

ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Term three has been a busy yet productive time at Arkana College and this newsletter is brimming with the exciting events and opportunities experienced by our students inside and outside of the classroom.

A meaningful education is built not only what is learnt but also on the lived experiences afforded to our students which not only improves learning but also creates life long memories.

This was highlighted recently by our robotics team who represented Australia at the URC World Robotics Challenge in Osaka, Japan! Robotics was introduced to Arkana College only in term 4 of last year and to move on to the world stage so quickly is a reflection of the commitment of our students and their teachers. Students were also enriched with Japanese culture and visits to iconic sites and will be left with memories for a lifetime. This was our schools first overseas trip and our students were outstanding ambassadors for their school, community and country.

We also had tremendous success in debating, sport and enjoyed incursions, excursions and most importantly quality teaching/learning as our staff continue to plan and implement for the new literacy/numeracy programs being rolled out by the NSW government.

In term three in response to recommendations from parents we appointed a counsellor at the school as well as a day cleaner so that amenities are cleaned after recess/lunch for the comfort of our students and our playground areas are also cleaned during the day.

I look forward to an exciting Term 4 and wish all students, staff and families a wonderful and safe spring vacation.

Mr. Karolia
Principal

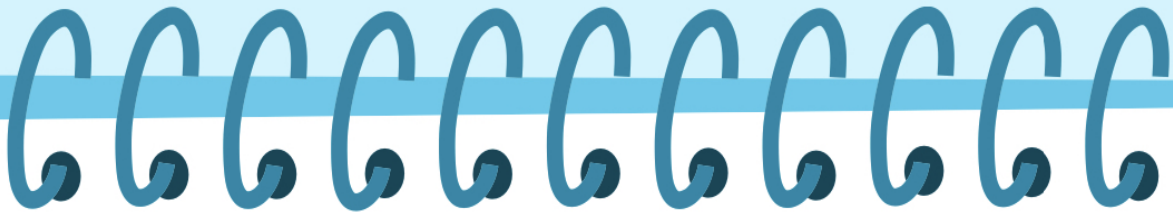


KEY DATES

- 10/10 Start T4 all students PreK - Yr.6
- 16/10 Yr 1 and 2 Arabic/Islamic excursion
- 25 - 27/10 Yr. 5/6 summer camp
- 16/11 Yr. 6 Gold Coast Big Day Out
- 17/11 IPSHA Public Speaking
- 30/11 National Robotics Finals - SOP
- 4/12 EOY School Assembly
- 5/12 Yr. 6 Graduation
- 6/12 PreK Graduation
- 7/12 EOY School Picnic
- 8/12 Last Day of school (students)
- 31/01 First day Term 1 all students PreK - Yr.6



Congratulations to our robotics team for their efforts at the URC World Robotics Finals in Osaka, Japan!



PreKindergarten

Playful children with laughter in their eyes,
Ready to learn, full of curious surprise,
Exploring the world with wonder and delight,
Kindergarten's on the horizon, shining so bright.

Imagination blooms as they create and play,
Nurturing their minds in every possible way,
Dancing through letters and numbers each day,
Eager to grow, in Prekindergarten they stay,
Reaching for knowledge, they're on their own way,
Growing and thriving, come what may,
Adventure and learning, in every word they say,
Ready for the future, in Prekindergarten, they'll sway,
Together they journey, come what may,
Eager and hopeful, in their hearts, they pray,
Nurturing dreams, they're here to stay.



working with place value-
making 'teen' numbers



AMAZING



segmenting and writing CVC words



perfecting our
handwriting features

KINDERGARTEN



1K

NEWSLETTER

Math Madness: Hold onto your math hats, because in 1K, we've been having a fractions fiesta! We've sliced up strips, pizzas and diced up shapes to learn all about halves and quarters.

Clockwork Chronicles: Tick-tock, it's time for some clockwork chronicles! Our young time travellers have been on a journey to master the art of telling time. From o'clock to half-past, we're making time-telling an adventure with games and challenges.

Our 1K swimmers are making a splash at swim school! We've been practicing our strokes, learning water safety, and building confidence in the pool. Remember to pack those swim bags every week, and who knows, we might have some future Olympians among us!

R U OK Day!
We also celebrated "R U OK Day", reminding everyone about the importance of checking in on each other's well being. We're a caring 1K family, and supporting one another is part of our journey!



Year 1

It's been a **world of fun** in Year 1, Alhamdulillah.

Creative **coding** classes ✓

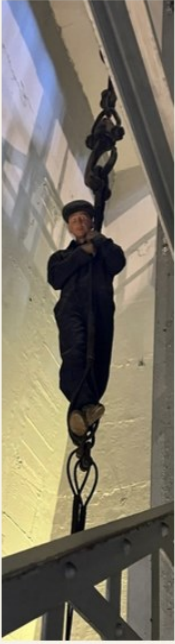
Interesting **incursions** ✓

Spectacular **swim school** ✓

and **SO MUCH MORE!**

yes!





