

# ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

The first half of term two 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 includes our robotics team being invited to represent Australia and participate in the URC world robotics championships in Osaka, Japan! Robotics was introduced to Arkana College only in term 4 of last year and to move on to the world stage is a reflection of the commitment of our students and their teachers.

Our debating teams continue to enjoy wonderful success and it was marvellous to see students so competitive at our cross country carnival at Carrs Park and again at the ASISSA zone carnival at Bondi Junction.

We are also excited at demolition of the property we own on 3 Rayment St to give our students much needed extra playground and recreation space.

I look forward to an exciting second half of term two and look forward to sharing the journey with you

Mr. Karolia  
Principal



## KEY DATES

- 29/5 Reconciliation Week
- 29/5 Harmony Cup
- 30/5 Yr. 3/4 Carrs Park Excursion
- 11/6 Yr. 5/6 Elizabeth Farm Excursion
- 6/6 K-2 Sydney Zoo excursion
- 6/6 Yr.5/6 Mt. Sinai interfaith visit
- 12/6 Kings Birthday holiday (long weekend)
- 13/6 Indigenous incursion
- 14/6 PreK incursion
- 15/6 Yr.6 fundraiser



**WE ARE GOING TO JAPAN!  
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR ROBOTICS TEAM!  
THEY WILL BE  
REPRESENTING  
AUSTRALIA IN JAPAN!!**

**Congratulations to our debating teams on some outstanding results including a win over The Scots College!**

# 5 W's of PreKindergarten

## Writing



PreK learn to write letters and words as they develop their literacy skills.

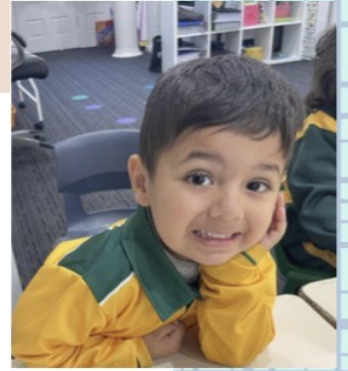
## Wiggling



PreK are full of energy and love to move, whether it's running, jumping, or dancing.

## Wondering

PreK are constantly wondering and asking questions about the world, trying to make sense of what they see and experience.



## Watching



PreK are observant and enjoy watching the world around them, whether it's people, animals, or nature.



## Wishing

PreK often have big imaginations and enjoy wishing for things they want or dreaming about things they hope to achieve in the future.

# KINDERGARTEN

*Kindergarten knows how to have fun. They are full of life, and always ready to enjoy themselves. This term started off with Eid celebrations, sport, creativity and even a visit from Harold.*



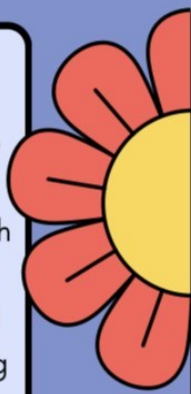


# WHAT'S ON IN 1K

WE'RE THRILLED TO BRING YOU THE LATEST SCOOP FROM OUR FABULOUS CLASSROOM. IT HAS BEEN A WHIRLWIND OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES AND TREMENDOUS LEARNING. LET'S DIVE RIGHT IN AND DISCOVER WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

## Mathematical Marvels:

Numbers Are Our Friends! In the world of numbers, 1K is conquering new frontiers! We've become skip counting experts, zooming through the number line by 2's, 5's, and 10's with lightning speed. Counting has never been so fun! Our addition strategies have also levelled up, from counting on like pros to using amazing tools like ten frames and number lines. And guess what? We even got to play with counters and magnets, making math even more hands-on and exciting!



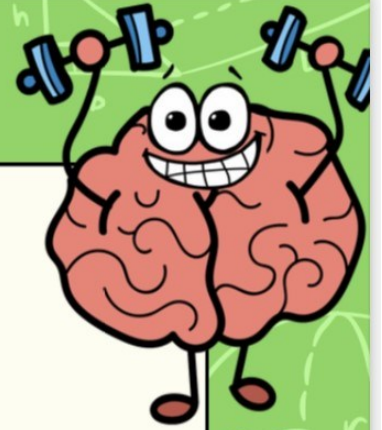
**Sentence Superstars:** Embrace the Power of Words! We have been flexing our writing muscles, becoming Sentence Superstars! Our sentences have grown stronger and more detailed as we mastered the art of true and tried writing. With the help of question sentences, our curiosity soared, and we became excellent investigators, unearthing fascinating information.

