

# WEEK 5, TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2023

## ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

As we conclude the 2023 academic year I would like to thank everyone within the Arkana College community for your support and collaboration. Term four 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.

In the first half of term four we have had several excursions, Yr. 5/6 school camp to Lake Macquarie, K-6 gymnastics program for sport, Hijab party/assembly, Palestine Al Quds Awareness Day, Personal Interest Project (PIP) exhibition, IPSHA public speaking and a homeless outreach program in Martin Place

It is with a heavy heart that the conflict in Gaza has overshadowed our school community as we united in grief and shock at the suffering of the people of Gaza and we responded with prayer events, advocacy and a fundraising campaign which has raised over \$25 000 for the victims of the conflict. Arkana College stands in solidarity with Palestinian people and Al Aqsa Mosque.

I have been very impressed with the quality of students seeking election to the SRC for 2024 and we are currently finalising the selection process. All leaders will be presented to the whole school at the EOY assembly.

Wishing every success to all students and staff for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Karolia  
Principal



### KEY DATES

- 16/11 Yr. 6 Gold Coast Big Day Out
- 21/11 Usman Khawaja Cup Cricket
- 23/11 Yr.6 Wellbeing Naseeha Day
- 23/11 PreK orientation
- 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



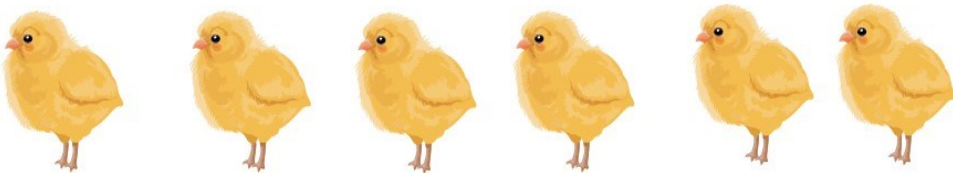
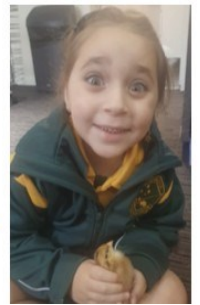
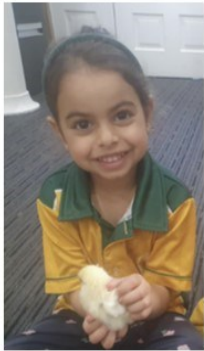
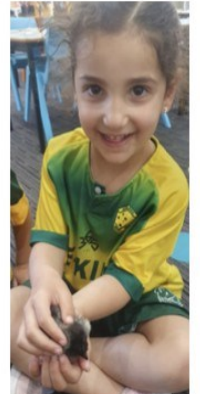
Arkana College students at our Palestine Al Quds Awareness Day



PREK'S SPECIAL VISIT FROM

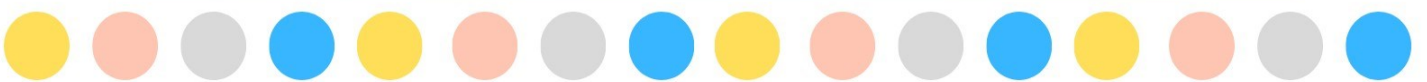
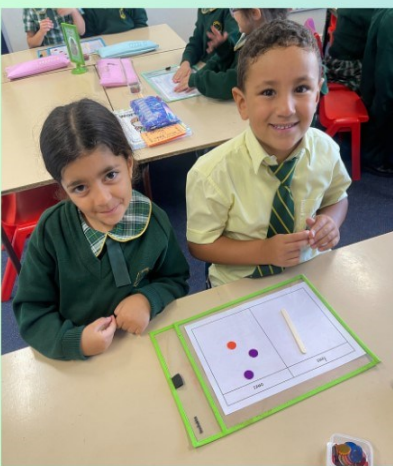


