

# NEWSLETTER



## Arkana Pulse – The Arkana College Newsletter WEEK 5 TERM TWO 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Assalamu Alaikum

Dear Parents and Guardians

It has certainly been an exciting first half of the term at Arkana College with a number of activities inside and outside the classroom to give our students opportunities to grow holistically. These include

- Healthy Harold well being and life skills workshops to all K-4 students on healthy habits, self-esteem, anti-bullying and respect for others.
- Yr. 5/6 Invictus well being program with a focus on resilience, identity, self esteem, respectful friendships, conflict resolution and more
- K-6 Healthy Eating Nutrition workshops
- Yr. 3-6 University of Wollongong STEM Zone excursion and UTS robotics club excursion to increase STEM skills and awareness
- IPSHA zone debating including wins over MLC by both our teams.
- Harmony Cup Soccer with both our girls team making it to the final rounds including our Girls Gold team narrowly losing the Grand Final 1-0
- Our ongoing campaign to support the people of Gaza with 16k reached since our iftar dinner including our Flowers for Gaza Mums campaign this term by our Parent Council

These experiences demonstrate that excellence in schooling is about more than just teaching a curriculum. Arkana College is a place where children learn essential life skills and develop important attitudes that shape personality and character.

I commend our dedicated and committed teaching and non-teaching staff for such a wonderful Term 2 as well as our Parent Council and volunteers.

Mr Osman Karolia  
Principal



### IMPORTANT DATES

31/05 DEBATING MLC  
05/06 PARENT COUNCIL  
BIGGEST MORNING TEA  
06/06 K AND YR. 1 ZOO  
EXCURSION AND YR 2  
HARBOUR BRIDGE  
EXCURSION  
07/06 ARKANA COLLEGE  
AGM  
17-18/06 EID AL ADHA  
20/06 HAJJ SIMULATION  
DAY  
21/06 EID FETE  
27/06 KIDS FOR THE  
PLANET EXCURSION (EXT)  
04/07 ISLAMIC SCHOOLS  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
COMPETITION  
05/07 TOUCH FOOTBALL  
GALA DAY AND LAST DAY  
OF TERM TWO  
23/07 TERM THREE FIRST  
DAY ALL STUDENTS PREK -  
YR 6

**21 JUNE EID FETE - ALL FAMILIES WELCOME FROM 12PM**



# PRE-KINDY NEWS TERM 2 2024

Assalamu Alaikum parents,

As we stride through another exciting term here at Arkana College, the students are settling well into their class routine, our pre-kindy stars have embarked on a thrilling journey of discovery and growth.

From the moment they step into our classroom, their eager minds and boundless curiosity light up the room. Their smiles, their laughter, and their insatiable thirst for knowledge are the fuel that drives us forward each day. Let's continue to celebrate the magic of learning and the joy of childhood.

Warm Regards,

Mrs Yassine & Mrs Nasser





# KINDERGARTEN

Ask Kindergarten about patterns, and they will give you so many ways that a pattern can be made! Here's a little sneak peek of how Kindergarten used their knowledge of patterns to get creative.

