

ARKANA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



ARKANA PULSE - The Arkana College Newsletter Week 5, Term One 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy yet enjoyable term one 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.

It's been particularly wonderful to welcome new students and staff as we transition to a two stream school in 2025 with a second Kindergarten and Yr. 1 class.

We were pleased to deliver grocery hampers for Ramadan to recently arrived Gazan refugee families from the conflict as well as other vulnerable local families. The initiative reminded us during the month of Ramadan of the importance of community and the principle of giving to others. We thank all those who participated, particularly our families who donated so generously and students who packed the hampers with our partners at Lighthouse Community Services and other volunteers including Canterbury Bankstown Mayor Bilal El Hayek

Our commitment to STEM and robotics continues, we are the current primary school national champions and we are preparing our campaign to the world finals in Japan later this year. We are thrilled to have recently opened a dedicated STEM/Robotics classroom with space and facilities.

Our senior girls' basketball team won the Harmony Cup finals and students enjoyed a wonderful swimming carnival with some very competitive races in the heats and finals.

I conclude by wishing students and staff a happy and safe remainder of Ramadan and a very warm Eid Mubarak to the entire Arkana College community, may it be a blessed and reflective time for all.

Mr. Karolia
Principal



KEY DATES

10/3 Ramadan Quran competition starts

12/3 NAPLAN begins for Yr. 3 and Yr. 5

14/3 Parent Council School Iftar

31/3-1/4 Eid Al Fitr (school closed)

08/04 PreK –Yr. 6 assemblies

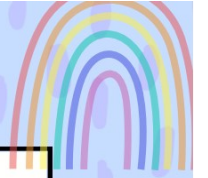
10/04 Last Day Term One

11/04 Parent/Teacher interviews (Pupil Free Day)

29/04 Term Two begins all students PreK—Yr. 6



PreK Rhyme



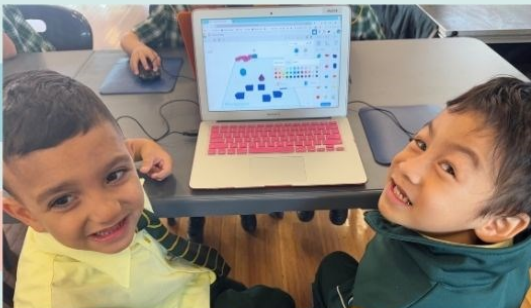
Practicing lines from the top down,
Reading our favourite books that are renowned.
Exploring bugs and critters through a lens,
Kicking a ball and playing with friends.
Identifying numbers on our class number line,
Numberblocks teach us what happens when
numbers combine!
Dancing to 'Go Noodle' and singing songs,
Yes! We love PREKINDY... it is where we
belong!



KINDERGARTEN - KK

We are off to an exciting start in Kindergarten! We are diving into the magical world of letters and sounds—learning how to recognise them and blend them together to make words! You'll be amazed at how quickly our little learners become word wizards!

In math, we are exploring numbers to 10, counting, recognising, and even practicing how to write them. Plus, we are becoming shape detectives, discovering 2D shapes like circles, squares, and triangles all around us! 🔍✨ We're also having fun creating and continuing patterns—can your child spot patterns at home?





YEAR 1M

We love our sounds and our sentences in 1M 😊
Building and expanding on the different forms of sentence writing, has been both engaging and entertaining. We've written and read a range of informative and oh so interesting sentences. 1M have also enjoyed their Friday arts and crafts and sports fun with their peers.



1P

WITH MISS PARKIN



TERM 1
WEEKS 1-5

Sport



Scope IT



1P has had a fantastic start to the year! We've been learning how to write information reports on Giraffes, Turtles and Jellyfish. In library, students have enjoyed borrowing books and exploring a wide variety of options.



Sport



CAPA



YEAR 2 TERM 1 WEEK 5 2025



Year 2 First day of school
SCOPE IT
Science Experiment
SPORT





Newsletter

Year 3 TERM 1



THIS TERM

Learning and Activities

Wow! What an exciting time we've had in Year 3 this term! Our little learners have been busy exploring, creating, and having so much fun. Here's a look at what we've been up to:



A MONTH OF FUN AND LEARNING! 🌟

🎨 ART WITH A TASTY TWIST!



SPORTS FUN!



📖 LIBRARY/ SCOPE IT!