## The Adventures of Healthy Harold:

Exploring the Jungle of Healthy Eating! Healthy Harold took us on an epic nutrition safari, teaching us all about the importance of healthy eating. We discovered the power of fruits and vegetables and how they fuel our bodies with energy and vitamins. From crunchy carrots to juicy apples, we learned that every bite counts when it comes to nourishing our growing bodies.

**Adjectives Unleashed:** Sprinkling Magic in Our Writing! Prepare to be amazed by the incredible power of adjectives! We've discovered how these marvelous words can transform ordinary sentences into extraordinary tales. Our stories now sparkle with vivid descriptions, painting pictures in the reader's mind. From "happy" to "gleaming," our adjectives have taken our writing to the next level!



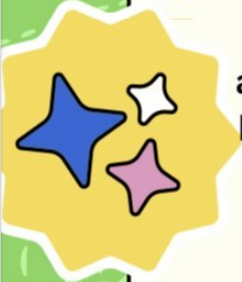


# YEAR 1

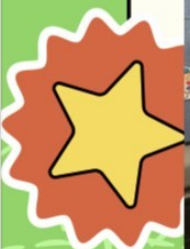
Year 1 is all about growth, and this term, we have taken a special look at books that teach us a lesson or two about how to develop a **GROWTH MINDSET**.



From books like *'The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes'* to *'The Little Engine That Could'* and by far, the favourite *'Bubblegum Brain'*, Year 1 are hooked on helping themselves become (even more!) brilliant and resilient!



Teamed with awesome FitXP sport lessons, as well as the annual Healthy Harold intensive, Term 2 has kicked off to a healthy, happy start and we couldn't be more proud of our blossoming bunch, and excited about what is to come insha'Allah.



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TO LEARN IS TO GROW, TO LEARN WITH FRIENDS IS A BONUS! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT YEAR TWO HAVE BEEN LEARNING.....



### Writing / Reading Groups



Every day, Year Two is exposed to multiple teaching and learning experiences within their environment. It is incredibly rewarding to see how their bright little minds so eagerly unearth new knowledge and furthermore, apply it in their every day life.



# YEAR 3

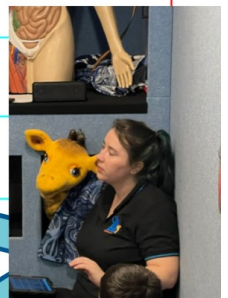
## Healthy Harold Visit

We learnt all about the bodies many systems. We began with the Digestive System and wondered through the body exactly as food would and learnt what the body does with food and what is left at the end. It was a great laugh to watch the body excrete the waste. 😊

We tracked ourselves through the Respiratory System, through to the Nervous System and watched the amazing work of the heart through the Circulatory System. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Muscular System. The children were extremely intrigued by feeling their pulse prior to physical activity and monitoring the changes during and after exercise.



All in all, it was an insightful experience and the children can't wait for his next visit.



# SUPPORT REPORT

## 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. Books also help children build empathy and learn how to handle challenging feelings. This is why we read so much in Support lessons...inside the classroom...and out! Happy reading everyone!

