

ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

ARKANA PULSE - The Arkana College Newsletter Week 5, Term Three 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Assalamu Alaikum

It has been a busy yet extremely rewarding five first 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, sport and a wide range of special events.

Our recent athletics carnival was a wonderful day and we thank all parents who attended to cheer on their children. Arkana College are the current Australian robotics champions (primary school division) after taking out first and second place at the national finals at the end of the 2023 school year. We look forward to again representing Australia at the world robotics finals in Japan later this term, Our campaign for the world finals was launched by former Arkana student and current Georges River Council Mayor Sam Elmir and was also attended by Shadow Communications Minister David Coleman and our team sponsors.

Our students continue to excel in all areas of school life with outstanding achievement in inter school events. These include Quran competition, debating success against PLC and Newington, our boys team winning the Harmony Cup Oztag and our rugby league team going undefeated in the NRL Dragons Rugby League Gala Day.

The highlight of the term was the recent official opening of our new playground by Georges River Council Mayor and former Arkana student Sam Elmir. The new facility includes a futsal court and will not only significantly increase playground space but can also be used for our expanding sport programs.

We look forward to sharing more exciting news in the near future on plans to upgrade and expand our facilities to further enrich the school experience for current and future generations of students at Arkana College.

Mr. Karolia
Principal



KEY DATES

23/08 Debating (Trinity)

27/08 Science Incur-sion

28/08 Spelling Bee

29/08 Book Week

Character Parade

05/09 Multicultural Day

06/09 Debating (Scots)

09/09 Math's incur-sion

09/09 Harmony Cup athletics

10/09 Thredbo Snow Camp

16/09 Japan robotics team depart Sydney

22/09 World robotics finals, Osaka, Japan

27/09 Last day Term 3

15/10 First day Term 4

11/12 Last day Term 4

PRE-KINDY NEWS TERM 3 2024

Assalamu Alaikum parents,

Exciting Adventures with Community Helpers!

What an incredible term it has been! This year, our pre-kindergarten students have embarked on a journey exploring the world of community helpers. Each week has brought new excitement as the children have eagerly discovered different roles that contribute to our community's well-being.

We are proud of the growth and learning our students have demonstrated this term. Their ability to understand and appreciate the diverse roles people play in our society is heartening. As we continue this journey, we look forward to exploring even more community helpers and the wonderful ways they contribute to our world.

Warm Regards,

Mrs Yassine & Mrs Nasser





KINDERGARTEN

*"Kindergarten, Kindergarten, what do you see?"
"I see a ladybug looking at me!"*



*Kindergarten made ladybugs
whilst learning about addition.*

1K Newsletter

In Kindy and Year 1, we've had a blast,
Learning new things, the time went so fast!
Imaginative texts took us on a ride,
With stories and dreams, oh what a wild side!

We counted and added, then took some
away,
Subtraction and place value, we conquered
each day.
Numbers and words, we've grown so much,
With curious minds and a magical touch.

We ran, we jumped, and had so much fun,
At the Athletics Carnival under the sun.
Cheering and racing, we all gave our best,
With smiles and laughter, we passed every
test!

Term 3 has been great, full of fun and
cheer,
Exciting things await as we continue this
year!



YEAR 1 TERM 3 NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Year 1 Students thoroughly enjoyed their day filled with fun, laughter, and lots of cheer!



CLASS LEARNING

Students have been busy learning new and interesting things about our up and coming Multicultural Day Country - ITALY!



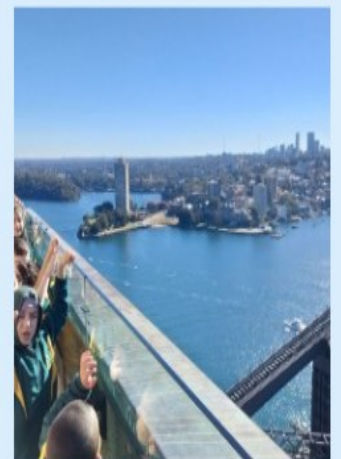
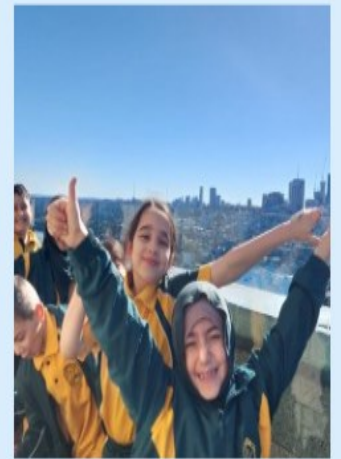
Keep up the fantastic work Year 1!



SHARING THE GIFT OF
MEMORIES IS A GIFT WE
SHARE FOR LIFE
YEAR 2 - 2024!



