



# Arkana Pulse

*Our school newsletter*

## Principal's Message

Assalamu Alaikum

In the five weeks since the start of the term at Arkana College there has been no shortage of special occasions and events to keep students, staff and parents engaged in meaningful activities. This is in addition to the quality teaching/learning programs delivered daily by our team of dedicated activities.

This newsletter is brimming with news on the highlights of the term including sport, debating, public speaking and incursions for science, maths and wellbeing.

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 look forward to a meaningful, productive and exciting 2023 where we will continue to strive to produce well rounded, confident young people who will lead us all to a better tomorrow.

Wishing all our students, staff and families a safe and enjoyable winter vacation.



*Osman Karolia*

Mr. Osman Karolia  
Principal

## Important Dates

- 22/11 Yr. 3-6 girls hijab party
- 24/11 special assembly
- 24/11 PreK orientation
- 28/11 Kindy 2023 parent info session
- 29/11 Interfaith mosque visit
- 05/12 EOY assembly Hurstville Entertainment Centre
- 06/12 Yr. 6 graduation
- 07//12 PreK graduation
- 08/12 EOY picnic at Carss Park
- 09/09 Last day of school year
- 31/01 First day for all students PreK - Yr. 6

## ARKANA COLLEGE

### ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Human Appeal



## Orphan Sponsorship Program

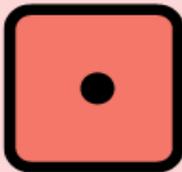
As part of our orphan support program, our school will provide care including food, shelter, medical aid, education for the five orphans in four countries. All children are encouraged to contribute \$1 a week orphan tins in their classrooms. Parents and staff can make a tax deductible donation to support our orphans by clicking the link below

<https://www.humanappeal.org.au/community-program/arkana-college/>



# ROLL AND SHARE

Get to know some interesting facts about some of the Graduating PreKindergarten students of 2023!



What is the yummiest meal you've ever had?



If you could have a superpower, what would it be?



If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be and what would you name it?



What is something you are really good at?



What is your most favourite memory of PreKindergarten?

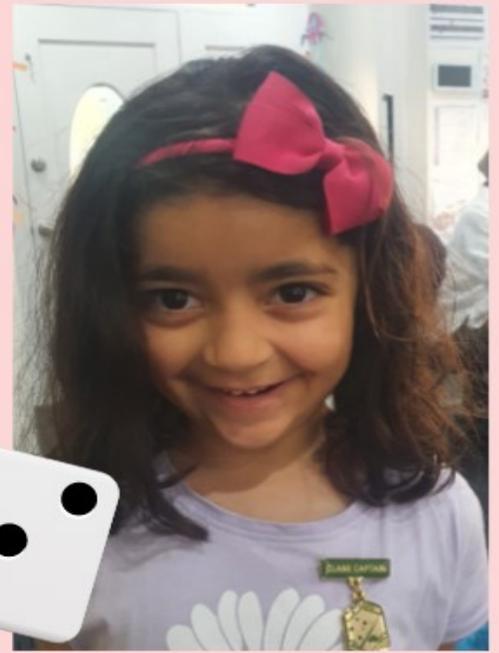


If you were a teacher, what would you do to make your class fun?



"I am really good at  
basketball"

Walid Dadoun



" I would want a pet dog  
and name it May"

Mariam Veli



"The yummiest food  
I have ever had is  
cookies!"

Maryam Moghrabi





" I would want to have  
laser powers"  
Amir Kadri



" ICE CREAM!"  
Jayda Mortada



What an  
amazing year!  
We cannot  
wait for 2023!



Ali Hammoud (on behalf of the  
PreK Graduating Class of 2023

# KINDERGARTEN

In the blink of an eye, Kindergarten reaches the end. The children played and learned with their Kindergarten friend. There has been laughter, happiness and some tears. But in our heart of hearts, we have had a great year. A Kindergarten experience is like no other. So they made memories to share with their father and mother. Forever in our hearts they will always be. Hoping to cross paths with them soon, we'll see.