*Year 2 Excursion to the
Harbour Bridge Pylon
Museum*



KIDS SWIMMING



THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



SWIM SCHOOL

Swim school is very fun for kids and helps us accomplish new goals. It is also a sunnah of our beloved prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

By: Zeinab N. and Layla M.



FRIENDSHIP

Arkana college students are very respectful. This term we are focusing on becoming life long friends by ensuring we are always kind to each other.

By: Jasiya A. and Layla M.



ATHLETICS

This term we have competed against each other in many events and races at our annual athletics carnival. We had lots of fun and all students from K-6 got involved.

By: Jasiya A. and Zeinab N.



ADAB

Adab can be translated as good manners. In year 4 we are learning to model perfect adab to our friends, family and teachers, especially our guests and casual teachers.

By: Zeinab N.



Learning
Journal
Year 5, 2023

Weeks 6-10
Term 3



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To Remember

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



The last few weeks of term 3 have been very adventurous! We have learnt so much in Maths and Science; getting to apply our knowledge and see Maths and Science be put into practise with the 'Science Fizzics' Show as well as the 'World of Maths' incursion. In class, we continued our learning about Earth's Place in Space where we learnt about constellations and made our own constellation out of marshmallow! We got creative and dressed up as our favourite book character and paraded at the annual school book character parade. Manal Rostom and the NED presenter was very inspirational and gave us motivational tips and advice; our time with Mt Sinai students continued to strengthen our friendships and understanding of those of other faiths. Alhamdulillah, we are very grateful for all that we get presented with to better ourselves.



Year 6 Term 3 Recap

As we bid farewell to an unforgettable Term 3, we reflect on the incredible experiences, growth, and unity that have defined this chapter for our Year 6 students at Arkana College.

This term, Year 6 continued to nurture their understanding of diversity and respect through our Interfaith program. Students shared their unique perspectives, promoting tolerance and unity among all backgrounds. These experiences have helped build bridges of friendship and understanding.

Our students showcased their creativity and imagination during the Character Parade. From literary heroes to old-time favourites, the costumes were not just a celebration of fiction but also a reflection of the strong characters these students are becoming.

Term 3 wasn't just about academics; it was about building essential life skills too. Our Year 6s dove into Swim School, gaining confidence in the water and learning valuable swimming skills. Their determination and progress were truly impressive!

Looking forward, Term 4 promises to be an emotional rollercoaster as we prepare to bid farewell to our Year 6 students, who are about to embark on their high school journey. The bonds they've formed, the lessons they've learned, and the memories they've created will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

BUT before we say our final goodbyes, there's one last adventure together: **CAMP!** Our Year 6 students will head off to a thrilling camp where they'll embrace challenges, teamwork, and outdoor experiences that will leave lasting memories.

And let's not forget the much-anticipated Gold Coast Big Day Out! Fun, sun, and unforgettable moments await as they explore the exciting attractions of the Gold Coast, creating lifelong memories with their classmates.

#Year6Adventures #Farewell #3down1togo

TERM 3

Quran and Arabic

Ms Nabila and Ms Asmaa



Dear parents,

We have now reached the end of term 3 and Alhamdulillah it's been a fruitful term full of hard work!

Year 3 & 4 practised reading words from the Quran and the specific tajweed rules associated with it.

Year K-2 have worked on improving their Arabic using the home reader. We even had a joint breakfast to help apply what they learnt in real life. It was a really successful event and the children enjoyed and benefitted from it.

Looking forward to term 4 inshaAllah!

TERM 3 QURAN AND ARABIC

EXTENSION DEBATING

This term students participated the fortnightly IPSHA Debating Tournament and Meridan Gala Day. They have been incredibly successful with all competitions. In addition, students presented an exhibition at Kings School showcasing a Social Action initiative. They engaged with students and staff from ten other schools raising awareness about the Homeless Outreach Program. Their passion and sincerity for the less fortunate was widely recognised and appreciated.





NUMBER SENSE



Number sense is so important for your young Mathematical learners because it promotes confidence and encourages flexible thinking. It allows students to create a relationship with numbers and be able to talk about Maths like knowing another language. I tell my young mathematicians that numbers are just like letters. Each letter has a sound, and when you put them together, they make words. Well, using the same concept, every digit has a value, and when you put those digits together, they make numbers! Some ideas for promoting number sense include:

Estimating to bring Maths into students' everyday world. For example, by estimating the number of steps it takes to get from the car to the house, or how many minutes you have to wait in line at Coles, Woolies or Aldi.