Mr Puglisi







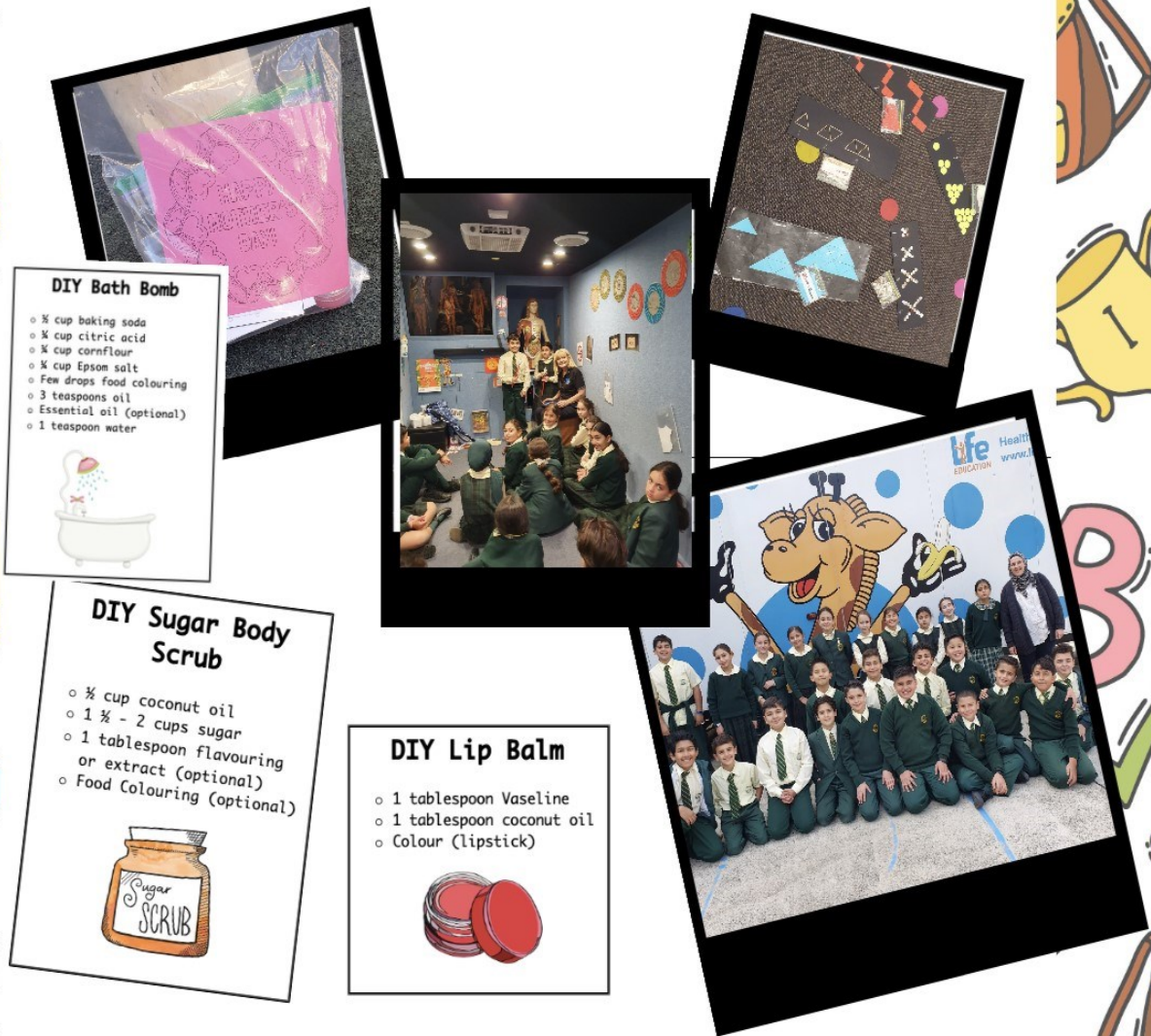
Learning  
Journal  
Year 5, 2023

Weeks 1-5  
Term 2

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## To Remember

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



How time flies...we are already in term 2! We have been focusing on: completing our History unit on the development of the colonies; fighting for justice and arguing either for or against Mr Wolf from 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'; busy being scientists and chemists, making homemade bath bombs, sugar scrubs and lip balms for our Mothers; learning about function rules in Math Patterns & Algebra lessons; and busy catching up with our loveable and health & safety advocate Healthy Harold! What a great start to the term!