Mrs Kourouche & Mrs Ghazi

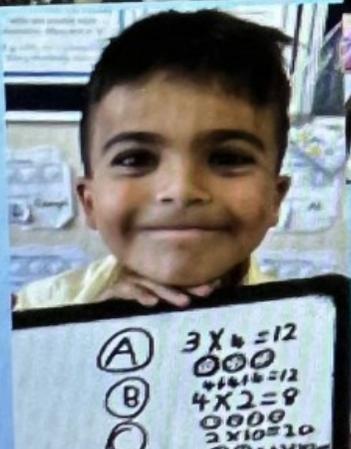
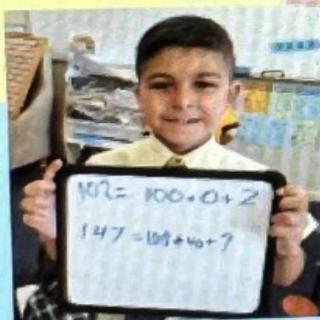
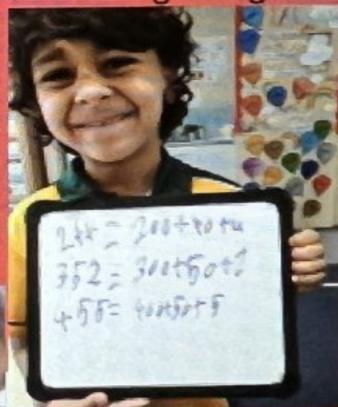


# Year One & Kindy



Welcome to the 1/K Term 4 Newsletter. I was truly blessed to go away for a while to expand my Kourouche family. Now I continue to be blessed by coming back to my Arkana family to expand the minds and hearts of the beautiful students in 1/K. I just can't wipe the ear to ear smile off my face...even during, when at that rare time, I get to do a thing called sleep...my smile is beaming from the pure joy I feel in my heart. Thank you 1/K students and parents, for being so supportive, patient and kind, in making me feel so happy to be back teaching. We have been exploring a range of print and multimodal texts to deepen their understanding of text conventions and quality texts. Students have applied their knowledge to create well-structured and composed texts on various animals. 1/K has also been practising place value of numbers, skip counting and building their knowledge on grouping and sharing using various strategies.

Thank you for such a wonderful return to teaching and start to Term 4.



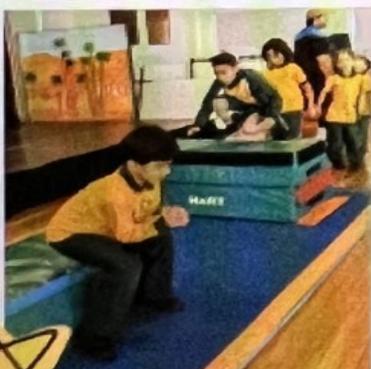
# YEAR 1

STAR, TUCK SHAPE AND MOTOR BIKE LANDS ARE THE NEW MOVES YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN LEARNING TO MASTER THIS TERM DURING THE EVER-POPULAR GYMNASTRIX CLASSES. EACH WEEK, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN NEW AND EXCITING CHALLENGES TO COMPLETE WITH CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS AND A RANGE OF COOL EQUIPMENT. SPIRITS ARE HIGH AS STUDENTS PERFORM BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A TEAM TO ACHIEVE A PERSONAL OR GROUP GOAL.

THESE CLASSES ALIGN BEAUTIFULLY WITH THE 'BUCKET-FILLING' APPROACH IN OUR LOVELY CLASSROOM, WHICH ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO SPEAK AND ACT WELL FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT AND FOR THAT OF THEIR PEERS.

FINALLY, WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS AND WITH GREAT CONCERN, YEAR 1 HUMBLY ATTEMPTED TO FILL THE BUCKETS OF YOUNG MUSLIM ORPHANS - TO BRING HAPPINESS AND LIGHT TO THEIR LIVES - BY WRITING HEART-WARMING LETTERS AND ILLUSTRATING THEM WITH BEAUTIFUL, COLOURFUL PICTURES. THEIR ENTHUSIASM WAS HIGH AND THEIR EFFORTS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED BY MANY, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MR KAROLIA.