Absent: Dhafir Amous, Samar Kabb



CLASSROOM NEWS



**YEAR 3
TERM 3 WEEK 5**

Students have been very busy and working productively over the last few weeks. This includes Mahmoud and Jamal's successful charity service selling cards, creating persuasive posters to save Dingoes and designing apps for SCOPE IT.



THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



ATHLETICS

Stretch those muscles, pump those legs and get your heart racing, IT'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TIME! Students are exci to compete the inaugural annual Arkana College athletic carnival.



SCIENCE

What makes things move you ask? Forces ofcourse! Whether it's a push, pull or twist, forces are all around us. A kick of a ball, flick of a marble or pull of a rope, these are all forces.



SCOPE I.T

So they asked us to build a robot in scope i.t this week and we took on the challenge with open minds. It wasn't easy deciphering the instructions but we managed to attach the motors to the chassis. Remember, righty tight, lefty loosey ☺



SAFE SPACE

Safe space is a new learning experience part of our PDH program. Students talk about their emotions or share a story with the class. We really enjoy sharing our life experiences to help us learn about each other and regulate our emotions.

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SCOPE IT



CHANTING @ THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



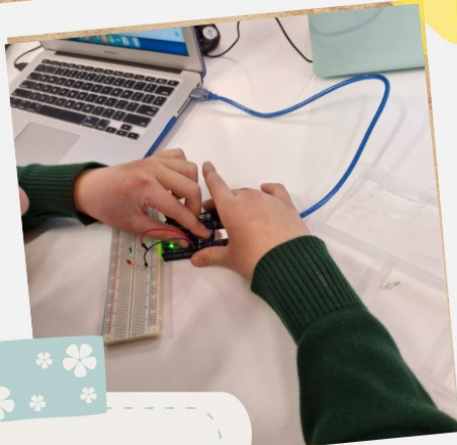
100M RACE @ THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



SCIENCE- EARTH'S PLACE IN SPACE



RESEARCH IN ENGLISH



ELECTRONICS & ROBOTICS



LIBRARY SESSIONS EVERY FRIDAY

**YEAR 5,
TERM 3, WEEK 5
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YEAR 6

Year 6, Term 3, the excitement is real,
Snow Camp's so close, it's almost surreal.

In just a few weeks, we'll ski down the slopes,
Adding new memories to our primary school hopes.

But while the thrill of adventure runs high,
We've been working hard, letting emotions fly.

Digging deep into words that move and persuade,
Crafting speeches that won't easily fade.

We've practiced our skills, our voices we raise,
Speaking with passion for what we believe,

A free Palestine, in that we achieve.

As Term 3 unfolds, both work and play,

Year 6, we shine, in every way.

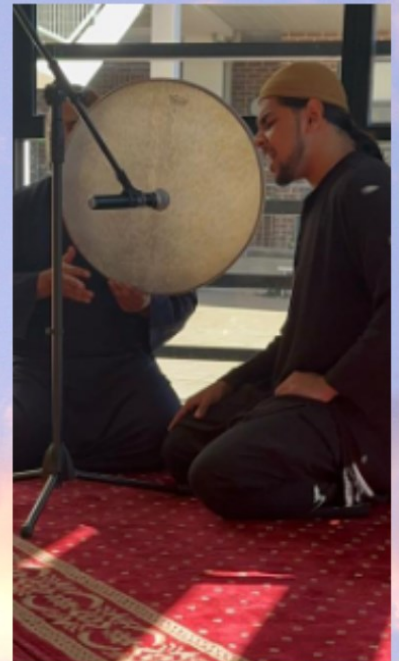
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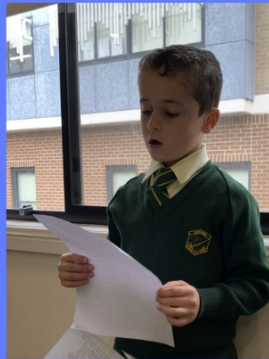
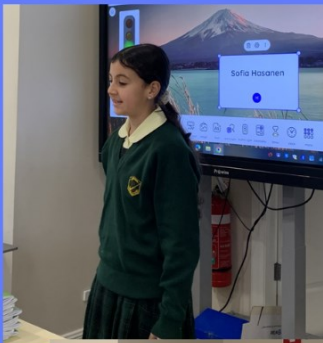
Arabic Quran Islamic Studies

"Whoever follows a path to seek knowledge, Allah will make the path to Jannah (Paradise) easy for them." [Sahih Muslim]

Term Three has welcomed rich, immersive learning experiences with a focus on empowerment through seeking and gaining beneficial knowledge masha'Allah. Year 2 have been striving to perfect their tashahud and salawat Ibrahimiyah in preparation to join our whole school prayer while Pre-K are making leaps and bounds on their Arabic journey. Arkana College was treated to a captivating and enlightening Friday khutbah and nasheed performance by Omar and Junayd Helal, son and grandson respectively of our beloved Chairman, Hajj Mohammed Helal, may Allah swt reward them.



