

ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Assalamu Alaikum

It has been a busy yet extremely rewarding last five weeks of term three 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, and a wide range of special events.

Our recent snow camp to Thredbo and Perisher for Yr. 5 and Yr.6 was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how to ski, spend quality time with their friends and teachers and explore Alpine environments. Recent incursions in science and mathematics gave students hands on experiences and the annual Book Week Character Parade was an event enjoyed by the entire school community.

Our debating teams once again continued to go from strength to strength with wins against Newington, The Scots College, Tangara and the Kings School whilst our extension students showcased our remarkable social justice initiatives at the Kings School. Isabella Dib of Yr. 3 winning the inter school public speaking competition is another achievement we all celebrate! Multicultural Day was a celebration of cultural diversity with exhibitions, food and an assembly featuring various performances including a traditional Palestinian dabke.

The highlight of the term was our recent trip to Japan where our robotics team exceeded all expectations with one team finishing 5th and the other 7th from 16 international teams. This was an outstanding result as our teams scored more than highly regarded robotics nations including Malaysia and South Korea. Students also had the opportunity to explore Japan including Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto as well as visit iconic sites as well as take a ride on the famous bullet train. We are extremely proud of our robotics team and the way they represented our school, community and country.

In recent weeks we purchased an additional property which will significantly increase future growth and opportunities for current and future generations of students. We look forward to sharing more exciting news in the near future on plans to upgrade and expand our facilities at Arkana College.

I wish all students, staff and parents a safe and enjoyable spring vacation.

Mr. Karolia
Principal

KEY DATES

15/10 First day term 4
all students PreK –6
23/10 Yr.3 and Yr.4
cinema excursion
23/10 Yr. 6 Gold Coast
excursion
07/11 Lakemba Public
robotics and debating
event.
08/11 IPSHA public
speaking
11/11 Chick R Us PreK
14/11 PIP excursion
05/12 Robotics
National Finals
09/12 Yr. 6 graduation
10/12 PreK graduation
11/12 LAST DAY 2024



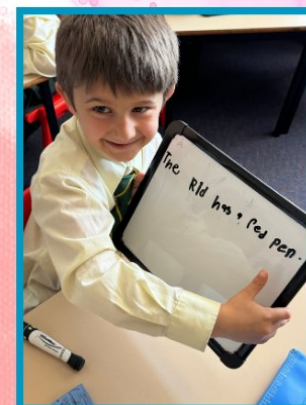
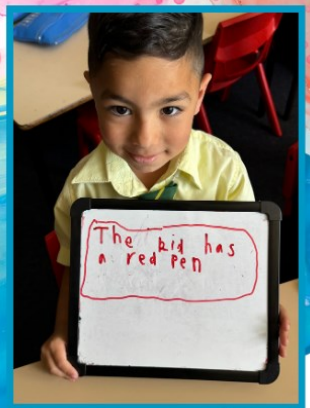
PRE-KINDY NEWS TERM 3 2024



Healthy Harold Visits Pre-Kindy



KINDERGARTEN





1K NEWSLETTER



IN 1K, THE EXCITEMENT
BEGINS,
WITH SPELLING BEE WORDS
AND BIG, JOYFUL GRINS!

A BOOK PARADE FOLLOWS,
WITH COSTUMES SO FUN,
CHARACTERS SHINING IN THE
MIDDAY SUN.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE SCIENCE
INCURSION IS NEXT,
WITH EXPERIMENTS AND
WONDERS THAT LEAVE US
PERPLEXED.

MULTICULTURAL DAY BRINGS
FLAVOURS AND CHEER,
AS WE CELEBRATE CULTURES
FROM FAR AND NEAR.

THE WORLD OF MATHS IS A
PUZZLING DELIGHT,
AS NUMBERS AND SHAPES TAKE
FLIGHT IN THE NIGHT.

IN 1K, WE LEARN AND EXPLORE,
EACH DAY AN ADVENTURE,
WITH SO MUCH IN STORE!