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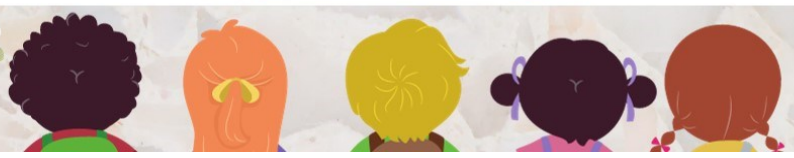
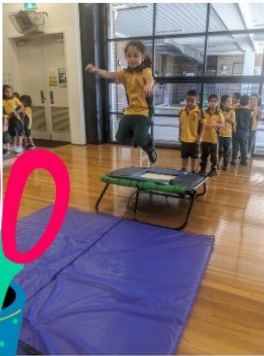
# 1k News





# YEAR 1

MEMORABLE MOMENTS ARE PLENTIFUL AND FUN, WHEN YOU SPEND YOUR DAYS IN YEAR 1.



On this journey with Year 2, we are coming to discover how the mathematical skills we learn, are applied in the real world, and furthermore, how some things never ever change. We love learning about the things that'll never ever change in real life maths, so next time you see someone in Year 2, ask us the never ever question.



# Year 3

## NEWSLETTER

### Gymnastics

The students have had a wonderful start to the year building on their strength and coordination during Gymnastics.



# THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



## READER'S THEATRE

Reader's theatre is all about reading a script and acting your heart out. It doesn't matter what group you are in, you still have to try your best. Every week we have a different script which is very exciting.

By: Yaqoute, Layla and Soffiya.



## EXCURSION

We had loads of fun on our awesome excursion in Week 4. We visited one of Sydney's oldest mosques, Lakemba mosque and learnt all about it's history. Then we went to Sydney Olympic park and participated in a fun sunnah sport, Archery. We had so much fun and some students hit the bullseye.

By: Yaqoute, Layla and Soffiya.



## AL-QUDS DAY

Al-Quds day is a very special day for Arkana College. Al-Quds (Jerusalem) is the holy land where many prophets once visited. It is in modern day Palestine (Phalesteen in Arabic). We are raising awareness about the sad events taking place there and pray that Allah grants them victory over their oppressors.

By: Jasiya A. and Zeinab N.