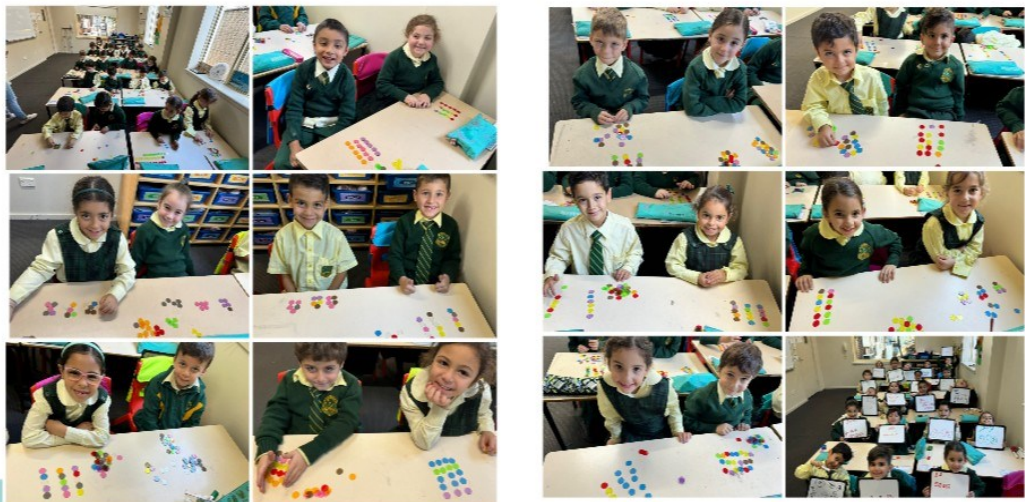




# IK Newsletter



What a fantastic start to Term 2 we've had in our classroom! From tackling math concepts like Place Value and Multiplication to diving into the art of Persuasive Writing, our little learners have been very busy bees.





# Term 2

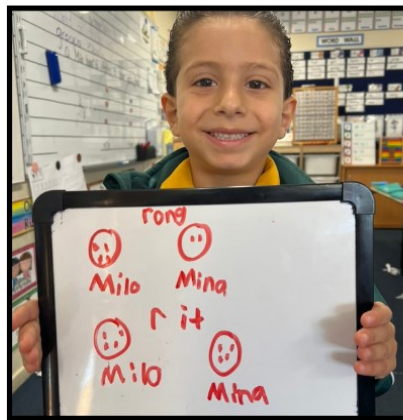
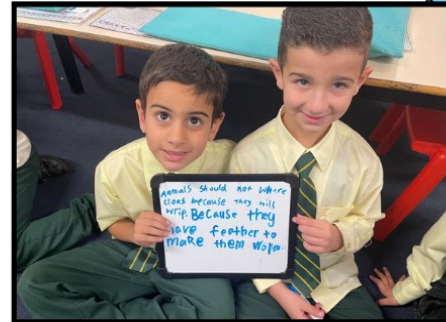
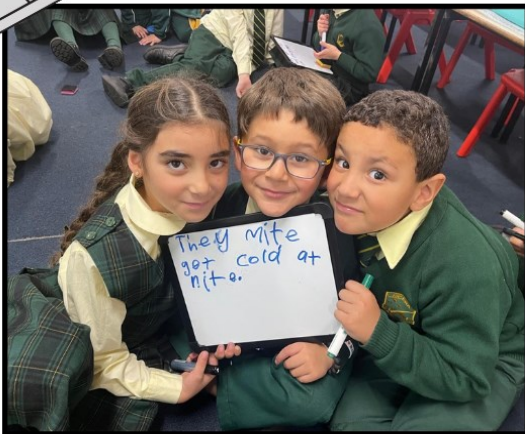
## YEAR 1

### LITERACY

This term, year 1 have been working hard to build on their skills to convince and persuade others to agree with their opinions.

### NUMERACY

The students have been investigating and building their understanding on Multiplication and Division. They have thoroughly enjoyed using concrete materials to make Groups of/Arrays as well as developing a greater understanding of 'Sharing'.







We are Year 2.  
Thankful for the lessons  
we learn, for the  
memories we share, and  
for the friendships we  
continue to make.







# Breaking News

## YEAR 3 TERM 2 WEEK 5



Year 3 students have been busy participating in a variety of fun events and valuable learning experiences this term.

- Science Project
- Cross Country
- Science Excursion
- Healthy Harold
- Healthy Eating workshop
- Designing a website





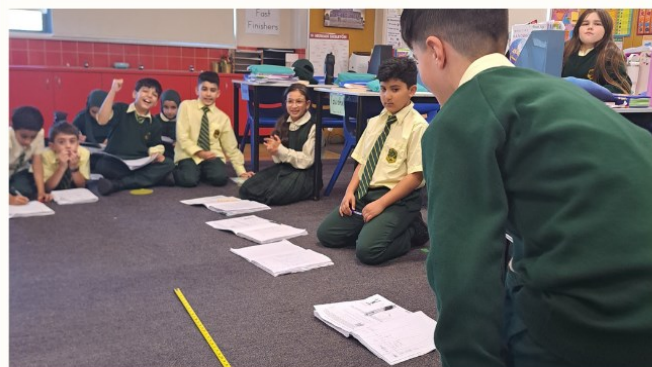
# THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



## SCIENCE EXCURSION

The Wollongong Space Centre was an absolute blast! We really enjoyed the science shows and planetarium. Our presenters had us building towers that could stand alone without falling over.



