

ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



ARKANA PULSE - The Arkana College Newsletter Week 10, Term Two 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy yet enjoyable term two 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.

Students enjoyed exciting excursions to the University of Technology (UTS), Calmsley Hill Farm, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House.

Our soccer teams played with distinction with our girls team winning the Grand Final and the boys narrowly losing the Semi Final in the Harmony Cup interschool sport. Several of our runners also qualified for zone, regional and CISNSW cross country competitions.

Our students participated in several inter school competitions including Spelling Bee, Kids for the Planet (public speaking, art and STEM) and our debating team enjoyed wins against renowned schools.

We recently hosted the Islamic Museum of Australia for Islamic art workshops and we hosted Arkki, a STEM program incorporating mathematics, science and design based in Finland and delivered in leading schools across Europe and more recently Australia.

Our partnership with UTS continued this term as members of the university delivered a science and technology program to Yr. 5/6 with parents invited to an end of program event .

It is this rich mix of curricular and extra curricular programs that have our students well prepared and well placed for their future at and beyond primary school.

We celebrated several events including the annual Eid Fete, Hajj Simulation, Multi-cultural Day and the Parent Council Morning Tea was a sell out whilst also raising funds and awareness for cancer. A highlight of the term was celebrating the first 100 days of Kindergarten with our students and their teachers and families.

We also continued our meetings with Georges River Council on our plans for new buildings, car parking and play areas.

I conclude by wishing students and staff a happy and safe winter holiday and look forward to another exciting term in Term 3 at Arkana College!

Mr. Karolia
Principal



KEY DATES

21/7 Staff PD Day
22/7 Term 3 commences, all students PreK—Yr.6
25/7 IPSHA Debating
30/7 NRL Touch Football Gala Day Yr. 5/6
31/7 Islamic Schools Public Speaking Competition
8/8 IPSHA Debating
15/8 Athletics carnival
19/8 World of Maths incursion PreK—Yr. 6
22/8 IPSHA Debating
27/8 Debating Gala Day
28/8 Book Week Character Parade
3/9 Social Action Expo—The Kings School
12/9 Robotics team depart for Japan
26/9 Last Day Term 3



Students at our recent Hajj Simulation

PREK

TERM 2 2025



In a room filled with laughter and cheer,
Preschoolers diligently persevere.
With tiny hands and hearts so bright,
They embark on learning, shining in their light.

Writing their names, a task so grand,
Each stroke, each curve, they understand.
Counting syllables, one by one,
Their eager minds shining like the sun.



From one to ten, they count with glee,
Forwards, backwards, so joyfully free.
Numbers 1, 2, and 3, they trace,
Learning with each smile on their face.

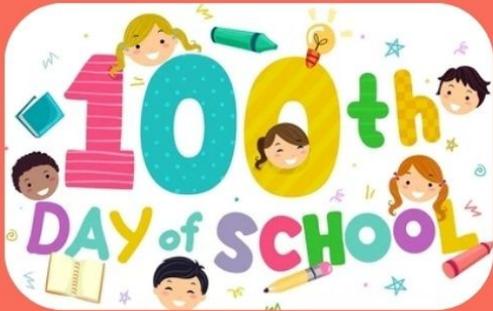
Identifying sounds, and letters all right,
Their voices dance in the morning light.
Life cycle of a butterfly, they explore,
Amazed by the transformation's allure.



And with pride, they stand to share,
News of their world, stories they bear.
In their world of wonder, they take flight,
Preschool stars, shining bright in the night.



KK NEWSLETTER



LITTLE PILGRIMS ON A BIG JOURNEY!



Our Kindy kids stepped into the footsteps of Hajj with hearts full of excitement and awe! From walking around the Kaaba to collecting pebbles in Mina, our mini pilgrims experienced the beauty and meaning of this sacred journey in a fun and memorable way. May Allah accept all our intentions!

100th DAY OF KINDY

Our clever Kindy kids celebrated 100 magical days of learning, laughing, and growing with a special assembly full of smiles, songs, and style!



MULTICULTURAL DAY!

Our Kindy kids took a trip around the world without leaving school! Dressed in vibrant cultural outfits, they danced, shared stories, and explored traditions that make our world beautifully diverse. 🌍 What a joyful celebration of unity, friendship, and culture!