SWIMMING CARNIVAL SPLASH!



THE YEAR 4 SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER BY YEAR 4 STUDENTS



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Swimming is one of the 3 sunnah sports our beloved prophet Muhammad (PBUH) encouraged us to practice. Our little swimmers were fantastic in the water. Congratulations everyone.



CHARITY SERVICE

We love spending our time for the sake of others and Allah (swt). This term we took the time out to set up a charity service stall where all funds were donated to our selected charity.



RAMADAN

With Ramadan upon us, we are decorating our room with colourful lanterns. We are blessed to be part of a community that sacrifices so much in this month which helps up improved our character and connection with Allah (swt).



LIBRARY

Who needs books when you have the internet? Well kids need books to help fuel their imagination and improve their literacy. We love going to our humble school library to learn new things and read new books.

YEAR 5

2025



MINDFUL COLOURING JOURNAL

TERM 1, WEEKS 1-5



PRE-K BUDDIES



MATH GAMES



TYPING



NAPLAN



SCOPE IT



SPORT



MY NOTES

OUR FIRST FEW WEEKS OF YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN SO MUCH FUN AND FULL OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES! IN SCOPE IT, WE STARTED USING SCRATCH TO CREATE OUR OWN GAMES, AND IT WAS REALLY COOL TO SEE HOW CODING WORKS. THE ST GEORGE DRAGONS VISITED OUR SCHOOL AND TAUGHT US ABOUT RESILIENCE, WHICH MEANS NEVER GIVING UP, EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE TOUGH. WE PLAYED SOME FUN DRILLS WITH THEM, AND IT WAS GREAT TO WORK AS A TEAM. IN MATHS, WE LEARNED SOME NEW GAMES TO HELP WITH OUR MENTAL COMPUTATION SKILLS, WHICH MADE PRACTISING QUICK THINKING MUCH MORE ENJOYABLE. ONE OF THE BEST PARTS HAS BEEN SPENDING TIME WITH OUR PRE-KINDY BUDDIES—WE PLAYED GAMES, DID ACTIVITIES TOGETHER, AND EVEN VISITED THEM AT RECESS AND LUNCH TO MAKE SURE THEY FELT WELCOME. WE'VE ALSO BEEN PRACTISING OUR TYPING TO GET READY FOR NAPLAN, AND IT'S ALREADY HELPING US GET FASTER. IT'S BEEN A BUSY BUT EXCITING START TO THE YEAR, AND WE CAN'T WAIT FOR WHAT'S NEXT!



YEAR 6



WITH MRS RIZK



Year 6 - A Fantastic Start to Term 1!

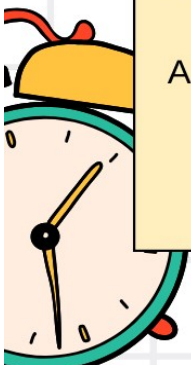
What an exciting start to the year! We had a blast testing our patience and teamwork out on the water during our Wellbeing Day and getting to know each other even better through archery tag.

In class, we've been diving into the world of narratives—exploring the lives of characters and uncovering how authors bring them to life.

A huge thank you to our families for their incredible support in making our fundraiser a huge success!

Ramadan Mubarak to all our lovely families.

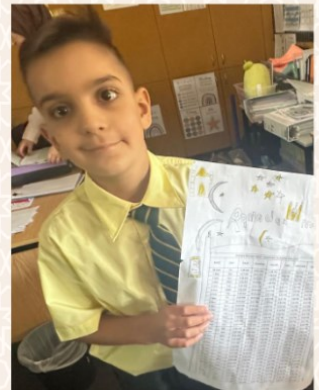
Wishing you a blessed and peaceful month!



Arabic Quran Islamic Studies

Arkana College students have been buzzing with excitement in anticipation for the commencement of the holy month of Ramadan. In true Arkana College spirit, our senior students were at the service of the community, sorting and packing pantry staples into Ramadan hampers for Gazan refugees and designing Ramadan calendars

Ramadan also signals the start of our Annual Ramadan Quran Competition, which is a cherished tradition at Arkana College, where our students showcase their dedication to the Quran by memorizing and reciting selected Surahs. We ask Allah swt to grant all our competition entrants success, Ameen.



The Arabic, Quran & Islamic Studies Department would like to wish the Arkana College community a blessed Ramadan!