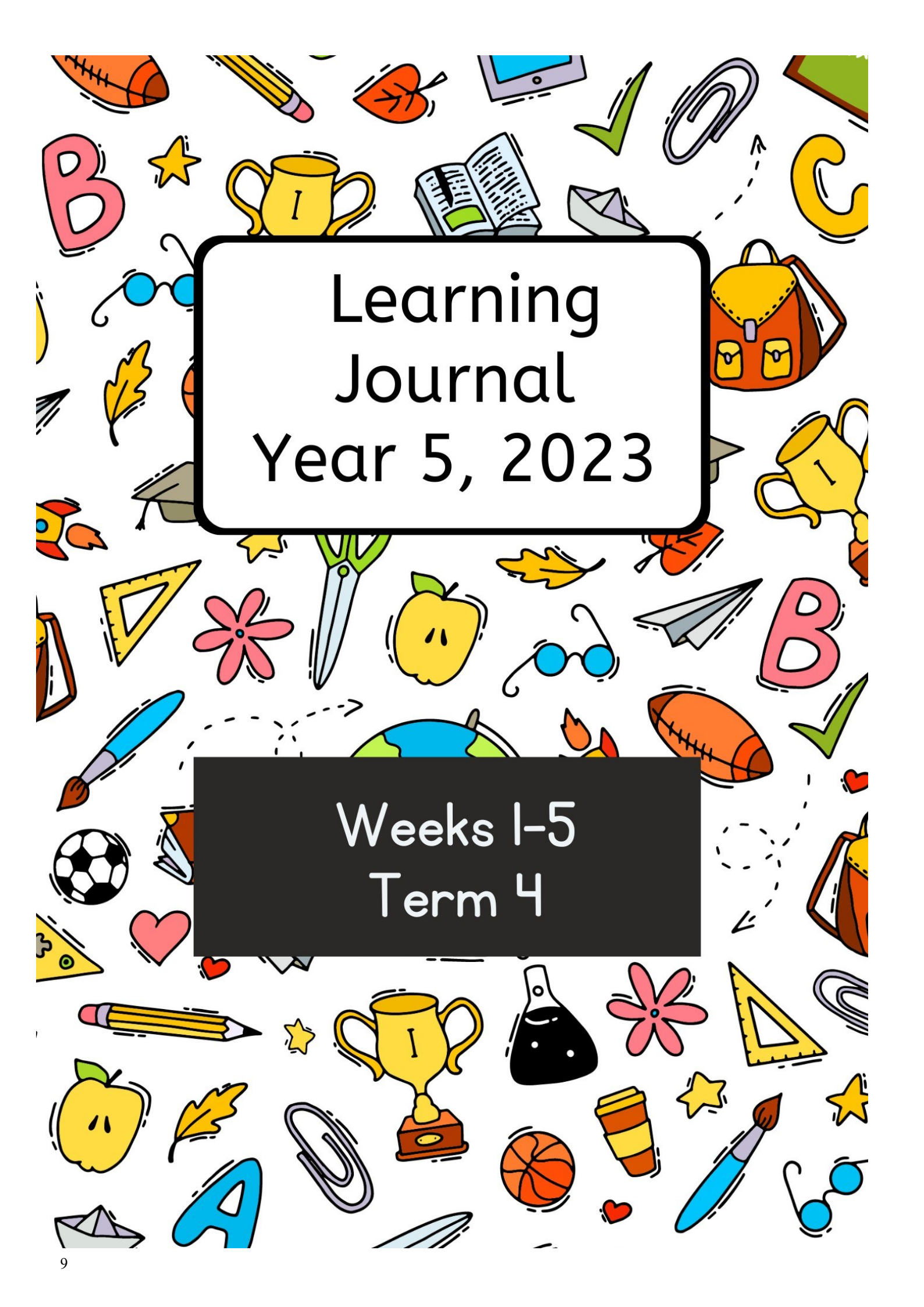


## MARIO KART CHALLENGE

On Al-Quds day, Year 4 students set up a Mario Kart challenge for all students, parents and teachers to participate. It cost \$2 a turn and the aim was to be the fastest racer in time trial mode. Students were encouraged and taught how to play. We raised lots of money for Palestine Alhumdulillah.

By: Zeinab N and Jasiya A..





Learning  
Journal  
Year 5, 2023

Weeks 1-5  
Term 4

# B

## To Remember

Record in your learning journal something you want to always remember about in weeks 1-5 of this term.



Term 4 has started off with a lot of adventure and fun! We have started our science unit about light; learning about the science of light and how it travels to create shadows as well as the way it interacts with various materials. In Geography, we have started learning about the reasons for places of settlement, looking at environmental factors that influence people to settle in an area. Gymnastics has been a lot of fun! So far, we have gotten to work on our strength, endurance and balance. The highlight has been attending the Stage 3 Summer Camp. We went to Point Wolstoncroft. The rain and wind did not dampen our fun. We bonded with our friends over kayaking, bike riding, a camp fire and many other fun activities! We are looking forward to more learning and adventures to come this term.



# CAMP 2023



# QURAN/ARABIC

Al-Salamu Alaikum,

Term 4 is a busy and exciting term. Even though there are only a few weeks until the holidays, there is still a lot to get through. Not only is there the end of year exams commencing in week 6 but preparation and rehearsal for End of Year Assembly will be evident throughout this term. We wish all our students the best of luck in their exams and in their end of year presentation.



Year 3 outstanding performance in Al Quds day. Well done MashAllah!

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# QURAN/ISLAMIC STUDIES



The khutbah program continues to grow and we are thrilled to have fathers attend to hear their sons khutba

# Support Report-Mr Puglisi

## Ways To Encourage Your Child To Write At Home

Write a "Convince Me!" letter - Choose a topic you don't agree on, such as screentime or bedtime. Have your child write you a letter trying to convince you to change your mind. They have to use facts to back up their argument.