## MATHS

We are learning about length. How far can you jump? We each got to see who can jump the furthest in a standing long jump. It was really fun to measure our jumps and convert them into millimetres and metres.



## SCIENCE

We are learning all about surviving in the wild and how to make sure our drinking water is safe enough to drink. We tested different types of natural water filters and discovered, that rocks are better at filtering water than leaves.



## CHARITY SERVICE

Whether it's a hand made custom 'squishee' or a fluffy ball of modelling clay, we have it all for sale at our charity service stall. Come and support our cause and help raise money for charity by purchasing a cool toy for yourself or a friend.

Amarni N, Fatimah Ayah N,  
Mariyah M.



# Making Memories

Weeks 1-5 Term 2, 2024



WEEKLY FITNESS SESSIONS



HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP



ENJOYING OUR HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES



MAKING MOTHER'S DAY SPA PACKS IN SCIENCE

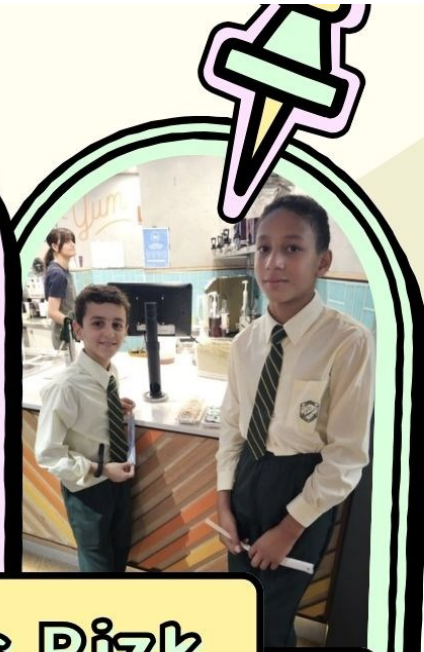


MAKING MOTHER'S DAY SPA PACKS IN SCIENCE



INVICTUS WEEKLY WORKSHOPS





# Year 6 with Mrs Rizk

This term has been incredibly busy so far. The students have thoroughly enjoyed researching and learning about our major oceans and the impacts that influence the future of our Earth.



## SCIENCE SPACE EXCURSION

We had a wonderful day on our Science Space excursion! The students thoroughly enjoyed the expedition and had a great time participating in the tallest tower challenge.

## INVICTUS

Year 6 has also greatly enjoyed the topics presented by INVICTUS. The inquisitiveness and questions posed by the students reflect their growth and maturity.





# Arabic Quran Islamic Studies

Arkana College welcomed Term 2 by celebrating the magnificent achievements of students who participated in the Annual Ramadan Quran Competition and The 99 Names of Allah School Challenge.

Congratulations to all competition winners mashaAllah!

Abdallah Adra of Year 6 wrote and delivered a stella khutbah about the importance of maintaining our good habits and deeds after Ramadan, may Allah reward him!





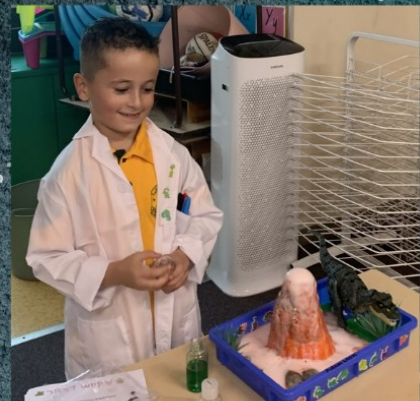
# EXTENSION

Year 4, 5, and 6 students have been exploring and experimenting with hybrid forms of text types which combine narrative, persuasive, and informative features. They have used visual, written and video prompts to practice develop their writing and infused their incredible imagination in their work.

