

ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we complete the final stretch of what has been another remarkable school term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared over the last three terms here at Arkana College.

What we have built together is far more than a school community, it is a thriving culture embedded in care, courage, determination, connection, and humility.

These values have not only defined who we are but have also shaped the character of each and every student at our school.

From the classrooms to our rich and diverse co curricular programs, the determination shown by our young students, to succeed in all areas of school life has been nothing short of inspiring.

We are especially proud of those who represent our school across a wide array of pursuits including debating, public speaking, sport and recently our robotics teams who once again exceeded all expectations at the world robotics finals in Japan. These achievements speaks volumes about the strength of character and forward thinking mindset being cultivated in our school.

Term three was also a time for several special events including incursions and activities for Numeracy/Literacy week and Science week , art workshops as well as our Book Week character parade, Palestine Al Quds Day

Our outreach programs included cooking for disadvantaged families and engaging with those living with a disability.

It is this holistic learning experience at Arkana College which gives our students a unique education which prepares them to be responsible citizens with a local and global worldview with a proud identity as Muslim Australians.

As we conclude another eventful term I convey our best wishes to all students, staff and families for a safe and enjoyable spring holiday.

Mr. Karolia
Principal



KEY DATES

13/10 Staff PD Day
14/10 Term 4 commences, all students PreK—Yr.6
17/10 SRC nominations close
22-23/10 Yr.6 Gold Coast
27-31/10 K-4 Learn to Swim
06/11 PIP Expo
19-21/11 Yr. 5/6 Camp
18/11 Hijab party
02/12 EOY Assembly
03/12 PreK graduation
04/12 Robotics nationals
08/12 Yr. 6 graduation
11/12 End of year picnic and last day of school
02/02/26 First day of school K-6



Team Arkana the world robotics finals in Osaka, Japan

PREK

TERM 3 2025



Big smiles, curious questions,
and lots of learning! PreK
loved meeting our community
helpers this term!

From firefighters to everyday
heroes, PreK got to see
community helpers in action!
Hands up if you loved our
community helper visits this
term - PreK sure did!



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★ Book Character Parade

The children proudly dressed up as their favourite book characters and paraded with big smiles. From superheroes to princesses, animals to adventurers, it was wonderful to see their love for stories come to life.

📖 Spelling Bee

Our youngest learners amazed us with their confidence and growing spelling skills in their very first Spelling Bee. They showed great effort, persistence, and a love of words!

📚 Book Fair

The Book Fair was a huge success! Kindy students eagerly browsed through the books, discovering new stories and adding some treasures to their home libraries.

÷ World of Maths

During the Maths incursion, Kindy had hands-on fun solving puzzles, playing number games, and learning that maths is everywhere around us.

🔬 Kaleidoscope

To top it off, the Science incursion sparked lots of curiosity and excitement! Our students explored, experimented, and asked fantastic questions as little scientists in the making.

🇵🇸 Al Quds Day

Our students also participated in Al Quds Day, showing their support and solidarity for Palestine. This was a meaningful moment where they learned about compassion, unity, and standing up for justice.





Term 3 Week 10 KT Newsletter

Our Kindergarten Days
In our classroom, bright and sweet,
Every day's a special treat.
We paint and sing, we laugh and play,
We learn new things in every way.
With kind friends by our side each day,
We share, we help, we find our way.
Hand in hand, we grow and learn,
For every smile, a star we earn!

KT students have worked so well this term, learning their letters and sounds to help them develop their reading skills in all subject areas. This term was filled with so many exciting adventures. We can't wait to learn and play again in Term 4!

Learning about volume



We love learning!



Spelling Bee



Being creative!

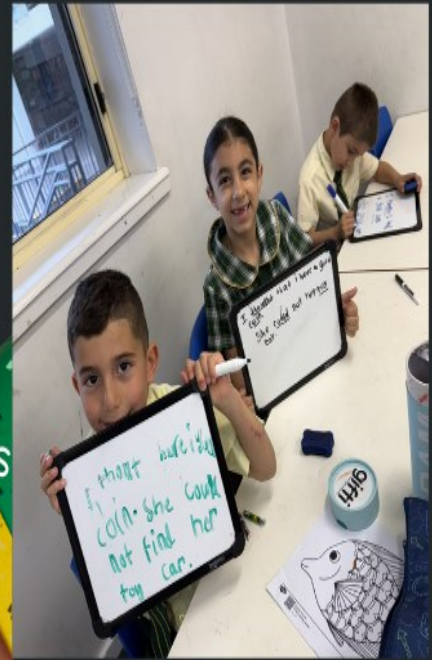


Book Character Parade



Have a lovely and safe spring holiday break!





