COCOS ISLANDS
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

As we progress through a busy and rewarding Term 2, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many wonderful activities and achievements across our school community so far this year.

A highlight of term one was our Harmony Day celebrations, bringing together students and staff from both campuses on Home Island. The day was a vibrant celebration of culture, connection, and community spirit. It was inspiring to see students learning and working together, celebrating the unique diversity that makes our school such a special place.

STEM activities also offered exciting opportunities for collaboration and creativity, as students from both campuses designed, built, and tested catapults. The teamwork, problem-solving, and enthusiasm displayed were outstanding, highlighting our students' innovative thinking.
West Island students further showcased their creativity by brightening up the Early Childhood playgrounds with colourful artwork and designs. Special recognition goes to Zuhdie, whose amazing artwork took centre stage and was admired by all who visited the area.

In Home Economics, our High School students explored cultural cooking by creating delicious traditional foods such as Kueh Dadar, Nasi Goreng, Ayer Bandung, and Curry Puffs. These experiences not only built practical cooking skills but also deepened students' understanding and appreciation of local culture and traditions.

2026 CALENDAR

SEMESTER 1 - TERM 2

27 May	Hari Raya Haji
5 June	Cross Country Event on HI
8 June	King's Birthday
10 June	2:00pm R&R HI 2:15pm R&R WI
12 June	Topsy Turvy Morning & Learning Journey

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

3 July - 20 July 2026

Students from both West Island and Home Island participated in the Junior Nurse Program, visiting local health clinics and learning more about healthcare and community wellbeing. A heartfelt thank you to Nurse Amy for coordinating the visits and activities across both clinics. Your support and commitment to our students are greatly appreciated.
I would also like to sincerely thank our community members who attended the school's ANZAC Day Assembly. It was a respectful and meaningful service, and I was incredibly proud of our student leaders, who participated with such humility, maturity, and respect. Thank you as well to our High School students who baked ANZAC biscuits to share after the service—a thoughtful contribution appreciated by all.

Another exciting development this term has been the establishment of our student choirs. Thank you to Mr. B for bringing this opportunity to our students. The choir members are thoroughly enjoying learning and singing "Taba Naba," and they are already sounding fantastic.

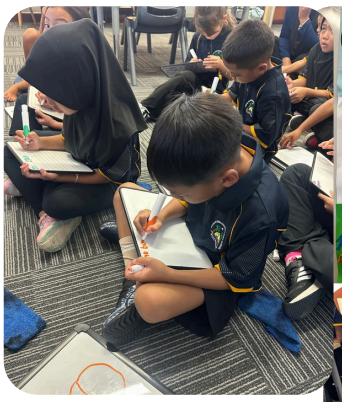
Finally, I want to highlight the important work underway to support our young families and preschool-aged children. The Abecedarian and Better Beginnings Programs are both designed to give our youngest learners the best possible start on their educational journey. Abecedarian sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, while Better Beginnings—our library-based preschool program coordinated by Nek Namira—runs on Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. We strongly encourage all families with preschool children to join these wonderful programs, helping every child on the Cocos Islands begin school on the best possible footing.

Thank you to our staff, students, families, and the wider community for your continued support of our school. Together, we create meaningful opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and thrive.

Warm regards
Pak Eli

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASSROOMS?

Home Island Year 1/2 - Miss Sophie







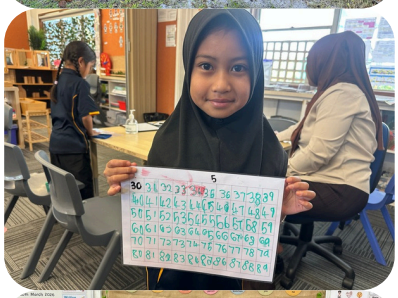
We've had a great start to the term in Year 1/2 on Home Island! Students have been working hard to follow our learning routines and show our school values every day.

In Writing, we have been learning to write recounts using time connectives and interesting adjectives. We wrote about the ANZAC ceremony on Home Island.

We love completing our Fishing Fluency facts each week during Maths! We are working hard to learn our basic addition and subtraction facts and work through the levels. We have also been learning about money and worked together to set up a class shop, which is popular during our Investigation time on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons.



In Science during Term 1, we learnt about water and its importance for life on Cocos. We learnt about where water comes from, what it is used for and the water cycle. We worked together to create a giant water cycle poster. This term, we are beginning to explore Earth and its place in space!



On Friday morning, the whole school and community went to the ANZAC service at the War Memorial to remember the soldiers. First, I did the candle. Then, I sang the national anthem. Finally, we had delicious biscuits.

- *Humairah*







On Friday morning, the whole community had ANZAC service at the war memorial to remember the soldiers. First, we listened to the speeches from the High School students. Next, we sang a song about ANZAC with Mr B.

- *Flynn*













WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASSROOMS?

High School - Mr Martain (Pak Fynn)

Our high school students recently enjoyed their first surfing session of the term as part of the elective program. "The Spot" delivered excellent conditions, giving students the perfect opportunity to test out the school's brand-new soft boards. Students showed great enthusiasm and confidence in the water, with many improving their skills. It was fantastic to see everyone encouraging one another while enjoying the outdoors and making the most of the beautiful conditions.



In Science, students explored the difference between physical and chemical change through a delicious hands-on investigation, making honeycomb! As the mixture heated up, students observed chemical reactions taking place right before their eyes, including the release of gas that created the honeycomb's signature bubbles and texture. There was plenty of excitement as the mixture rapidly expanded, proving that chemistry is not just something found in textbooks and laboratories, it can also be found in the kitchen! Of course, the best part of the lesson was taste-testing the final product. Who knew chemistry could be so delicious?









BEBRAS CHALLENGE

Bebras is a fun and engaging computational thinking challenge for students in Years 3 to 12. It is an international challenge that involves over 2.9 million students from 60 countries.





COCOS KIDS AWARD WINNERS

R & R ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS









CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Harmony Day



ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2026