WHAT'S ON

YEAR 1

TERM 3
WEEK 10



Book Week

Multicultural week





YEAR 2
Together we explored all things Morocco. Together we morphed into our favourite book character. Together we share it all, the adventures, the experiences and the escapades. Alhamdulillah.



Classroom Newsletter



Year 3 Term 3 Week 10
Some of our favourite events this term!



World of Maths incursion

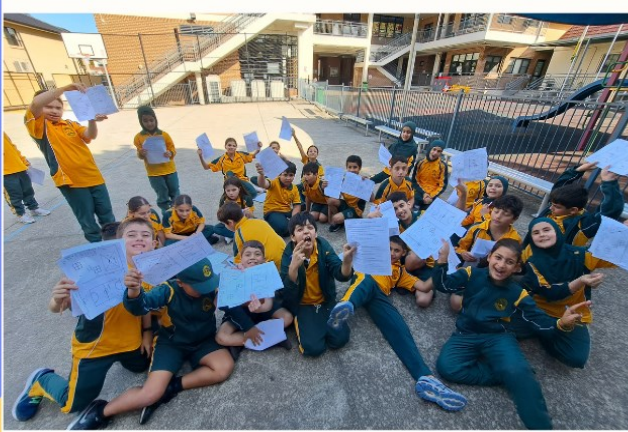


MULTICULTURAL DAY AND BOOK CHARACTER PARADE



THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



MATHS HUNT

Lost treasures and secrets can be found if you look hard enough on the Year 4 scavenger hunt map. Students were tasked with finding all the clues around the playground to help them unjumble the secret sentence. This proves math is fun!



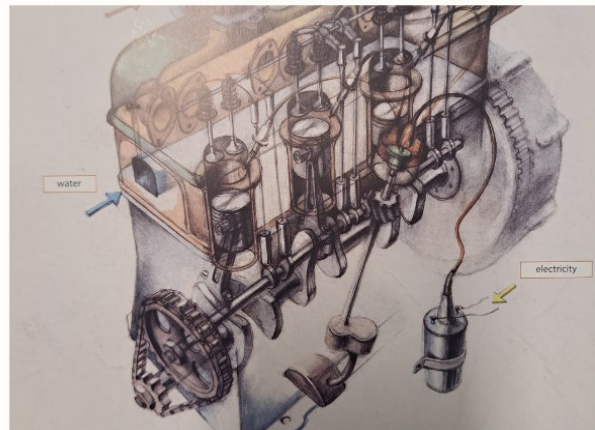
BOOK WEEK

Wow! Checkout our cool costumes. We are dressing up as our favourite book characters. We hope you like our costumes. Yay books!



SPELLING BEE

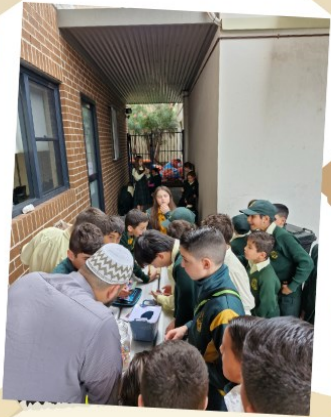
It was a wild competition at this year's spelling bee! Students battled it out one spell at a time with fierce rivalries going head to head in what proved to be a solid competition. In the end there were only 2 winners.



HOW THINGS WORK

VROOM VROOM! Start your engines! Have you ever wondered how engines work? Well we got to learn how to build a car this term. We learnt step by step through a narrative following a few friends and a dream. What a cool story.

memories



CHARITY SERVICE



SPELLING BEE



MULTICULTURAL DAY



CANBERRA



THREDBO- CAMP



BOOK CHARACTER PARADE



IN-CLASS LEARNING

**YEAR 5,
TERM 3, WEEK 10
2024**

for more

ves
State
TA, V.
el D C
fluxer, pl
hurt in M
campaign fi
harges
Manafort's tri
irectly on Mr M
nto R
16 e
ump
estig
It wa
con
a ca
mid
esiden
ury
tch
bsta
only
amr
o du
re al
both sought to defend Mr | Mr Trumo has lon

YEAR 6 WITH MRS RIZK

YEAR 6 WENT OFF TO SNOW SO BRIGHT,
WHERE SNOWFLAKES DANCED IN PURE DELIGHT.
SNOWBALL FIGHTS AND SLOPES SO STEEP,
AN ADVENTURE IN THE COLD, SO DEEP.