Model numbers in different ways. Seeing numbers in different contexts really helps students connect with numbers. For example, looking at numbers in a deck of cards or identifying numbers on dice or dominoes, without counting the dots. Become a super subitiser!

Think about Maths with an open mind. Instead of asking, "What is $6+4$?" ask, "What are some ways to make 10?" This allows for more flexible thinking and builds confidence with knowing more than one answer. Or, you can also ask, "Can you make eight with three different numbers?" or "What is 10 more than 22?"

Solve problems mentally. So, if you know $6+6=12$, then you know $6+7=13$. Students can use this double fact ($6+6$), to help find a harder fact ($6+7$), and build on concepts that they already know, to help solve new problems.

Strong number sense helps build a foundation for Mathematical understanding. Focusing on number sense helps build the foundation necessary to compute and solve more complex problems later in life. Building a love for Maths in students, must begin with building an understanding of numbers, i.e. number sense.

Mr Puglisi



WORLD OF MATHS

14TH AUGUST 2023



The Pre K - 6 students all participated in an engaging, hands-on Maths workshop that boosted their problem-solving and Mathematical skills. Students worked in small groups, helping to take any anxiety out of Maths, by working together and achieving wonders! The engaging presenter, Nick, ran the sessions in our school hall, guiding students to analyse various mathematical problems through investigation, comparison and reflection.

The activities focused on real life problem solving and explored various Mathematical strands, such as: data, numerical patterns, measurement, counting numbers, mazes, space, calculation, probability, graphs, statistics, logical thinking, trial and error, eliminating possibilities and logical deduction.

All the students had fun learning through tasks that promoted their sense of curiosity and amazement for the world they live in.





BIG SCIENCE BIG FUN SHOW



The Pre K – 6 students all participated in a thrilling Science workshop. From lasers & hovercrafts, to dry ice rainbows and holding flames, the Science show was fantastic. The students discovered more about the world they live in! It was an absolute winner with the students, judging from the smiles, and looks of amazement, wonder and curiosity, on all the kid's faces!



CHARITY SERVICE COOPERATE

For the Kids.

By the Kids.



"We have some certified manufacturing and scientific geniuses here at Arkana! They sold creative keyrings and pencil holders, in the shapes of boats, birds and faces, which they produced using a 3D printer. How 25th century futuristic is that?"



"One can never have enough stationery in life. In fact, if you're not into stationery, you'll end up stationary!"



"Everyone loves a lucky dip... especially one with lollies and stationary...that's double lucky!"



NEW PLAYGROUND DESIGN COMPETITION

In Sha 'Allah by early Term 4, 2023, the area behind the Sport's Sheds will be a new addition to our playground.

What would you like to see and do in your new playground?

The students had an opportunity to be part of Arkana's legacy forever.

By designing their own playground, including all the things that they would enjoy doing or playing in a playground.

They got creative! They were imaginative! They were practical! (And no, they didn't include an airport!) They made sure it was do-able.

We thank all the students from Yr K - 6 who handed-in a design. Great job everyone for participating in such high numbers. Mr Karolia will use ideas from the designs, even if they weren't from a winning entry! So look out for your idea when the new playground is actually built.

The winning design will be used to plan for the new playground. How exciting!

Congratulations to Adam Elkotby on a truly magnificent, exciting, interesting, detailed and well thought out design. Well done Adam, Masha'Allah!

All winners will receive an awesome prize!



WELL DONE!

The runner-up winning designs were from: Ahron Ahmed (Yr 1), Mariyah Murgatroyd (Yr 3), Fatima Nasreddine (Yr K), Ismail Sukari (Yr 2), Ali Deeb (Yr 4), Taym Nasser (Yr 6).



AND THE OVERALL
FIRST-PLACE WINNING
DESIGN WAS FROM:
ADAM ELKOTBY (YR 1).



ISLAM IN JAPAN AND TOKYO MOSQUE TOUR

Established in 1938 by the fledgling Turkish community in Tokyo and with assistance from the Japanese government, the Tokyo Grand Mosque has served as the spiritual home for Muslims in Japan for over 80 years. The current mosque was built on the original site by the Turkish Government in 2000 and includes a bookshop, library, Quran school, halal food market and café and is officially called Tokyo Cami and Diyanat Turkish Cultural Center. The mosque runs Islamic Studies and Quran classes for children and men/women of all ages as well as tours for non-Muslims including Japanese schools. The mosque Imam is Sheikh Muhammet Rifat Çınar and we thank and acknowledge him for his warm welcome. Arkana College was honoured to present him with a gift from our school community.

Japanese links with the Islamic world extends back to the 1860's when the Japanese Emperor sought assistance from the Ottoman Sultan against a planned invasion by Russia. The Ottoman forces led by the warship Ertugral and battalion of Turkish troops caused the Russians to withdraw their plans and Japan has since always been grateful to the Turkish people and Islamic civilization.