# YEAR 6

**IN YEAR 6, WE STAND TALL AND STRONG,  
GEARING UP FOR A TERM SO LONG.  
WITH HEARTS DETERMINED, MINDS ALIGHT,  
WE EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE, READY TO TAKE FLIGHT.**

**THE PAGES OF OUR TEXTBOOKS AWAIT,  
A JOURNEY OF KNOWLEDGE, NO TIME TO HESITATE.  
MATH EQUATIONS, SCIENTIFIC WONDERS,  
LANGUAGE ARTS, WHERE CREATIVITY THUNDERS.**

**WITH PENS IN HAND AND NOTEBOOKS OPEN WIDE,  
WE'LL EXPLORE NEW REALMS, SIDE BY SIDE.  
HISTORY'S SECRETS AND TALES UNTOLD,  
UNRAVELING MYSTERIES, STORIES UNFOLD.**

**BUT AMIDST THE HUSTLE, THE TASKS TO COMPLETE,  
WE'LL SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, NEVER ADMIT DEFEAT.  
FOR YEAR 6, A TEAM SO STRONG,  
TOGETHER WE'LL CONQUER, PROVE THEM WRONG.**

**SO LET THE TERM UNFOLD, THE CHALLENGES ARISE,  
WE'LL FACE THEM HEAD-ON, WITH DETERMINATION IN OUR EYES.  
YEAR 6, UNITED, READY FOR WHAT'S IN STORE,  
A BUSY TERM AHEAD, BUT TOGETHER WE'LL SOAR!**