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Term 2 Week 10

class news

We have had another busy few weeks learning our numbers, letters, words and sentences. Students also participated in many exciting events such as the Eid Fete, Multicultural day and our 100 days of school assembly. Well done Kindy, on all your wonderful achievements. You have learned so much and shown amazing progress this semester. We are so proud of all of you!



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Teaching is a work of heart.
We learn, we bond, we grow
and we love, all together.

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WITH MISS PARKIN



TERM 2
WEEKS 5-10



The past five weeks have been packed with fun and exciting activities. We explored art by creating pieces inspired by Van Gogh, dressed up to celebrate Multicultural Day, and enjoyed a wonderful Eid fete. We also practiced our writing skills by composing persuasive texts about our favourite crayons.



YEAR 2: T2 WK 10 NEWSLETTER

DEAR CLASS,

WHAT A MEMORABLE TERM IT HAS BEEN! FROM THE JOY AND CELEBRATION OF OUR EID FETE, TO THE LEARNING AND REFLECTION DURING OUR HAJJ SIMULATION DAY, AND TO THE COLOUR AND EXCITEMENT OF MULTICULTURAL DAY, WE'VE SHARED SO MANY SPECIAL MOMENTS TOGETHER. I'M SO PROUD OF HOW RESPECTFUL, KIND, AND CURIOUS YOU'VE ALL BEEN WHILE LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES AND TRADITIONS.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS TERM SO MUCH FUN AND FULL OF WONDERFUL MEMORIES. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT WE ACHIEVE TOGETHER NEXT TERM!

WITH PRIDE AND APPRECIATION,
YOUR TEACHERS
MRS ELMIR & MRS HAWKINS



"A TEACHER TAKES
A HAND. OPENS A
MIND. AND
TOUCHES A HEART
— BUT THE BEST
ONES INSPIRE A
SOUL FOREVER"



YEAR 3 NEWS LETTER



Art and Craft

We let our creativity shine during Art and Craft sessions, producing colourful and imaginative works.



MULTICULTURAL DAY

Cultural Day was a vibrant celebration of diversity, where students proudly shared their heritage through dress, food, and traditions.



HAJJ Day

Hajj Day was full of meaningful learning, where students reflected on the significance of Hajj and enjoyed hands-on experiences.



SCOPE IT

In SCOPE, students practised their typing skills, helping them become more confident and efficient when using digital tools.



LIBRARY

Our Library Visit was a great opportunity to develop research skills and deepen our love for reading.



ALL THE FUN TIMES



THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



A day of appreciation for all cultures filled with learn and fun activities. Multicultural Day is a special celebration where students explore and appreciate the diverse cultures that make up our community. It's a wonderful opportunity for children to dress up, try new activities, and learn about different traditions from around the world.



Our class held an exciting LEGO competition where students showcased their creativity by building unique designs. It was amazing to see the teamwork, imagination, and engineering skills on display!



Hajj Simulation Day gave students a hands-on experience of the sacred pilgrimage, helping them understand its rituals and significance in Islam. Dressed in ihram, they moved through stations representing key parts of Hajj, deepening their spiritual connection and knowledge.



Our school charity service was a heartfelt event where students came together to support those in need through donations and acts of kindness. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of compassion, generosity, and giving back to the community.