We are Year 1M.
Thankful for the lessons
we learn, for the
memories we share, and
for the friendships we
continue to make.



1P

WITH MISS PARKIN



TERM 3 WEEKS 5-10

Wow! What an exciting five weeks it has been in 1P! We have loved creating our very own Plant Pots, playing lots of Sight Word Bingo, showing off our spelling skills in the Spelling Bee, exploring our very first Book Fair, and dressing up in the most creative outfits for the Book Parade. We also celebrated Palestine Al-Quds Day together. We can't wait to see all the fun and learning Term 4 will bring!



YR 2 T3 WK 10

Wow, what an exciting few weeks we've had! Year 2 students looked fantastic at the Book Character Parade, with so many creative costumes and favourite stories brought to life. We also had so much fun in the Spelling Bee, showing off all the tricky words we've been learning. And a huge shout-out to Safaa Kassab for doing so well in the Harmony Cup – we are so proud of you!



NEWS LETTER

YEAR 3

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BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Year 3 students shone at our Book Character Parade, arriving in creative costumes inspired by their favourite stories. From fairytale heroes to adventurous explorers, the parade was a fun celebration of reading and imagination.

HIGHLIGHTS

AL QUDS DAY

We celebrated Al-Quds Day in school, where students learned about the importance of peace, unity, and standing for justice. It was a meaningful occasion that encouraged reflection and respect for others.



ENGLISH

In English, Year 3 have been exploring persuasive texts. Students learnt how to express their opinions, give clear reasons, and use strong words to convince others. They enjoyed writing their persuasive texts using laptops on fun topics and sharing their arguments with the class.



BOOK FAIR

Year 3 had a wonderful time at the Book Fair! Students enjoyed exploring a wide range of books, stationery, and posters, and they were very excited to pick out some of their favourites to buy and take home.



THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



Al Quds day was held this term at our school. We learnt about the history and importance of this sacred place in Palestine. We also performed a song about resilience and resistance.



Our world of Math incursion was a blast! We worked in groups to solve math problems and puzzles. Did you know Math is more than just numbers? It's all around us.



Our science incursion was all about physics. What goes up, must come down. Isaac Newton recorded some cool laws of physics.

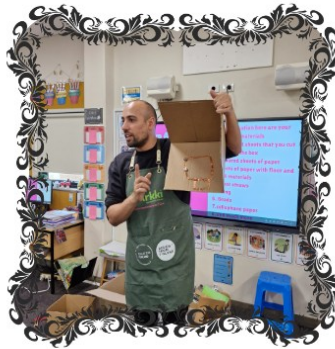


Book character parade was a great day filled with joy and laughter. We dressed up in our favourite character costumes to parade around the hall. Check out our cool costumes.

TERM 3, WEEKS 6-10



ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL



ARKKI-STEM



CHARACTER
PARADE



AL QUDS DAY



WORLD OF MATHS



PARTY TIME!



MY NOTES

THIS HALF OF THE TERM HAS BEEN PACKED WITH EXCITING EVENTS, LEARNING, AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS! ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WAS OUR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL. EVERYONE GAVE THEIR BEST EFFORT AND SHOWED GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP AND SCHOOL SPIRIT. FROM RUNNING RACES TO TEAM RELAYS, IT WAS A FUN DAY FULL OF ENERGY!

IN SCIENCE AND STEM, WE GOT TO EXPLORE ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS THROUGH THE ARKKI PROGRAM. USING WIRES, BATTERIES, AND SWITCHES, WE LEARNED HOW ELECTRICITY FLOWS AND EVEN DESIGNED SYSTEMS THAT WORKED. ANOTHER HUGE HIGHLIGHT WAS THE BOOK CHARACTER PARADE. WE WALKED IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL, PARENTS, AND JUDGES IN THE HALL, SHOWING OFF OUR CREATIVE COSTUMES. IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE CHARACTERS FROM FAVOURITE BOOKS COME TO LIFE AND CELEBRATE OUR LOVE OF READING.