Year 5 and 6 submitted a major writing piece into the "What Matters" Competition". They have also started developing their ideas for Personal Interest Projects which will be showcased in T4.

Year 2, 4, 5 and 6 are working on longer form narrative writing for the Dymocks Beyond Words Competition. The focus has been on building tension and originality in their narratives, incorporating sensory language, and enhancing depth and engagement in their stories.

Year 3 have been working on researching effectively, extracting key ideas for the informative texts. They will be presenting a speech about a country of their choice in the coming weeks. Year 2 students have been developing their narrative writing while creating exciting creative projects about the natural world.





# DEBATING TERM 2

- This term the IPSHA Debating tournament commenced and the Arkana debating team gone off to a flying start. Our talented two teams were successful in defeating PLC and are eagerly preparing for numerous Public Speaking and debating events throughout this term, including a debate with MLC, the Islamic Schools Public Speaking tournament and the Kids 4 the Planet event. Year 5 debaters have been refining their argumentation skills, practicing through mock debates and rehearsing rebuttals techniques. They will be working closely with the Year 6 teams going forward.





# Support Report

**TERM 2, WEEK 5 - 2024**

The benefits of collaborative learning, such as Reading and Writing Small Group work, are many and include: Development of higher-level thinking, oral communication, self-management, and leadership skills. As well as; Promotion of student-faculty interaction; Increase in student retention, self-esteem, and responsibility. Also facilitate exposure to and an increase in understanding of diverse perspectives.

Both teachers and students benefit significantly from collaborative learning for especially one compelling main reason. This approach promotes active engagement. When students collaborate, they're not just passive recipients of information, they become active participants in their own learning journey, which is a main goal that any teacher aims to achieve for their students.







# ARKANA COLLEGE

# CHOIR

The Arkana School Choir is in full swing this term. 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 of our choir secretaries, Asiya and Fatimah, and all of our choir members! Our talented singers are dedicated to learning and performing 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 the people who listen to them In Sha 'Allah. Look out for our performances during our Week 10 assemblies this term, as we pay tribute to Palestine.

**Mr Puglisi and Ms Rahime  
(Arkana School Choir Maestros)**





## UOW STEM EXCURSION YR 3– YR6



Yr. 3-6 recently visited the University of Wollongong Stem Zone where students engaged in practical science activities to enhance their practical science skills and gain a better understanding of science concepts.

. Congratulations to all students and their teachers on a successful day of learning whilst having a great time!

## K-4 HEALTHY HAROLD



What a fantastic day we had exploring health and happiness with our K—4 superstars!. Harold the Giraffe dropped by to teach us all about making smart choices for our bodies and minds.



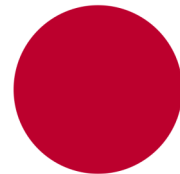
## IPSHA DEBATING



Congratulations to the Arkana College debating teams, their coach Ms. Melligi and their teachers! Both teams scoring impressive wins against PLC recently in the highly regarded IPSHA debating tournament featuring Sydney's leading independent schools.

It is tremendous to see the success of previous years in debating continue in 2024 and Insha'Allah beyond!

## UTS ROBOTICS TEAM VISIT



Arkana College are the current primary school Australian robotics champions and are heading to Japan in September to represent Australia at the world robotics finals in Japan.

The team were invited to UTS to learn more about robotics and use their facilities as they prepare for their world final campaign.!



## HARMONY CUP— SOCCER



Congratulations to the Arkana Girls Gold team for their narrow 1-0 loss to Malek Fahd Islamic School in the Harmony Cup Grand Final!

Well done to our Girls Green team for making the semi finals and both boys teams for their efforts in the group stages. Our appreciation is extended to our coaches Mr. Ali and Mrs. Rizk and Sheikh Taha for assisting. A big thank you to all parents who attended to cheer on our teams!

## FLOWERS FOR GAZA



The Flowers for Gaza initiative by our Parent Council was a huge success with orders selling out before recess.

Funds are for the mothers of Gaza and the \$1000 raised took our fund for Gaza to well over \$16000