TERM 2, WEEKS 6-10



HAJJ DAY



MULTICULTURAL
DAY



HISTORY



STEM SHOWCASE



EID FETE

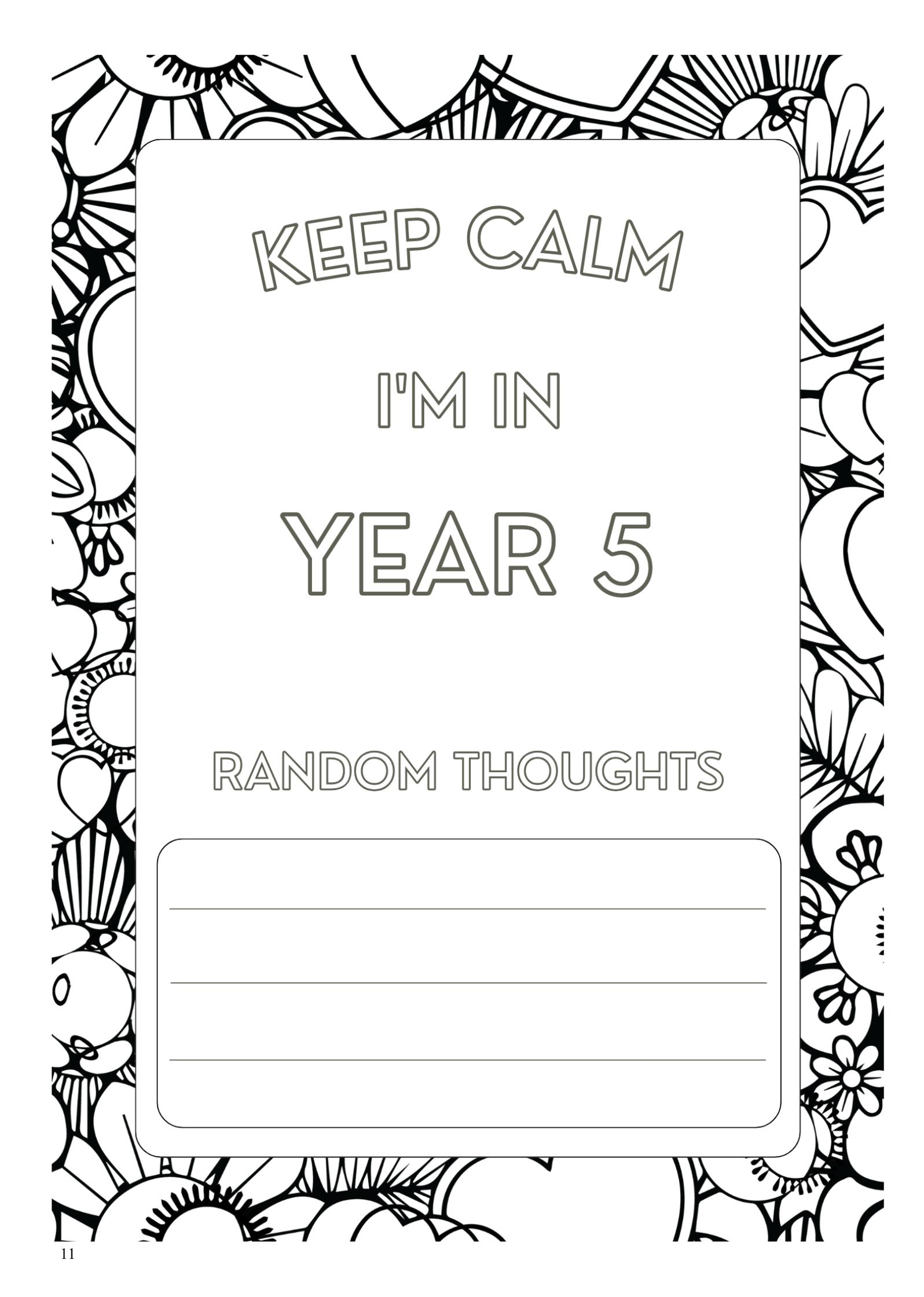


ISLAMIC MUSEUM
OF AUSTRALIA



MY NOTES

TERM 2 HAS FLOWN BY WITH SO MANY EXCITING HIGHLIGHTS! WE BEGAN WITH A MEANINGFUL HAJJ SIMULATION, HELPING US UNDERSTAND THE STEPS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS IMPORTANT JOURNEY. OUR EID FETE WAS FULL OF FUN, FOOD, AND FESTIVE VIBES- SUCH A JOYFUL WAY TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER! MULTICULTURAL DAY WAS A GREAT CHANCE TO SHARE AND LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES IN OUR SCHOOL. WE LOVED THE COLOURFUL CLOTHES, PERFORMANCES, AND DELICIOUS FOOD! IN HISTORY, WE COMPLETED OUR PROJECTS AND PROUDLY PRESENTED THEM TO OUR CLASSMATES. WE ALSO TOOK PART IN THE UTS STEM SHOWCASE, WHERE WE SHARED OUR MICRO:BIT DESIGNS TO HELP SOLVE NATURAL DISASTER PROBLEMS. A VISIT FROM THE ISLAMIC MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA TAUGHT US ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT HISTORY- IT WAS BOTH INSPIRING AND EDUCATIONAL. IT'S BEEN A BUSY FEW WEEKS FILLED WITH LEARNING, FUN, AND REFLECTION. WE'RE PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED AND EXCITED FOR WHAT'S NEXT!



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YEAR 5

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Three horizontal lines for writing random thoughts.