EXTENSION-DEBATING



Our debating team continues to go from strength to strength with impressive debates against Newington and PLC. We look forward to debates with Trinity and Scots College later this term.

SUPPORT REPORT - VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT TIPS

By Mr Puglisi

Integrating vocabulary development into reading, talking and playing is very important. Here are some really good tips for you to try with your child:-

1. Bring new words to life.
2. Visualise new words on paper.
3. Encourage your child to query any new words they come across.
4. Talk constantly with your child.
5. Have two-way conversations with your child.
6. Don't 'dumb down' your own vocabulary.
7. Put new words into context.
8. Position a word in different scenarios.
9. Repeat, repeat, repeat.
10. Don't bombard your child with lots of new words at once!
11. Encourage them to read books.
12. Read aloud to your child.
13. Encourage your child to read material other than books.
14. Allow your child to choose what they read.
15. Encourage them to tackle some challenging reads.
16. Don't over-rely on a dictionary to help understand new words.
17. Help your child look for word roots.
18. Use synonyms (similar words) to help define a word.
19. Play games together.
20. Encourage your child to write stories or any other type of writing, poems, reports, procedures, etc.
21. Be seen to learn yourself too.



WORLD ROBOTICS FINALS - JAPAN 2024

Arkana College are the current Australian robotics champions and will be representing Australia at the world finals in Osaka, Japan next month! Georges River Council Mayor Sam Elmir launched our campaign. Also present were our sponsors and Shadow Communications Minister David Coleman.



ARKANA COLLEGE URC WORLD ROBOTICS FINALS OSAKA, JAPAN 2024



Our robotics team were also treated to a special visit to our sponsors Ultimate Security HQ where co owner Nabil Said gave them a personal tour including a display of their technology including advanced robots which students even got to operate!

Students, staff and parents recently had a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Kingsgrove to raise funds for the trip and our new Fizzics 2024 robotics logo designed by Gould Studios was unveiled.

Recently EduTech Australia CEO Eman Soliman and leading Hong Kong robotics educator visited our school to meet our team and extended an invite for Arkana College to visit Hong Kong and other Asian countries as part of a STEM collaboration.



2024 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Arkana College had a wonderful day at the 2024 Athletics Carnival! A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and students who contributed to making this event a success. Students had a wonderful time at track and field events and enthusiastically cheering on each other! Your support and enthusiasm made it a memorable experience for everyone involved!



HARMONY CUP OZTAG GRAND FINAL WINNERS



Congratulations to our Open Boys Harmony Cup team and their coach Mr Ali on winning the Oztag Grand Final! Our girls narrowly missed the final on point difference after a draw in the semis. Well done to our open girls team and their coach Ms Rizk!

NRL DRAGONS BRAD MACKAY GALA DAY



Congratulations to both our rugby league teams and their coaches Sh Taha and Mr Ali on their success at the NRL Dragons Gala Day. Team A were undefeated with 3 wins and a draw, Team B were courageous with 2 draws, a win and a loss. Most important was our spirit, with the NRL Dragons nominating Arkana as the team displaying best conduct and sportsmanship. Thank you to all parents who attended for their support and Mr Rifai for arranging lunch for all students and coaches. Special shout out to Sonny Bill Williams for helping train the boys.

NRL DRAGONS MATCH EXPERIENCE



Yr 6 enjoyed a wonderful night at our annual NRL Dragons excursion, this time to watch the Dragons take on the Bulldogs. Children had a great time and must be commended for their passion and manners. A big thank you to all staff and parents who assisted on the evening and congratulations to Bulldogs on their win. Arkana College thanks the St George Illawarra Dragons for providing a ticket to all our Yr 6 students!

OFFICIAL OPENING - NEW PLAYGROUND

A wonderful moment in our schools history as the new playground complete with futsal field was officially opened by Mayor Sam Elmir, himself a former Arkana student!

We were honoured to have the schools founding members and directors present, some have passed on Allah Yerhamoun, others weren't well enough to attend, their sacrifice has enabled generations past, present and future to enjoy our unique schooling experience.

A K-2 mini World Cup ensured the new facility got a solid workout straight away!

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Ali Jomaa and his team at Sydney City Landscapes for completing the project, architects Studio Botanica and our school building committee made up of parents in construction/ architects and members of the school board including Board Chair Mohammed Helal, Hossam Elrayes, Mounzer and Alia Mortada, Saf Abdul - Rahman, Rod Zoabi, Jamil Ali Raja, Naim El Kaderi and Mohamed Tita.