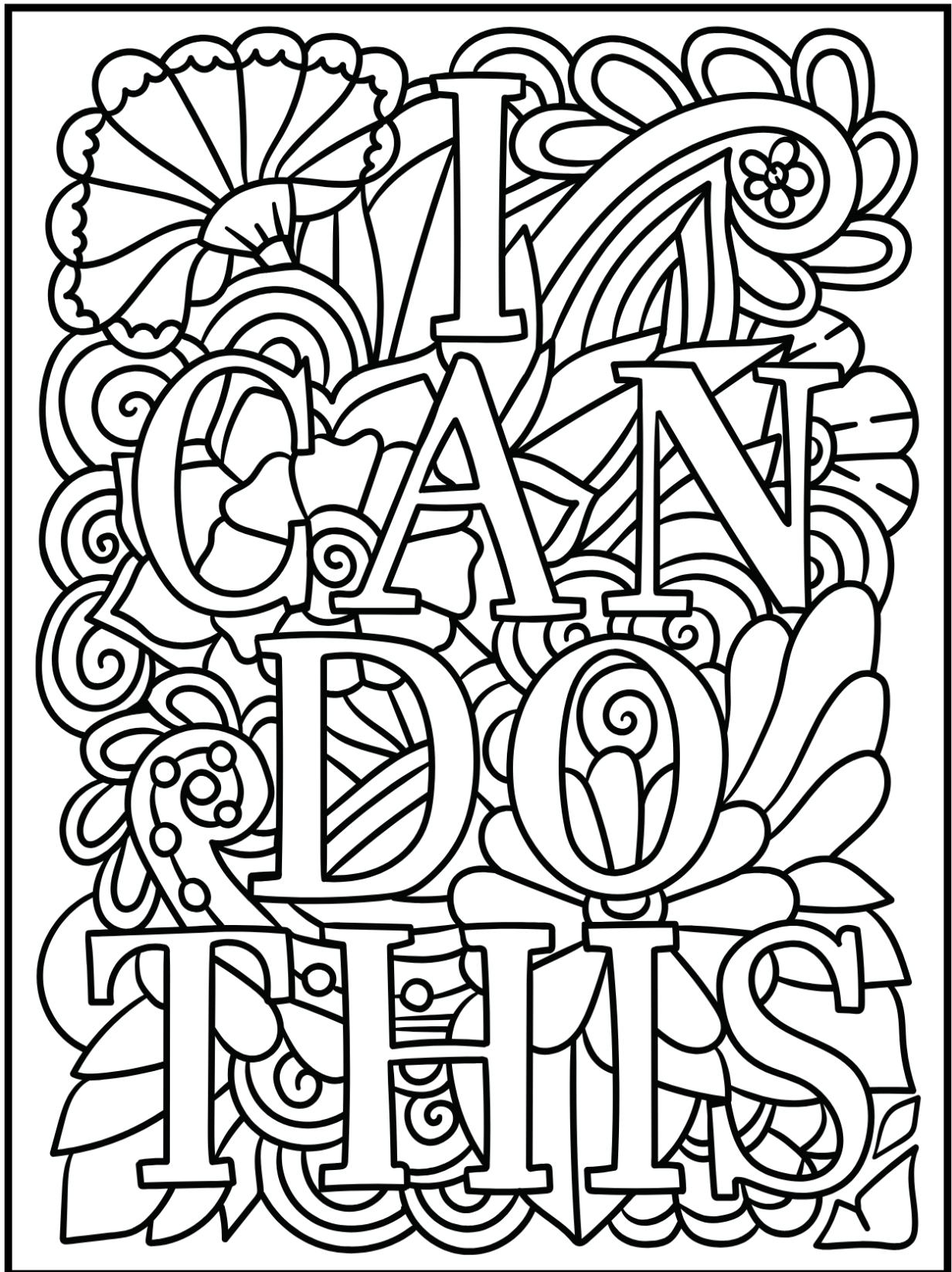
MATHS WAS EXTRA EXCITING WHEN WE HAD THE WORLD OF MATHS INCURSION. WE SOLVED HANDS-ON PROBLEMS, WORKED TOGETHER AS A TEAM, AND STRETCHED OUR BRAINS IN NEW WAYS.