MAY ALLAH (MOST HIGH) ACKNOWLEDGE AND REWARD THEIR EFFORT, KINDNESS AND SINCERITY. AMEEN!



# Measuring Mass with Year 2

As their lower primary years come to an end, Year 2 have been learning to use 'big' words such as hefting, predicting, and matter, whilst exploring the concept of Mass.

In preparation for their transition into upper primary, students have been working closely together, discussing and collaborating within their groups. Such skills will be utilised more over the coming years.



# YEAR 3

YEAR 3 HAS DISPLAYED A CAPACITY FOR A GREAT VOLUME OF WORK THIS TERM. WE HAVE FIGURED OUT WHAT IS CAUSING ALL THIS RAIN AND WHAT MAKES OUR CLIMATE CHANGE OVER THE YEARS. ALL WHILE IMMERSING OURSELVES IN THE LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND LIFE OF VIETNAM. NOT ONLY HAVE WE STRETCHED OUR MINDS BUT ALSO OUR BODIES WITH SOME SUPER COOL GYMNASTICS MOVES LIKE THE MOTORBIKE AND THE STAR. GO THE STARS OF YEAR 3!





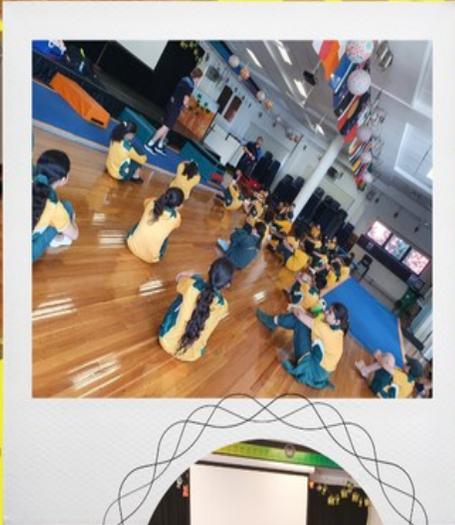
# The Year 5 Incredibles!

Is there anything that these Year 5 Superheroes can't do?



From weekly training of their minds to weekly training of their muscles!

Each week the Year 5 Incredibles participate in rigorous Gymnastic training to maintain their speed, agility, strength and balance.



## Yr. 6 Gold Coast Excursion



A wonderful day on the Gold Coast with Yr 6, their teachers and a number of parents. The trip is part of a series of events to mark the graduation journey of our Yr 6 students and we couldn't be prouder of them!

Students had a chance for a splash in the water at Coolangatta beach followed by a day of thrills and excitement at Warner Bros Movie World.

A big shout out to Azucar Café for their complimentary light breakfast and bag of refreshments and snacks provided to students, staff and parents participating in the trip.

# Charity Service Cooperate

Mr Puglisi and Mrs Ghazi



**"Students and teachers alike were perplexed by trying to guess the exact number of American candy in the jar. If you look closely, you can see smoke coming out of Ms Kourouche's and Ms Ibrahim's ears!"**

## Charity Service Cooperate



**"So you call yourself an artist! Let's see what you can create. You may even win a prize. Of course, it's all for charity...and inspiration."**



**"We have bracelets to sell. We have bracelets for you to make. We have a lucky dip. We also have painting for you to do if you feel like Picasso! It's like being at a fete!!!"**



**"Anyone up for a drink...of a delicious concoction. A variety of flavours to quench your thirst after a hard session of Spelling, Writing or Fractions to choose from to make you feel alive again!"**

# Charity Service Cooperate



**"These exclusive boutique beautifully crafted hand-made accessories will make any outfit look amazing!"**



**From the children. By the children.**

**"Back in the day, kids had marble competitions. These days the marbles have been replaced by super cool ooshies. What's your ooshie battle plan? Do you have an ooshie special flicking technique?"**



**"You got to be in it to win it! Buy a ticket and you'll be helping someone who really needs it. Great mystery prizes to win!"**