From these humble beginnings today Japan has a population of over 230 000 Muslims from diverse backgrounds. There are 113 Mosques in Japan and five Islamic schools.





Exploring Japan:

Our Unforgettable Journey to the URC World Robotics Challenge! 🌐

Recently, our robotics team embarked on an extraordinary adventure to Japan to participate in the URC (World Robotics Challenge), and what an unforgettable journey it was!

Our adventure began in Tokyo, a city that seamlessly blends cutting-edge technology with centuries-old traditions. The team was captivated by the neon-lit streets of Shibuya. Stepping into the Turkish mosque, we were welcomed with open arms, and the warm atmosphere made us feel right at home, reinforcing the idea that kindness and hospitality transcend borders. Our journey continued to Osaka, known for its thrilling amusement parks and vibrant street food scene. We couldn't resist the temptation of Universal Studios Japan, where we had a blast riding roller coasters and meeting our favourite movie characters. Panga was our go to for an unbelievable Halal Wagyu experience.

Next, we traveled to Kyoto, where ancient temples and shrines whispered tales of Japan's rich history. A highlight of our Kyoto visit was the mesmerising Fushimi Inari Shrine with its thousand vibrant vermilion gates leading up to the sacred Mount Inari. It was a breathtaking sight for our team members, with each gate symbolising their commitment to learning and innovation. While in Kyoto, we also had the privilege of visiting the Sumurai Museum, where we immersed ourselves in the world of Japan's legendary samurai. The artifacts, stories, and demonstrations of samurai skills left us in awe of their discipline and honour. It was a window into Japan's glorious past.

The highlight of our trip, of course, was the URC World Robotics Challenge. Our team showcased their exceptional skills, innovation, and teamwork on a global stage. Competing against brilliant young minds from around the world was a humbling experience. We may not have won the top prize, but the knowledge gained and friendships formed were priceless.





Our journey to Japan was more than just a robotics competition; it was an opportunity to broaden our horizons, appreciate diverse cultures, and forge lasting bonds with teammates and peers. The warmth and hospitality of the Japanese people left an indelible mark on our hearts. Arigatou, Japan!

As we bid farewell to this incredible land of innovation, tradition, and sushi, we carry with us memories that will last a lifetime. Our trip to Japan was a true privilege, and we're immensely grateful for the support of our school, parents, and sponsors who made it all possible. To our dedicated robotics team: Your hard work, passion, and determination have shone brightly on the international stage. This adventure was just the beginning of your remarkable journey in the world of robotics and beyond.



Sayonara, Japan! 🌸🇯🇵 Until we meet again!
#URCJapanAdventure #RoboticsInnovation
#CulturalExploration #SamuraiLegacy



SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Arkana College is deeply grateful to the sponsors of our robotics team, this support gives our students and staff to shine on the world stage!

To represent Australia on the world stage and travel overseas with their school mates will undoubtedly give all those on the Japan trip cherished memories for a lifetime!

ARKANA COLLEGE URC WORLD ROBOTICS FINALS OSAKA, JAPAN 2023



BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE

Congratulations to all students and staff on another spectacular Book Week Character Parade! By bringing to life their favourite characters from a variety of books, Book Week highlights the power of literature to inspire, engage and unite. Our thanks to all parents, particularly the large number who attended the event and our community judges including previous long serving principal Mrs Madenia Abdurrahman.



RUOK DAY



On RUOK Day we focused on building an understanding for what 'R U OK' stands for and what the students can do to identify a friend or someone in need. All classes participated in tasks to build on their understanding.

Yr. 3-6 students added speech bubbles and keys to build a mural of some of the things they learnt throughout the day.

Well done Arkana Students, the messages on the mural were amazing!

MOROCCO AND LIBYA FUNDRAISER



Deeply affected by events in those countries our students embarked on a fundraising campaign for the many thousands killed, injured or displaced by the recent earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Our hearts, dua and thoughts are with those impacted. You can support the cause with a Tax deductible donation on the following link <https://my.humanappeal.org.au/donate/arkana-college>

May Allah s.w.t. have mercy on the souls of the deceased and ease the pain of those left injured or who have lost their homes and livelihoods.

They have the same hopes and dreams for their children as we do for ours.

IPSHA SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPO



IPSHA represents the leading, most prestigious association of independent schools which includes Arkana College as the only active Islamic school in student programs.

The recent Arkana exhibit at The Kings School showcasing our work with the homeless was easily the most sought after exhibit attended by students and staff from some of Sydney's leading private schools. Not just for its presentation but more importantly for the impact it makes to those who need it most.

A defining feature of the program is that parents can join students, alumni and staff in the program.

The initiative now in it's second year is driven by our school and Islamic values