Use pictures - Glue a couple images into an exercise book. Then ask your child to write about one of them. You can prompt them, asking them to include what they see, what the people are thinking, what will happen next...or just let their imagination run free.

"Tell Me How" - Your child's job is to choose an everyday task, like brushing their teeth or making a sandwich. Then, they need to write step-by-step directions about how to do the task. When their done, you will try to follow the steps exactly as they wrote them. They may be surprised at what they left out!

Make an "I Can" book - As your child learns to write, they'll also be learning other new skills. Making an "I Can" book will let them practice writing skills and keep track of their other accomplishments. Staple together a bunch of blank sheets of paper to make a book. As your child reaches a new milestone, such as learning to tie their shoes or scored their first goal at soccer, they can draw a picture on a new page of the book. Younger kids can then write a sentence about it. Older kids can write a few related sentences about what they've accomplished.

Make a journal jar - A journal doesn't have to be a diary. It can also be a book where your child writes about ideas or answers questions, like "If you could do anything next summer, what would you choose?" A journal jar is a place to keep all those ideas and questions. Write out journal prompts on slips of paper. Ask your child to pull out one prompt each week and write about it in their journal.

Create a family scrapbook - A family scrapbook is a great way to save memories and jump-start your child's writing. Use an inexpensive photo album to keep souvenirs of things you do together. This can include photos, ticket stubs, and found objects, like pretty leaves. Your child can begin by writing the date and a line about where you were and what you did. Then, you can work together to write a more detailed summary. Don't forget to include funny or even annoying moments!

# CHARITY SERVICE COOPERATE FOR THE KIDS. BY THE KIDS.



**"OUR ARKANA STUDENTS ARE HIGHLY CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURIAL GENIUSES. ONLY AT ARKANA WOULD YOU HAVE A GUESS WHAT'S IN YOUR HAND COMPETITION! I WON'T BE SURPRISED AT ALL IF IT BECOMES A SMASH HIT TV SHOW!"**

**"WHAT A VARIETY, CHOICE, RANGE, PLETHORA OF GOODIES TO GET LUCKY WITH IN THIS AWESOME LUCKY DIP! IF NOT FEELING LUCKY, SOME WONDERFUL STATIONERY ITEMS TO JUST BUY INSTEAD!"**



**"LOOMBANDS AND COLLECTOR CARDS MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN. HOW COULD THEY NOT?"**

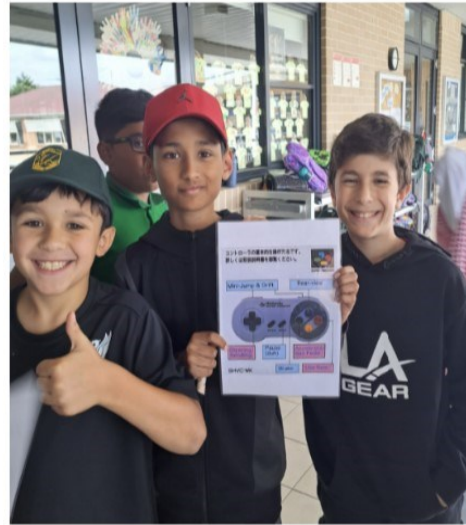


**"HOW LUCKY CAN ONE BE? STICK YOUR HAND IN A BOX AND GET AN AMAZING PRIZE! ALSO, BEAUTIFULLY COLOURED STATIONERY AND JEWELLERY AVAILABLE TO BRIGHTEN ANYONE'S DAY!"**



**"ZOOM! ZOOM! BEEP! BEEP! YEH!!!  
YEAR 4 CREATED AND RAN THE RIDE  
FOR PALESTINE CHARITY ACTIVITY  
BRILLIANTLY. WE CERTAINLY HAVE  
SOME FORMULA ONE MARIO KART  
DRIVERS FROM K-6 HERE AT ARKANA!"**