WE ALSO MARKED AL QUDS DAY. IT GAVE US THE CHANCE TO REFLECT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AL QUDS IN ISLAMIC HISTORY AND WHY IT HOLDS SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE FOR MUSLIMS AROUND THE WORLD.

AND OF COURSE, ONE OF THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS WAS THE SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS ISSA! WITH BALLOONS, FLOWERS, CHOCOLATES, AND TREATS, IT WAS SUCH A JOYFUL WAY TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER AND SHOW OUR APPRECIATION.

WEEKS 6-10 WERE PACKED WITH LEARNING, TEAMWORK, AND MEMORIES WE'LL NEVER FORGET!

Mindful Colouring



YEAR 6

WITH MRS RIZK



One More Term to Go

Year 6, our journey's nearly done,
But oh, this term has been such fun!
From stepping out in grand display,

At the grand Character Parade,
To building houses strong and tall,
That could withstand a volcano's fall.
We measured shapes both big and small,

And calculated the areas of them all.
Some gave their best on courts and tracks,

With sporting spirit at our backs.
While others built with skill and might,
Robots ready to shine so bright.

One more term, then off we fly,
To high school halls where dreams
soar high.

But memories here will always stay,
Of Year 6 learning, fun, and play.



ARABIC QURAN ISLAMIC STUDIES

This term Arkana College celebrated it's 17th annual Al-Quds Day. The purpose of which is to educate our future generations about Islam's third holiest site and establish a strong love and connection to our beloved Al-Aqsa. Our students engaged in impressive presentations and performances which informed and captivated young and old. Students also raised much needed funds for Palestinian refugees.



SUPPORT REPORT

List of ways to improve a student's vocabulary

Play word games – Scrabble, Boggle, Upwords

Encourage independent reading

Read aloud

Reading together – choral reading and/or echo reading

Model yourself first then challenge students to use new words – for example “bioluminescence”

Encourage children to ask about words

Games – Reading Bingo, Charades, Scattegories, Taboo, Pictionary

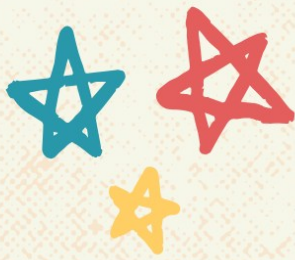
Dust off your old thesaurus and/or dictionary, show them how to use it and get them to actually use it

Story cut outs/visual only stories/cartoons

Model and teach, interesting vocabulary intentionally and explicitly – example, new word a day – today's word is “concordance” – if anyone (student or parent) has read this article, and comes to me and uses “concordance” correctly in a sentence, I will happily give them one million dollars!

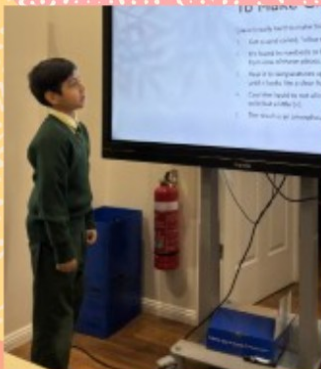
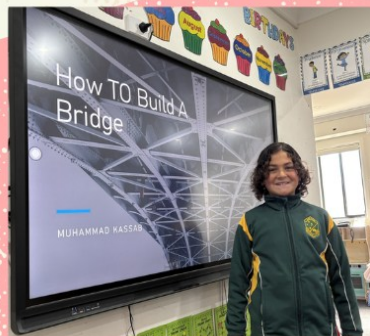
- Mr Puglisi -





EXTENSION

Term 3



SOCIAL ACTION EXPO



Our students proudly showcased the Arkana Disability Outreach Program at the IPSHA Social Action Expo at St Ignatius Riverview. It was wonderful to see their passion and commitment to community service shine through. We also had the opportunity to explore other inspiring projects from independent schools around Sydney. A huge congratulations to our students for creating an engaging, informative, reflective and interactive display that impressed the 10 other schools present. May Allah swt continue to bless us with opportunities to make a positive impact.