# ARABIC

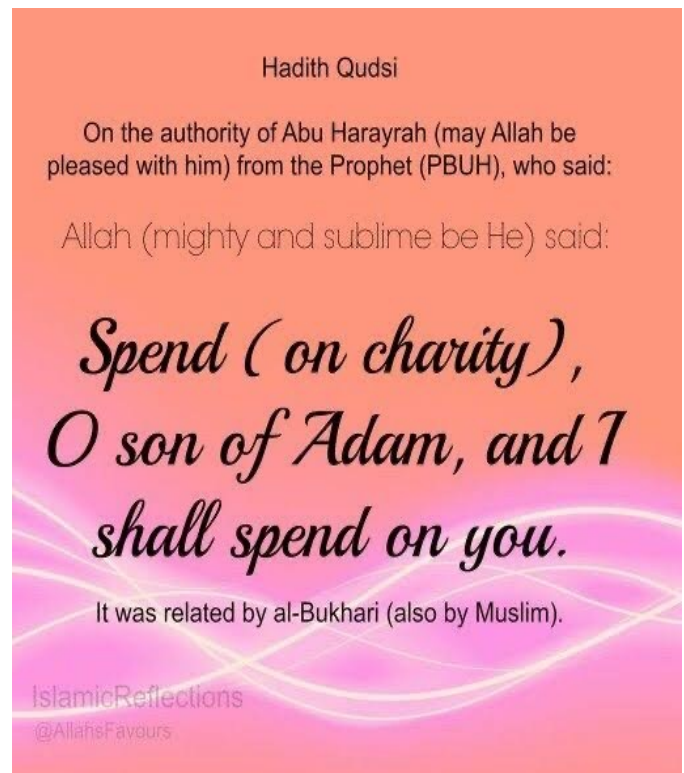
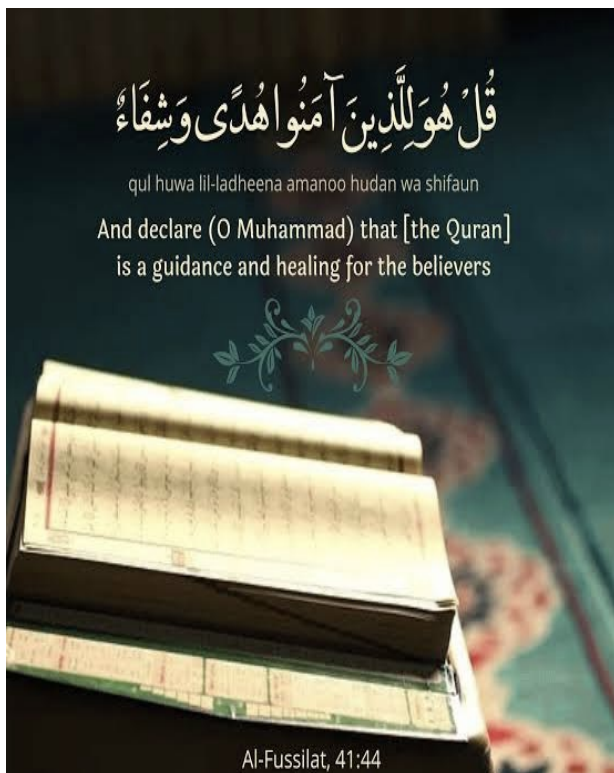
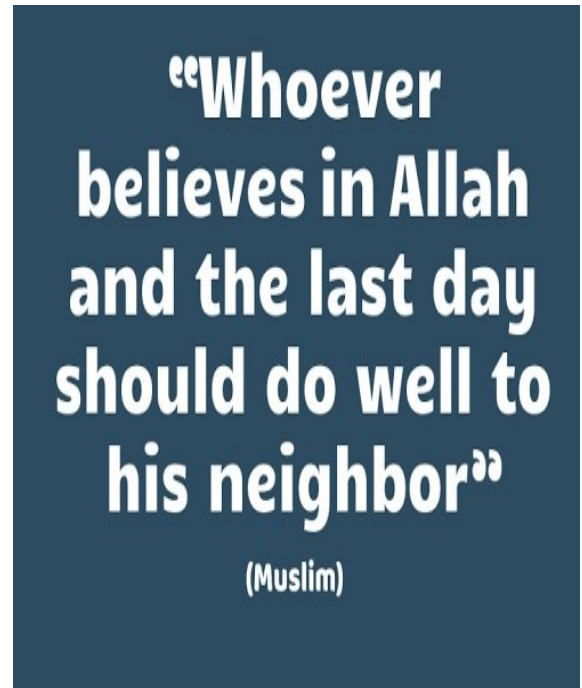
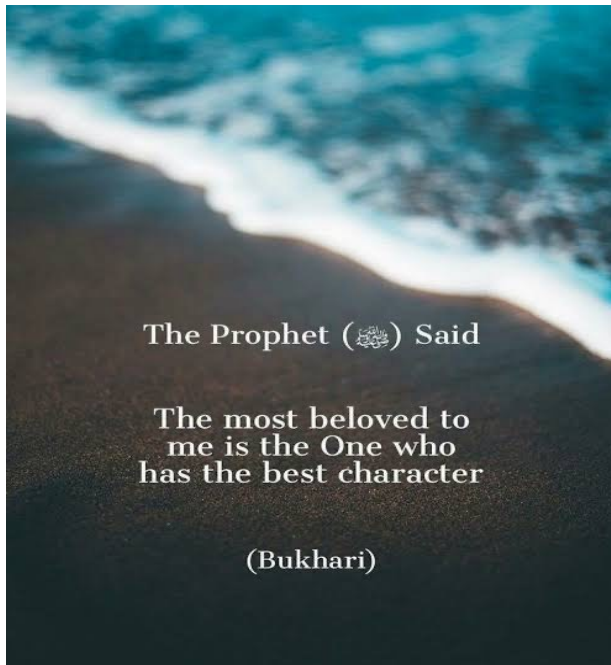
Assalamu Alaikum,

This Term is one of hard work and effort. Its main goal has been preparation for the Half-Yearly exams, set to be during week 6 and week 7 of this term. The exams will be based on everything the students have learned from the start of the year, till this point in time. I wish all the students, not only to pass, but to achieve their best results and peak their standards. Hopefully, with the push of Parents to encourage students to study well, this can be easily conquered.



# ISLAMIC STUDIES

In Islamic Studies we have looked at Quran and Prophetic teachings on the virtue of the Quran, charity and good character





# EXTENSION/DEBATING

This term **Extension** students of all grades have been mastering their persuasive writing techniques. They have been writing various persuasive paragraphs in groups and independently. They have examined an array of contemporary topics and have presented them in speech form. We have been incorporating the use of ICT, refining our research skills and collaborative learning in most lessons.