**"ARKANA'S CLEVER AND ASTUTE  
CARD COLLECTING DEALERS,  
SOLD THEIR STOCK AT A MOST  
COMPETITIVE PRICE, TO MAKE  
SIGNIFICANT FUNDS FOR  
CHARITY, MASHA'ALLAH!"**



**" GREAT TO SEE ALL THE UP AND  
COMING RONALDO'S, MESSI'S,  
NEYMAR'S, MBAPPE'S AND KANE'S,  
CONFIDENTLY DISPLAYING THEIR  
EXTRAORDINARY SOCCER BALL  
JUGGLING SKILLS. HOW MANY CAN  
YOU DO?"**



**FOR THE KIDS. BY THE KIDS.**

**CHARITY SERVICE  
COOPERATE**



# Arkana College School Choir



The Arkana School Choir is in full swing this term. Great to see many new faces enthusiastically participating, along with our long time members. The school choir is all about teamwork, harmony and fun...and a little bit of sacrifice, as students practice during Recess times. We appreciate the hard work our choir members put in, to learn and perform songs for the pleasure of Allah (SWT), themselves and their audience. May their voices soar to the heights of Jannah, and uplift the hearts of all who listen to them In Sha 'Allah.

Mrs Ghazi and Mr Puglisi  
(Arkana School Choir Maestros)





## HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thank you to our students/staff and families who participated in our homeless outreach program in Martin Place over the weekend. Making real impact and teaching values through action in the service of others. With thanks to our program partners Brothers In Need

## PALESTINE AL QUDS AWARENESS DAY



Our 15th annual Palestine Al Quds Awareness Day highlighted our support for the people of Palestine and in particular Gaza who are currently experiencing unprecedented civilian casualties. It was a day to also celebrate Palestine's rich culture, history and significance in our faith including the Al Aqsa Mosque. Our sincerest appreciation is extended to all students, staff and parent volunteers who contributed to its success. We stand in solidarity with the people of Gaza and all of Palestine. We raised 25k for the people of Gaza, may it be a source of blessings and mercy for all our children and our beautiful school community.

## HIJAB PARTY/ASSEMBLY



Whilst Arkana College encourages the hijab we respect it's a private decision between our students and their parents. Our recent Hijab party/ assembly in celebration of the 14 girls who wear the hijab and their families. Our appreciation to all parent volunteers who assisted and the Murgatroyd and Nehme family's who donated items to make it truly spectacular and ensured every student who attended with or without hijab had a delicious treat to enjoy!

## IPSHA PUBLIC SPEAKING



Congratulations to our school captains Ayman and Safiyah and prefect Rayan in year 6 who performed outstandingly in the IPSHA Speakers Challenge featuring some of Sydney's leading independent schools. They spoke about kindness, equality, children's rights and the devastation in Gaza to a very receptive audience. Masha Allah, Ayman achieved 2nd place in the preliminary rounds against tough competition. Fantastic effort by the team and their coach Ms. Melligi!

# PERSONAL INTEREST PROJECT (PIP) EXHIBITION

The annual Personal Interest Project (PIP) Exhibition featuring Year 4,5 and 6 Extension students presented phenomenal projects and inspired everyone with their efforts!

Projects included: novels/story books, apps and websites developed by students, stunning Islamic calligraphy, awesome robots, original art works, geology display, fashion design, interior design, 3D models of cars and mosques, kahoot quizzes, cultural displays, food and even an erupting volcano!



## ADHAN WORKSHOP



While the 3-6 girls were proudly enjoying their hijab party in the school hall, the 3-6 boys were in the year 6 room engaging with an adhan workshop focusing on tonal quality, posture, voice projection, pronunciation and clarity. It was amazing to see all students having a go and the high quality delivery of the adhan. Great job 3-6 boys!

## Yr. 5/6 CAMP— POINT WOLSTONCROFT

Arkana College Year 5 and 6 students are grateful to Point Wolstoncroft and everyone that contributed to making their end of year school camp enjoyable and memorable despite the wet conditions! A big thank you to our staff for all their efforts including roasting marshmallows around a bonfire and treating students to a barbecue and sausage sizzle!