Year 6

Halfway there, Year 6! With only two terms left before graduation, what a journey it's been so far. The second half of this term has been nothing short of incredible — a whirlwind of learning, laughter, and leadership.

We celebrated our UTS x Play program with an inspiring showcase of earthquake prevention and solution ideas. We shared smiles and joy at the annual school Eid Fete. We became role models and guides for the younger years during our famous Multicultural Day event. We explored the legacy of influential Muslims through the Islamic Museum of Australia workshop. And we wrapped it all up with the excitement of The Twits performance and a thrilling soccer competition.

As we look ahead to Semester 2, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned holiday break — ready to return refreshed and eager for the adventure that lies ahead!



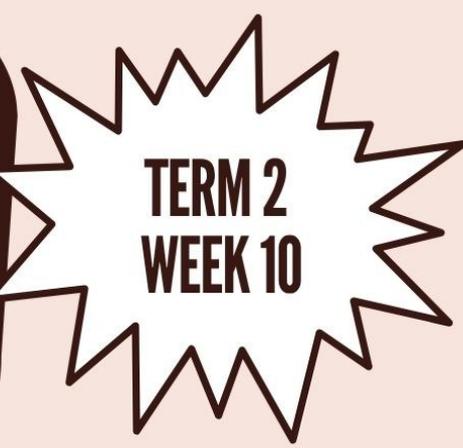
ARABIC QURAN ISLAMIC STUDIES

The Islamic Studies and Quran staff hosted an interactive Hajj Tour for all Pre-K to Year 6 students, by modelling the various rituals of the Hajj pilgrimage. Students also had the opportunity to drink Zamzam water and make dua for the Ummah. May Allah swt grant everyone to perform Hajj in their lifetime, Ameen.





SUPPORT REPORT

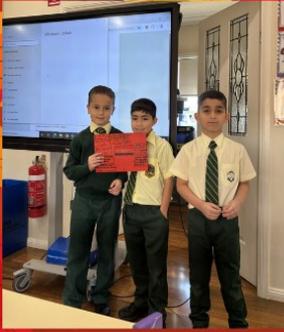


TERM 2
WEEK 10

One of the most fundamental things that goes on in our Support lessons is “talk”. In fact, I think it’s an educator’s most valuable pedagogical tool. Learning in lessons hinges on meaning making, and making meaning relates to interaction through talk (listening, speaking, responding) encountered in lessons. Questions are what steer and drive our lessons. We have been trying to explicitly dig deeper in our discussions, to add on and build thinking, through suggesting alternatives and posing all types of questions, including open-ended ones, to extend or challenge a previous point. We have improved our active listening skills and the ability to reflect on what we have heard. As a result, most students have further developed their awareness and ability to act on feedback they’ve been given through these “talk” interactions.

- Mr Puglisi-





EXTENSION *DEBATING*





Kids for the Planet

26/6/25



UTS PARTNERSHIP



We are delighted to continue our partnership with the UTS: University of Technology Sydney (UTS). Our Yr 5 and Yr.6 students will receive instruction in Maths, Science and Technology (STEM) weekly over Term 2 and our robotics students will spend a day at the University later this term. It was wonderful to share the event with parents! These partnerships improve oppor-

Aftab Malik Islamophobia Special Envoy Visit



Arkana College was delighted to host the Special Envoy for Islamophobia Mr. Aftab Malik who discussed his role in combating hate, fear and discrimination directed at the Muslim community in Australia.

Mr. Malik met with students, staff and parents as well as our national champions robotics team on their upcoming trip to Japan.

100 DAYS KINDERGARTEN



Congratulations to our Kindergarten classes who recently celebrated 100 days off Kindergarten!

Students dressed as grandparents and enjoyed a special performance with their teachers, parents and even some grand parents!

PARENT COUNCIL EID FETE



The 2025 Parent Council Eid Fete was another spectacular success with activities, attractions and variety of delicious treats, food and drinks!

Its always a celebration when our wider school community comes together.

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Multicultural Day was truly spectacular!

From the vibrant morning rotations, where students engaged in a variety of cultural activities, to the wonderful assembly filled with engaging performances, the entire day was a beautiful celebration of diversity and community.

We ended the day with a shared lunch, where families, friends, and staff came together to enjoy delicious food and great company. It was heartwarming to see our school community connect and celebrate the many cultures that make us who we are.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special— from our dedicated staff to our supportive families. Your contributions made it a day to remember!

