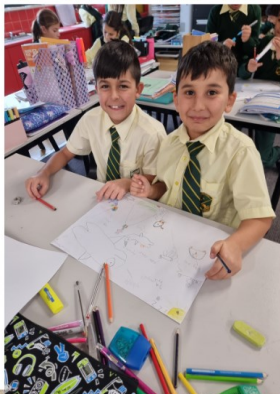
YEAR 2 THOROUGHLY ENJOYED DELVING INTO A HEATED DEBATE, FOR AND AGAINST THE PIGEON DRIVING THE BUS. BASED ON THEIR OPINION, GROUPS WERE FORMED. THE TASK WAS TO DISCUSS AND PERSUADE THEIR OPPOSING PEERS OF THEIR OPINION, USING STRONG REASONING AND EXAMPLES. AN ELEVATED APPROACH TO PERSUASIVE TEXT WAS THEN INCLUDED WHEN YEAR 2 PUT THEIR DRAMATIC PLAY SKILLS TO THE TEST AND DELIVERED THEIR VERY OWN PERSUASIVE PLAY.





# YEAR 3 TERM 2 WEEK 10

## NEWSLETTER



**Students had a successful charity service during their own break time. Well done Year 3 students! You are amazing!**



YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT  
YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



# THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



## ENVIRONMENTAL ENTHUSIASTS

We are working hard to keep our playground spotless! We are the environmental enthusiasts, always picking up rubbish and reminding others that cleanliness is half our faith. Come on everyone, let's work together to keep our school clean.



## LOST PROPERTY TEAM

Have you lost a hat? Jumper? Water bottle or lunchbox? Well we are here to help you find it! Our year 4 lost property team are working hard to return lost items to their owners. Don't forget to put belongings in your bag!

Muhammad I, Bakkar H, Daniel K, Zayan A.



## EID MUBARAK

We are excited to celebrate Eid Al Adha at school. We are learning about the importance of following the footsteps of prophet Ibrahim (AS). Eid is a special day of sacrifice and celebration. Eid Mubarak Everyone.



## CHARITY SERVICE

Our charity service this term is dedicated to supporting Palestine. We offered face painting to younger students in support of our brothers and sisters in Gaza. FREE PALESTINE.

Amal Z, Fatimah Z, Mariyah K, Marwah Q.



# Making Memories

Weeks 6-10 Term 2, 2024



HOSTING THE ASSEMBLY



GALLERY WALK



SCIENCE SPACE MUSEUM



SCOPE IT



IN-CLASS LEARNING



EID FETE





As Term 2 comes to an end, our Year 6 students have once again shown incredible dedication and creativity. One of the highlights of this term was the outstanding mould projects. Students put their scientific skills to the test, creating detailed and fascinating mould experiments that displayed their understanding of biology and environmental science.

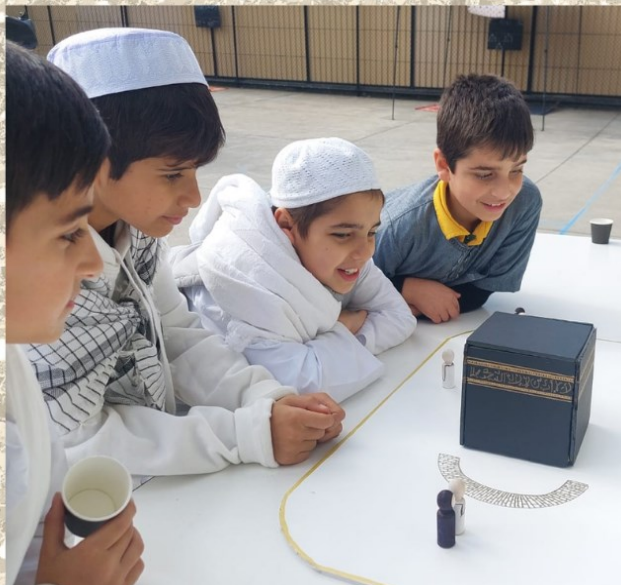
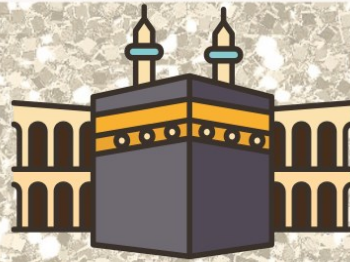
In addition to their scientific prowess, our students have proven to be passionate environmentalists, actively searching for solutions to preserve our oceans. Through their writing assessments and class discussions, they have demonstrated a deep commitment to addressing critical issues such as plastic pollution, rising sea levels, and overfishing.

