# **Arkana Pulse**

**Our school newsletter** 

#### Principal's Message

It has been a busy yet extremely rewarding first five weeks for students and staff at Arkana College. In my first month at the school I have been more than impressed at the determination of students to make the world a better place around the corner as well as around the world. I had the pleasure of watching our school compete in debating at PLC as well as at the Eid Quran competition and whilst It was a bonus that we won both events, what was more important is that students were given the opportunity to participate.

Our charitable and community work reflects our values to give back to local communities and the Ummah and later this term we look forward to starting our homeless outreach program.

Together with a quality teaching/learning framework we strive to provide a first class experience for all our students by integrating Islamic values with 21st century learning. We encourage parents to share these experiences with us as parents play a critical role in the partnership to produce well rounded, confident young people who will lead us all to a better tomorrow.



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Mr Osman Karolia Principal



#### **Debating @ Arkana!**

Congratulations to Ms Melligi and our debating teams on their outstanding results against Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC) and St Patricks

Our students did remarkably well and celebrated a win at both events!



#### **Important Dates**

- 27/0-03/06 Reconciliation Week
- 30/05 Harmony Cup
- 02/06 Athletics Carnival
- 03/06 Debating vs, Newington
- 10/06 Yr. 3-6 Botany Bay excursion
- 13/06 Queens Birthday Long Weekend
- 25/06 Homeless Outreach Visit (Yr.6)
- 28/06 Interfaith Mt Sinai visit
- 30/06 Hajj Day
- 01/07 Last day of term
- 18/07 Staff PD Day
- 19/07 Term 3 start for students

PRINCIPALS AFTERNOON TEA/COFFEE and P&C Meeting

**TUESDAY 7th June** 

2:30pm - 3:30pm

**SCHOOL HALL** 

**ALL WELCOME!** 



#### PREK TERM 2 SNAP- SHOT RAP

G'day! Salam! PreK are pleased to greet you, To share our news and give you a preview. Of our term so far through a simple rap, Feel free to tap your toes... and join in and clap!

26 alphabet letters and 7 days of the week, Learning how Allah (swt) made each one of us unique! Identifying numbers 'before' and 'after', Sharing in good times through play and laughter!

Phonograms, syllables, and oral blending of sounds, Following rules and making sure we don't run out of bounds. 'Alif', 'Baa', 'Taa' and learning letter and number formation, Finding the total of 2 groups... oh what's the name of that operation?

Discovering who the Most Merciful and Compassionate is, Thank you Mrs Yasmin for making us Islamic Studies 'whizz kids'! Al humdallah, our 'good deed jar' is filling up with speed, By being kind, honest and helpful we can always succeed!

Inshallah, PreK will continue to work hard and reach for the stars, Mum and Dad... continue filling up their 'PreKindy Box of Memoirs'. I bet you cannot wait to see what awaits us next... I wonder... will we encounter any minibeast during this term's Science subject?

(Stay tuned for the Week 10 article to find out!)

# Mr Puglisi & Mrs Ghazi The Arkana College Charity Service Cooperate (CSC)



Take to the friendly skies with these crazy pilots and their amazing paper aeroplanes!



"Anyone need any pens, pencils, rubbers, notebooks, stickers, etc?"



Enter our raffle and win lots of lollies...Yeah!!!!



"How many lollies in the jar I wonder?" ...Always a popular activity!



# **KINDERGARTEN**

Did you also know that laughter is the best kind of medicine? Let's not forget that the act of laughter and smiling is a form of Sunnah. In Kindergarten, we are all about happiness and the Sunnah, so we are learning about what makes us unique and how we can embrace our differences. We are making sure that we stay happy and find ways to make our friends happy, despite how we look, sound or dress.











#### Brain-stretching Science lessons have Year 1 buzzing this term!

Exploring everyday materials and their properties, students have enjoyed examining how and why we can change materials to help us achieve a desired outcome.

Following one investigation, Year 1 unanimously agreed that soft, stretchy, cooked spaghetti definitely isn't suitable for building structures- whereas long, strong, uncooked spaghetti paired with oh-so-soft (and sticky) marshmallows certainly does the trick!







#### Some activities run by the SRC this term.





Mohammed Ali Hamad, Ayman A, Eliza K and Zac C are doing a wonderful job for the environment.

#### Arkana Book Club (ABC)

Adam A leading his fellow SRC, Mohammad Ali Boussi, Aisha F and Aleefa G in running book reading



" Your SRC ..... by the students .... for the students"

#### SRC suggestion box ....

Students are strongly encouraged to write suggestions they would like to improve the school be placed into the SRC suggestion box.



#### SRC Magazine ' Yours, Mine and Ours'

The theme for this term is Games/Sports/Teamwork. Zahra A, Mya A, Khodr S and Radwan N "Verily, the believers are like a structure, (i.e. a team), each part strengthening the other". Prophet Muhammed (SAW). Look out for it on Classdojo! Bottle and Paper Recycling

#### Support K-3

In our K – 3 Support Lessons, one of the many activities we have been engaging with, is that we have been writing using our observations, "wow" words, correct punctuation and good sounding out.

See if you can use some of the "wow" words the students have come up with recently, in your daily conversations:- gigantic, delicious, pour, incredible, flooded (no surprise with that one after all the rain!), fluffy, stir.