**From the children. By the children.**



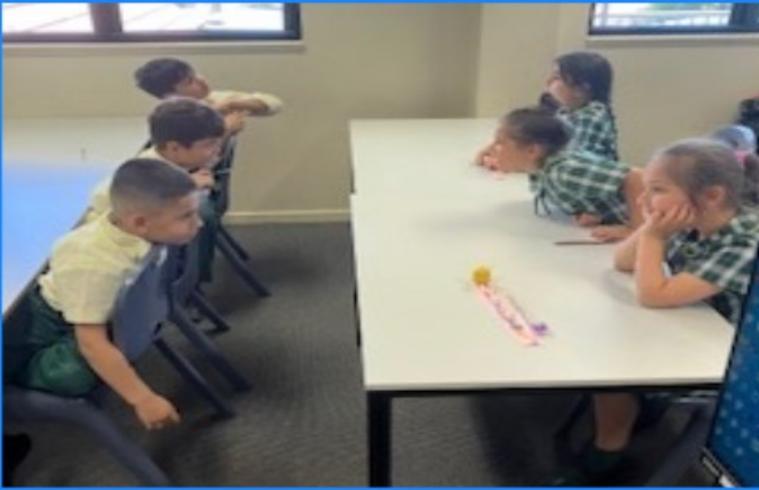
## Support Report – Week 5, Term 4, 2022



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





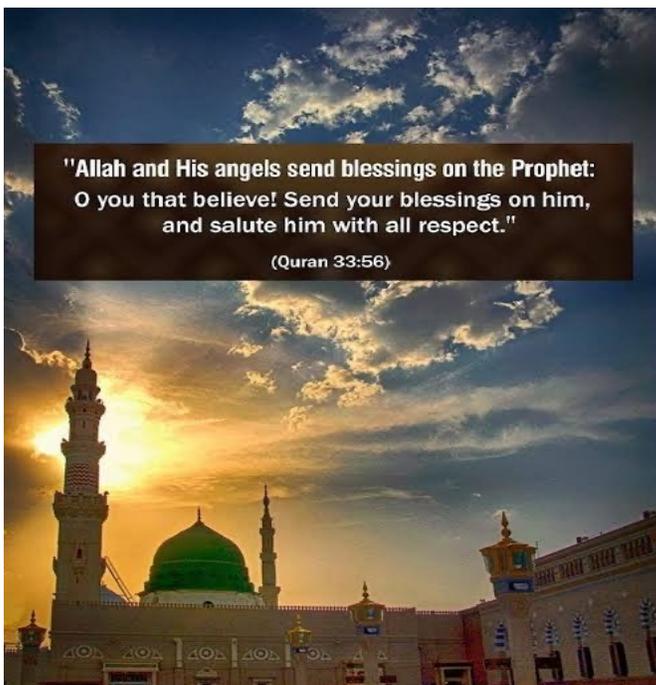
## ARABIC

Al-Salamu Alikum,

Term 4 is a busy and exciting term. Even though there are only a few weeks until the holidays, there is still a lot to get through. Not only is there the end of year exams commencing in week 5 but preparation and rehearsal for Presentation Night will be evident throughout this term. I wish all of my students the best of luck in their exams and in their presentation night performance.



## ISLAMIC STUDIES



In Islamic Studies students have been reflecting on the life and legacy of the Holy Prophet pbuh. This included looking at his character and noble qualities which we try to emulate.

This includes respect for others, to show compassion, kindness and mercy, to be clean and to give generously to help others.

# Public Speaking



Congratulations to Safiyah Bowens and Aleefa Gould for competing in the IPSHA Speakers Challenge. They put in a wonderful effort against some of the best student speakers in NSW.

This was the final event to cap another wonderful year of public speaking at Arkana College with outstanding results in several competitions!

# Debating @ Arkana



Congratulations to the Arkana College on an outstanding year of debating which ended with us being the Islamic Schools debating champions!

Ms Melligi has been outstanding in preparing our students for debates against some of Sydney's leading independent schools!