TEAMWORK GREW AS SPIRITS SOARED,
WITH EVERY CHALLENGE THEY EXPLORED.
LAUGHTER ECHOED, BONDS WERE MADE,
IN THE SNOW, NEW MEMORIES LAID.

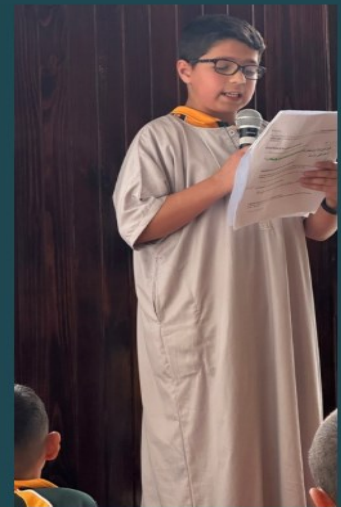
THE TERM'S TRUE HIGHLIGHT, CLEAR TO SEE,
AN EXPERIENCE FULL OF JOY AND GLEE.
OUR STUDENTS SHINED, BRAVE AND BOLD,
IN THE MAGIC OF THE SNOWY COLD!



Islamic & Arabic Department

Alhamdulillah, Term 3 has been a very blessed and fruitful term, full of barakah and benefit. The Islamic & Arabic Department has focused on the Seerah of our beloved Nabi Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) and reviving his teachings during the blessed month of Rabi' al-Awwal. Our students from Year 3 to Year 6 participated in the "How Much Do You Know the Habib?" quiz, showcasing their knowledge and love for the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). The results were amazing, and heaps of prizes were given to the winners. May Allah allow us all to revive the teachings of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in our lives, especially during the blessed month of Rabi' al-Awwal. Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your continued support and encouragement.

Arabic and Islamic Department





SUPPORT

REPORT

With Mr Puglisi

One of the most fundamental things that goes on in our Support lessons is “talk”. In fact, I think it’s an educator’s most valuable pedagogical tool. Learning in lessons hinges on meaning making, and making meaning relates to interaction through talk (listening, speaking, responding) encountered in lessons. Questions are what steer and drive our lessons. We have been trying to explicitly dig deeper in our discussions, to add on and build thinking, through suggesting alternatives and posing all types of questions, including open-ended ones, to extend or challenge a previous point. We have improved our active listening skills and the ability to reflect on what we have heard. As a result, most students have further developed their awareness and ability to act on feedback they’ve been given through these talk interactions.



DEBATING



It has been a tremendously successful and rewarding few weeks for the Debating team. They competed against PLC, Trinity Grammar, Scots College and IPSHA Gala Day at Tara Anglican school. They were victorious against Kings and Tangara School in this challenging tournament.



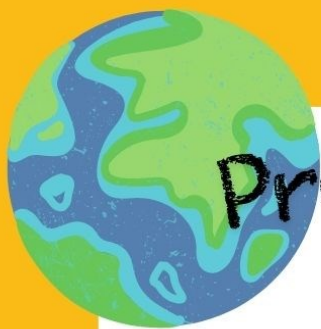


Pre K-2

SCIENCE KALEIDOSCOPE TOURSTON

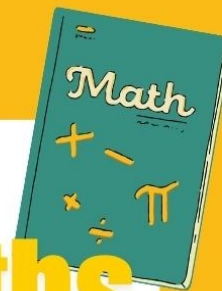


To the wonder of the Pre K -2 students...and teachers...we found out that air can do wonderful things! The show put the amazed audience in touch with the air around them, by exploring some of the intriguing and spectacular things that air can do, and the way Science can help people predict and respond to weather phenomena. The many interactive and surprising demonstrations included a spinning fire tornado, flaming teabag rocket, vacuum-powered bazooka and more.