SCENT OF A SUPPORT REPORT

Arkana students are not judge or jury. But I can tell you this... Arkana students won't sell anybody out to buy their future!! And that, my friends, is called integrity! That's called courage! Now that's the stuff leaders should be made of. When our students come to the crossroads of their life, they will always know what the right path is. Without exception, they will know. And In Sha 'Allah they will take it. You know why? It won't be too hard for them. Now here's our Arkana students in 2025. They will come to the crossroads. They have chosen a path. It's the right path. It's a path made of principle...that leads to character. They will continue on their journey In Sha 'Allah. We hold our children's future in our hands here at Arkana College. It's a valuable future. We all believe in it. We will not destroy it! We will protect it. Embrace it. It will make us all proud!!

Mr Puglisi



SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Yr. 3-6 students, staff and parents enjoyed our swimming carnival at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre with several students making qualification times to enter the ASISSA zone carnival!

Harmony Cup Basketball Grand Final



Our senior girls team are the Islamic schools champions after a close win over Malek Fahd Islamic School in the harmony Cup Grand Final to be the 20025 Basketball champions! Congratulations to the girls and their coaches, Mr. Ali and Ms. Rizk.

CHARITY SERVICE



Charity Service is a student led initiative where students can raise funds for a charity of their choice locally or around the world. It teaches empathy and encourages students to make a difference in the lives of others.

Students may sell items or arrange games/competitions which may need a gold coin fee to enter.

Well done to Yr. 4 girls and Yr. 6 boys for their charity initiatives this Ramadan!

World Hijab Day



Arkana College celebrated World Hijab Day earlier this term to show support and solidarity for women to have the right to wear hijab anywhere and everywhere in the world and be free from any type of harassment or discrimination.

Girls were encouraged to wear a hijab of their choice and colour for the day!



Girls who don't usually wear the hijab were encouraged to do so to build understanding, empathy and show pride and confidence in their faith identity.

New Flags Ceremony



Our amazing school captaincy team and prefects recently received our new flags for 2025. As part of their civics duties our student leaders will raise the flags each Monday and bring them down each Friday.

Wellbeing - Wise Up Program



The Wise Up Program is a wellbeing initiative delivered by police and community groups to mentor young people to be more confident, more respectful and to make better choices.

After 15 years of the program Arkana College became the first ever primary school to be part of the program.

We thank Campsie and St George Police Command, Canterbury Bankstown Mayor Bilal El Hayek who presented on leadership, community figure Ahmad Hraichie who presented on resilience. The GWS Giants and Build Alpha Kids who presented on healthy lifestyle

St George Illawarra Dragons Visit



The St. George Illawarra Dragons recently visited the school to deliver workshops to Yr. 4-6 on bullying and empathy for others.

Students also participated in rugby league skills drills with the players.



Yr. 6 Wellbeing Day



Year 6 Wellbeing Day at Narrabeen

What a fantastic day of adventure and personal growth at our Year 6 Wellbeing Day at Narrabeen! Students were challenged to test their patience, resilience, and teamwork through a range of exciting activities, including canoeing, swimming, and archery tag.

While there may have been more capsized canoes than meters gained, the spirit of perseverance and laughter made it a truly memorable experience for all. A huge well done to our students for embracing every challenge with enthusiasm!

RAMADAN GROCERY DRIVE

Arkana College partnered with Lighthouse Community Services for a grocery drive to provide urgent hampers for recently arrived refugees from Gaza, and Lebanon, the elderly and other vulnerable families. Each hamper was packed with essential grocery items and sanitary products.

We are grateful to Lighthouse Community Services for the opportunity, their volunteers for assisting, Canterbury Bankstown mayor Bilal El Hayek, community figures Ahmed Hraichie and Steve Dabliz and parent volunteer Sandra Salameh helping our kids pack hampers and parent volunteer Dino Ceranic for delivering to the homes of those in need on the first day of Ramadan. Special mention to The Nutroasters in Belmore for their large delivery of grocery items.