It's all always very important to use good vocabulary with your children, and encourage them to also do this to you the parents, because everyone



Year 1/K have had a blast learning all about 3D shapes. They have learnt the shape names, features and identified them in their surrounding environments. They used 3D models to discover which shapes roll, stack, or slide.





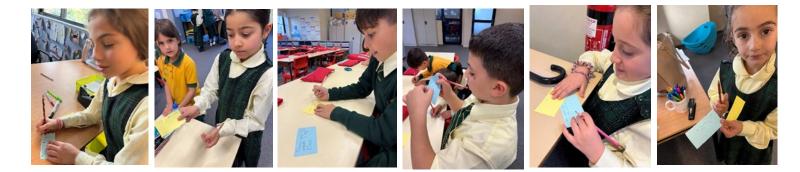






# Take a look at what Year 2's been up to...

Year 2 are working on Persuasive Text Types this term. We were on a hunt to Compare and Contrast between Facts and Opinions within the classroom environment. Students enjoyed working collaboratively to determine the difference between a Fact and an Opinion.



# **Giving Back Australia**

Arkana College has always supported vulnerable people locally and around the world. To assist those experiencing hardship in securing basic food items we collected non perishable food on behalf of Giving Back Australia. Food items collected will be distributed to

- The elderly without support
- Those living with a disability
- Refugee families with no income or government assistance
- Single mothers who are victims of domestic violence
- Families on limited support due to illness or injury
- Widows on limited support

Thank you to all families who assisted.





Year 3 has been in the midst of NAPLAN mania, studying hard to achieve their best. However, it is not the only thing that Year 3 has been engaged in. Take a look at some of these photos. We have outstanding artists, including Origamists and Painters, as well as Creative Reading and Writing Souls and Technology Experts















Year 4 have participated in a playground scavenger hunt, designed to exercise compass and mapping skills they have just learned in Maths. In groups, students were tasked with finding the clues that form a secret sentence. A special shoutout to groups who worked well in a team, even though they may have not been partnered up with friends.









# SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HURSTVILLE OVAL THURSDAY 2nd June Parents and grandparents WELCOME!

WITH THE POWER OF SPEED AND RAZOR-SHARP MINDS, THE STUDENTS OF YEAR 5 FOUGHT AGAINST THE ENEMY OF TIME AND ASSISTED THE STUDENTS OF PRE-KINDY TO CREATE AND PUT TOGETHER EID AND MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS FOR THEIR FAMILIES. IT WAS A SPECIAL DAY FOR ALL!

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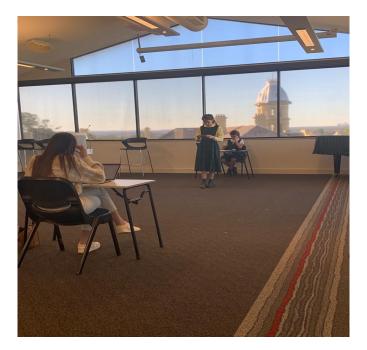
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Our awesome Yr. 6 class have been busy with their novel learning about refugees and the challenges they face trying to find safety and a better life for their families.

# **DEBATING @ ARKANA**

After last term's successful Islamic School Public Speaking Competition and Arkana Public Speaking competition, the Arkana Debating team has been preparing this term for the IPSHA tournament. We competed with remarkable success against PLC and will be debating St Patrick's and Newington College in the coming weeks with many new speak-





## EXTENSION

Extension classes have been exciting hubs for student growth this term.

Year 4 have concluded their wonderful project- based informative texts and commenced persuasive texts, working on constructing a group video advertising Arkana College.

Year 5 – have worked extensively on refining their 1writing in preparation for Naplan. They are now developing a group project on Australian pioneers using Canva.

Year 6 entered the 'What Matters?' writing competition and are currently working on – Informative texts are working on a Tour Guide project/ Landmarks utilising ICT programs while improving their presentation skills.









Assalamu Alaikum,

Now we are back to Term 2, expecting hard work and dedication. Our main goal has been to prepare for the Half-Yearly assessments, set to be during week 6 and week 7 of this term. Until further notice the assessment notes will be sent to parents. I wish and encourage all the students to not only pass, but to achieve their best results. Ideally, with parents encouraging their children to study hard, all students will be able to achieve their best desired results.

This is a term full of many activities and work. We started the term by talking and doing fun activities regarding the last blessed days of Ramadan. As we progressed, students started learning and preparing for Eid. They made many different cards for the Eid celebration. We ended off before the short break with smiling faces and sweets as well! Good luck and wish all the students all the best

Mrs Asmaa/Nabila Arabic Staff



# School Iftar

## **Islamic Studies**

### What is "I'HSAAN" ?

"It is to worship Allah as if you were seeing Him, though . you do not see Him, He sees you."

- Prophet Muhammad

Ihsan has been a theme in Islamic Studies for all students .... Striving at all times to be the best version of ourselves!

Thank you to our incredible P&C and our staff for a wonderful school iftar shared with our entire school community. It was wonderful to see so many students and families share an iftar together to farewell Ramadan. and a special thank you to the sponsors who made the event possible