Pre K-6 WORLD OF

World of Maths



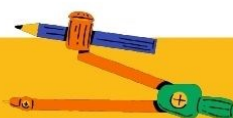
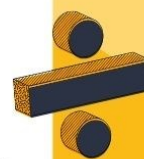
The Pre K - 6 students all participated in an engaging, hands-on Maths workshop that boosted their problem-solving and Mathematical skills.

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 current world they live in...and future world they may be living in.



INTERSCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING



Well done to Isabella D, Emily El and Zayn N for representing Arkana College in the Interschool Public Speaking Competition at Minarah College.

Congratulations to Isabella Dib who came first in the competition with her delightful speech about Empathy and Compassion.

IPSHA SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPO



The 2024 Social Action Expo at The Kings School was a resounding success and enjoyed immensely by all participants of the Expo. This year the Arkana College students showcased their involvement in the Get Up Kids initiative spearheaded by the Bowens family. The students since 2019 have proactively worked to remedy the environmental problems of our time. They have engaged in regular tree planting across Sydney, various clean up ocean campaigns and animal/habitat restoration amongst many other eco-projects. The Arkana exhibit was an interactive opportunity to inform and engage other independent schools of this vital work, and inspire them to do more for the environment. Arkana College also supports the homeless and other charitable events.

CIS Athletics and Wrestling



Celebrating some remarkable sporting achievement!
Imaan W (100m & 800m) and Adam L (100m) qualified from many thousands of students in the ASISSA zone to CIS, which sees them competing against students from independent schools from across NSW!
Ahmed A won a silver medal and came 2nd in NSW in wrestling, which he competes in outside of school.

BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE



The 2024 Book Week Character Parade was another spectacular event as children, staff and even some parents dressed as their favourite characters from books and stories they enjoy! Thank you to all parents and carers who attended!

BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE



Our inaugural Multicultural Day was a celebration of cultural diversity featuring Spain, China, France, Morocco, Japan, India, Italy and Palestine. The event promotes understanding and appreciation of others and featured exhibits, food, dress, and performances. ... as well as an ice cream van.

CANBERRA



Students enjoyed a stop in our nations capital on the way to the snow including a visit to Parliament House to see democracy in action. Students visited the House of Representatives (Lower House) and Senate (Upper House) and learnt how laws are passed. Students even met NRL icon Jonathon Thurston! Ur. 5/6 also visited Canberra Mosque for prayer and lunch.

SNOW CAMP– 2024



Students had a an amazing three days at the snow both at Thredbo and Perisher including attending formal ski school. This gave students the skills to ski down a slope, make turns and come to a stop. Students also participated in team sports at the sport centre and had daily lessons from Sheikh Taha on faith, character, and seerah (life of the Prophet (pbuh)). School camps are also about developing confidence, resilience, respect, care for others, conflict resolution, social skills, independence, faith identity and so much more. Increasingly they're also about detaching from devices and engaging with each other and their teachers.

URC WORLD ROBOTICS FINALS AND JAPAN 2024



URC WORLD ROBOTICS FINALS AND JAPAN 2024

Our robotics teams have exceeded all expectations by finishing fifth and seventh in the world finals, ranking above nations with a strong record in robotics. We congratulate all students and their teachers Mr. Kayal and Ms. Rizk who deliver robotics in addition to their teaching duties in their free time during recess/lunch. Students also had the opportunity to visit iconic locations in Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and Nara, discovering a new culture and its diverse attractions and landscapes.

Our warmest appreciation is also extended to parents and family members who joined the trip, we loved your company!

We look forward to the nationals later this year and if we qualify to the world finals in 2025!



JAPAN 2024 SPONSORS

Our gratitude and thanks is extended to our Japan 2024 team sponsors, these experiences are possible with your support and you have given young people experiences they'll cherish for a lifetime!

You are also putting robotics and STEM in Australia on the global map with our team ranking fifth and seventh in the world finals!

ARKANA COLLEGE URC WORLD ROBOTICS FINALS OSAKA, JAPAN 2024