Ramadan 1446/2025

SYDNEY PRAYER TIMES • RAMADAN 1446/2025

DATE	Approximate Day	DAY	FAJR	SUNRISE	THUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
1-Mar	Day 1	Sat	5:17 AM	6:41 AM	1:08 PM	4:45 PM	7:33 PM	8:54 PM
2-Mar	Day 2	Sun	5:18 AM	6:42 AM	1:08 PM	4:44 PM	7:32 PM	8:53 PM
3-Mar	Day 3	Mon	5:19 AM	6:43 AM	1:08 PM	4:44 PM	7:31 PM	8:51 PM
4-Mar	Day 4	Tue	5:20 AM	6:44 AM	1:08 PM	4:43 PM	7:30 PM	8:50 PM
5-Mar	Day 5	Wed	5:21 AM	6:45 AM	1:07 PM	4:42 PM	7:28 PM	8:49 PM
6-Mar	Day 6	Thu	5:22 AM	6:46 AM	1:07 PM	4:42 PM	7:27 PM	8:47 PM
7-Mar	Day 7	Fri	5:23 AM	6:47 AM	1:07 PM	4:41 PM	7:26 PM	8:46 PM
8-Mar	Day 8	Sat	5:24 AM	6:47 AM	1:07 PM	4:40 PM	7:24 PM	8:44 PM
9-Mar	Day 9	Sun	5:25 AM	6:48 AM	1:06 PM	4:40 PM	7:23 PM	8:43 PM
10-Mar	Day 10	Mon	5:26 AM	6:49 AM	1:06 PM	4:39 PM	7:22 PM	8:41 PM
11-Mar	Day 11	Tue	5:27 AM	6:50 AM	1:06 PM	4:38 PM	7:21 PM	8:40 PM
12-Mar	Day 12	Wed	5:28 AM	6:51 AM	1:06 PM	4:37 PM	7:19 PM	8:38 PM
13-Mar	Day 13	Thu	5:29 AM	6:51 AM	1:05 PM	4:37 PM	7:18 PM	8:37 PM
14-Mar	Day 14	Fri	5:30 AM	6:52 AM	1:05 PM	4:36 PM	7:17 PM	8:36 PM
15-Mar	Day 15	Sat	5:31 AM	6:53 AM	1:05 PM	4:35 PM	7:15 PM	8:34 PM
16-Mar	Day 16	Sun	5:32 AM	6:54 AM	1:05 PM	4:34 PM	7:14 PM	8:33 PM
17-Mar	Day 17*	Mon	5:33 AM	6:55 AM	1:04 PM	4:34 PM	7:13 PM	8:31 PM
18-Mar	Day 18	Tue	5:33 AM	6:55 AM	1:04 PM	4:33 PM	7:11 PM	8:30 PM
19-Mar	Day 19	Wed	5:34 AM	6:56 AM	1:04 PM	4:32 PM	7:10 PM	8:28 PM
20-Mar	Day 20**	Thu	5:35 AM	6:57 AM	1:03 PM	4:31 PM	7:08 PM	8:27 PM
21-Mar	Day 21	Fri	5:36 AM	6:58 AM	1:03 PM	4:30 PM	7:07 PM	8:25 PM
22-Mar	Day 22	Sat	5:37 AM	6:58 AM	1:03 PM	4:29 PM	7:06 PM	8:24 PM
23-Mar	Day 23	Sun	5:38 AM	6:59 AM	1:03 PM	4:29 PM	7:04 PM	8:23 PM
24-Mar	Day 24	Mon	5:38 AM	7:00 AM	1:02 PM	4:28 PM	7:03 PM	8:21 PM
25-Mar	Day 25	Tue	5:39 AM	7:01 AM	1:02 PM	4:27 PM	7:02 PM	8:20 PM
26-Mar	Day 26***	Wed	5:40 AM	7:01 AM	1:02 PM	4:26 PM	7:00 PM	8:18 PM
27-Mar	Day 27	Thurs	5:41 AM	7:02 AM	1:01 PM	4:25 PM	6:59 PM	8:17 PM
28-Mar	Day 28	Fri	5:42 AM	7:03 AM	1:01 PM	4:24 PM	6:58 PM	8:16 PM
29-Mar	Day 29	Sat	5:42 AM	7:04 AM	1:01 PM	4:23 PM	6:56 PM	8:14 PM
30-Mar	Day 30	Sun	5:43 AM	7:04 AM	1:00 PM	4:22 PM	6:55 PM	8:13 PM

All listed dates and times are approximations based on calculations

*The Battle of Badr **The Conquest of Makkah ***Laylat-ul-Qadr (Night of Power)