The **Friday Afternoon Debating Tournament** has begun. Our students were successful competing against **MLC** and will be competing against Scots College and Newington College over the course of the term. It is a tremendous opportunity for growth and positive impact for our students and the team have grown to be formidable opponents and powerful speakers. Great work this term, Extension students and all our wonderful debaters.



# CHARITY SERVICE COOPERATE

FOR THE KIDS.  
BY THE KIDS.



'Mmmm...Is it 342 or 476 or 193?...Everyone has a strategy for working out how many lollies in the jar!'

'Get your Bead Bracelets (BB's)...the ultimate super cool fashion accessory right now in Paris, Milan, New York...and originally created at Arkana!'



'Plenty of kids were up for taking the plunge into The Lucky Box Dip of pleasant surprises!'



'Everyone's a winner in this special raffle...whether you win in the raffle or not...you'll definitely win good deeds... Hooray!!!'

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FOR THE KIDS.  
BY THE KIDS.



'Arkana College is blessed to have some talented drawers, as is evident by the artistic samples produced in the Drawing Competition.'

'There is always a need for school stationary...The brighter and the more colourful, the better!'



'Planting seeds for future shade or fruit trees is an awesome form of charity...Growing plants, growing hearts...  
Alhamdulillah!'

'Bracelets and necklaces of all styles, of all colours, for boys and girls, for all occasions...and all for the best cause!'





# Yr. 6 NRL EXCURSION



A wonderful night at the annual Yr 6 NRL excursion to watch the mighty Dragons score in the last minute for a memorable win! Our students were beautifully behaved and had a great time building memories of their final year at school. Thank you to all staff and parents who attended!

# JERSEY CHALLENGE!



Congratulations to Mr Puglisi and all Bulldogs fans for their narrow win over Mr. Karolia's beloved Dragons. True to his word Mr. Karolia wore a Bulldogs jersey and looks forward to seeing 'Mr P' in red and white in 2024 when the two teams next meet. This traditional challenge see's the losing team jersey being worn by either Mr. Puglisi or Mr. Karolia, keeping alive the healthy rivalry between Dragon and Bulldogs supporters at Arkana College

# ANZAC DAY



The President of Kingsgrove RSL Mr Alan Barnes OAM and his colleagues visited the school today where he paid tribute to the Turkish troops who bravely guarded their homeland from invasion. He explained how so graciously, Turkey to-day welcomes Australians and New Zealanders as friends as a mark of respect and forgiveness. He encouraged peace and understanding and an end to conflict everywhere. Learning about different narratives of history is important in developing a better worldview of our students particularly around Anzac Day and events at Gallipoli.

# PARENT COUNCIL



Arkana is well served by an outstanding Parent Council who assist with fundraising, volunteering at school events, feedback and ideas to the principal and school as well as providing food items to the homeless and those in need in our local communities. The PC meet each month and all are welcome to attend!

**President** Mariam Bazzi **Vice President** Jehan El Kaderi  
**Secretary** Farizeh Chamma **Treasurer** Souad Murgatroyd



# CROSS COUNTRY



## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Yr. 4-6 students participated in the school cross country carnival at Carrs Park with the top 5 girls and boys in each age group qualifying for the ASISSA zone carnival

A big thank you to all parent volunteers who assisted on the day!



## ASSISA ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Arkana was well represented at the ASISSA zone cross country carnival at Bondi Junction competing against schools from across Sydney with some outstanding results!

A big thank you to all parent volunteers who assisted on the day!

# CELEBRATING ZAHRA AKACHA!



Congratulations to Zahra Akacha on her selection to the NSW CIS Netball team!

Zahra of Yr. 6 is our school Vice Captain and also captains the Arkana netball team. Zahra was selected to the ASISSA zone team after a selection tournament from schools across Sydney. Zahra then went through a gruelling selection tournament as the only Muslim member of the ASISSA team, competing against independent schools from across NSW. Her selection to the CIS NSW team is a reflection of her commitment, determination and years of practicing and improving her skills in the sport.

To put it in perspective she was selected from thousands of students from independent schools across NSW by a panel of highly experienced coaches!

Her selection is not just a wonderful achievement by one of our students but is a wonderful achievement for the entire community she represents!

We're all extremely proud of you Zahra!