With only two terms left of primary school, our Year 6 students are eager to finish their primary school journey in style. Their enthusiasm and hard work are truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the coming terms.



# Arabic Quran Islamic Studies

Arkana College celebrated Eid Al-Adha this term with an incredible Hajj Simulation Day. The Islamic Studies, Quran, and Arabic staff hosted an interactive Hajj Tour for all Kindergarten to Year 6 students, by modelling the various rituals of the Hajj pilgrimage, one of the five pillars of Islam. Students also had the opportunity to drink Zamzam water and make dua for the Ummah. May Allah swt grant everyone the opportunity to visit His sanctified house and offer Hajj in their lifetime, Ameen.





# SUPPORT REPORT



Term 2, Week 10 - 2024

## Is Reading Really That Important...Really???

Reading exposes children to new words and ways of using language. It also helps them learn general information about the world, which makes it easier for them to learn about new information when they are confronted with it, especially in other different subjects like, History, Geography, Science and even Mathematics. Reading also can help children build empathy, and learn how to handle challenging feelings and difficult situations. This is why we read so much in Support lessons...

Happy reading everyone!

Mr Puglisi





**Year 4 Extension writing  
exciting narratives**



**INTERSCHOOL SPELLING BUZZ COMPETITION-**  
Students competed against 5 other islamic schools and won in three age groups.



**IPSHA Debating-** Another successful round for both Year 6 debating teams, winning against Methodist Ladies College



# ***EXTENSION DEBATING***



**Kids 4 The Planet event  
- Lakemba Public  
School**





# The Arkana School Choir



The students in the Arkana School Choir were busy rehearsing their song for Palestine this term. They performed outstandingly well at the end of term assemblies and touched the hearts of all. Thank you to the students of the Choir, who gave up many recess times in order to learn this special song. The members of the School Choir are one big family, they truly work together in beautiful harmony! May Allah (swt) grant peace and unity around the world too.  
Ameen.

Mr Puglisi and Ms Rahime



## ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM



As responsible Muslims and citizens we are responsible for our environment.

Our environment warriors visited Botany Bay to remove rubbish which can harm marine life on local beaches.

In term 3 a new group of environment warriors will make their impact on local waterways!

Thank you to the Bowens family for arranging transport for the initiative.

## SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE EXCURSION



Yr. 2 recently visited the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Students learnt about the history and construction of the bridge and enjoyed some spectacular views of the harbour and city!



# CANCER COUNCIL EVENTS

A big thank you to Arkana College staff and the Parent Council for two events, both with a scrumptious morning tea! The staff event was at school whilst the parents event was a high tea at the elegant Peakhurst Gardens. Both events raised funds and awareness for the Cancer Council. Cancer has impacted on us all including current and past parents, staff and even students. We ask Allah SWT to give health to all those affected and give strength to them and their loved ones



# ISLAMIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



Arkana College was honoured to host students, staff and parents from a number of schools for the Interschool Public Speaking Competition.

The standard was exceptional and speakers were as passionate as they were eloquent.

Congratulations to all participants, place getters and category winners!



# EID FETE



The 2024 Parent Council Eid Fete was another spectacular success with activities, attractions and variety of delicious treats, food and drinks!

Its always a celebration when our wider school community comes together.

# NEW PLAYGROUND



We are excited that work has commenced on construction of our new playground including artificial turf Futsal field!

It is expected that the new facility will be open for students to enjoy early in Term 3.

We welcome you to be a partner in goodness with a Sadaqa Jariya opportunity with a TAX DEDUCTABLE donation to the construction of our new playground Donate to the Arkana College Building Fund bank account by direct deposit

Account Name: Arkana College Ltd  
 Building Fund  
 BSB: 062-189  
 Account Number: 10239960

DONATIONS OF \$500 OR MORE WILL HAVE YOUR OR YOUR FAMILIES NAME ON A DONOR HONOUR BOARD (IF YOU WISH)