URC World Robotics Finals— Japan

Our robotics teams have exceeded all expectations by finishing eighth and tenth in the world finals, whilst securing our highest ever international competition points. We congratulate all students and their teachers Mr. Kayal and Ms. Rizk who deliver robotics in addition to their teaching duties in their free time during recess/lunch. Students also had the opportunity to visit iconic locations in Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Kpbe and Nara, discovering a new culture and it's diverse attractions and landscapes. Our students were outstanding ambassadors of our school, community and country. We warmly thank all our sponsors for their support Our warmest appreciation is also extended to parents and family members who joined the trip, we loved your company! We look forward to the nationals later this year and if we qualify to the world finals in 2026



ROBOTICS



Celebrating Zayn Nasreddine of Yr 5 who came 2nd in Australia in the URC virtual robotics challenge for students in primary schools. Zayn was also a leading member of our world finals team in Japan.

First place in the High School division was Ilyas Tabikh who graduated from our Yr 6 cohort in 2024. Ilyas is currently in Yr 7 at Amity College and we are equally proud of him. Ilyas made 2 trips to Japan with our robotics teams and it's encouraging to see what he learnt at Arkana continue to be a



Our 2025 campaign for the URC Robotics World Finals was formally launched by Georges River Council Mayor Elise Borg along with our sponsors.

Our robotics team delivered a demonstration and plaques were handed out to each of our sponsors

AAG Infrastructure

Salaam Foundation

Human Appeal International

MCCA

ICTechnology

Gridware

Amana OSHC

Ultimate Security

Faz Uniforms

Salaam and Salaam Foundation founder and Managing Director Professor Talal Yassine and Emma Barrett of Russel Investments visited our robotics teams for a demonstration and to learn more about the program.

Salaam have been a major partner of our robotics program and other initiatives including debating, homeless outreach program and our cricket program. We are thrilled to announce that Salaam have committed to another three years in supporting initiatives at Arkana College.

Yr 6 FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM



A warm welcome to former Arkana student Seif Zaki who recently delivered a financial literacy workshop with his colleague Humzah Yassine from Salaam as part of our transition to HS program with Yr 6. Seif and Humzah are both completing their Business/Law degrees and Yr 6 found the session both informative and engaging. Seif embodies all the qualities we wish to see in our Arkana alumni, it was a pleasure having both Seif and Humzah at Arkana College. Transition to High School is an important part of the Arkana Yr. 6 experience.

MATHS and ART INCURSION



During Literacy/Numeracy week students enjoyed a maths incursion with activities and problem solving tasks to match syllabus outcomes for each year level. The day made maths both engaging and memorable for all!



Renowned artist Matthew Lin visited Arkana College for Yr. 3-Yr. 6 to conduct art workshops as aligned with the Creative and Practical Arts syllabus outcomes. Students really enjoyed the workshops and Matthews captivating style of delivery.

DEBATING



Our debating teams continued another stellar season with remarkable season both hosting schools as well as at away events. Congratulations to Ms. Melligi and her talented debaters!

ATHLETICS



Celebrating Jacob Refai of Yr 6!
Jacob won first place in discus at our school athletics carnival as well as the ASISSA zone athletics carnival where he came first from dozens of independent school from across Sydney. This qualified Jacob for CISNSW where he placed 7th from ALL independent schools in NSW! This is a significant achievement and we are all very proud of Jacob!

RUGBY LEAGUE



Our senior rugby league team had another successful event with two wins, a loss and a draw in the St. George NRL Gala Day. Congratulations to the boys and their coach, Sh Taha.

NSW HARMONY CUP



Seven Arkana students were selected to represent NSW in Futsal and Basketball at the Combined Islamic Schools national tournament in QLD. Congratulations Amara Deeb, Zeinab Nasreddine, Jasiya Arja, Imaan Williams, Yusef Jomaa, Abdul Karim Dargham, Malik Chebli

Book Week Character Parade



The 2025 Book Week Character Parade was another memorable event with students, staff and a growing number of parents dressing as their favourite book characters for a truly special occasion! Special thanks to our three community judges!

PALESTINE AL QUDS DAY



The 2025 Palestine Al Quds Day was a special event with a large number of parents attending in attendance. Students impressed with presentations and performances.

The purpose of our 17th Palestine Al Quds Day is not just a fundraiser. It is to establish in future generations a strong love and connection to Al Aqsa Al Sharif and its humbling to see even the young ones in PreK show such spirit. It was a day to celebrate Palestinian history, culture, food, dress and it's central place in the Islamic faith. We also showed solidarity and empathy to victims of the current conflict.

