COCOS ISLANDS
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

As we move towards the end of Term 1, I am delighted to share that we have enjoyed a smooth and positive start to the school year. Students have settled quickly into routines, learning environments are calm and productive, and we are already seeing wonderful examples of engagement and collaboration across both campuses.

Parent Information Days

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 2026 Term 1 Information sessions. Your participation and welcoming attitude towards the new staff contributed to the success of the meetings on Home and West Island.

Ramadan Adjustments

With Ramadan now concluded, normal programs have resumed. While students and staff were fasting, we implemented alternative activities for Home Economics, Physical Education, and recess/lunch breaks to allow opportunities for rest, safe participation, and support during this important time.

Playground Revitalisation

On West Island, students have been revitalising the Early Childhood Playground with fresh paint, refurbished garden beds, restored boats, and enhancements to the beloved bathtub water feature. Their effort, teamwork, and pride in improving their learning environment have been inspiring, and the results are already bringing joy to our younger students.

2026 CALENDAR

SEMESTER 1 - TERM 1

11 March	2:00pm R&R HI 2:15pm R&R WI NAPLAN
25 March	2:00pm R&R HI 2:15pm R&R WI
27 March	Integration & Assembly on HI HARMONY DAY
3 April	Last day of school

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

3 April - 20 April 2026

Early Years Education

The Kindergarten program on Home Island is now running half days each weekday. We have had great success with this change, benefiting both parents and students. Thank you to the staff and parents who worked together to make this transition smooth. The Abecedarian program now runs on two days a week, and we have had excellent participation so far. If you know of any families who are not attending, please invite them to join on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

High School Transition

Our Year 9 and 10 students will begin exploring the Year 9 Immersion and Year 10 Orientation camps in Term 4. Mak Jordan, with the support of Mak Mia, will work with parents to start the preparations. Year 10 student families should start discussing Year 11 options on the mainland. We encourage our families to speak to the school to help with certificate and subject selections.

Harmony Day

Friday, March 27, is our Harmony Day Integration with both campuses coming together on Home Island. Everyone will be invited to wear either orange or their traditional dress to school.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, positivity, and partnership with our school. We look forward to a rewarding term ahead filled with learning, community connection, and continued growth.

Warm regards
Pak Eli

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASSROOMS?

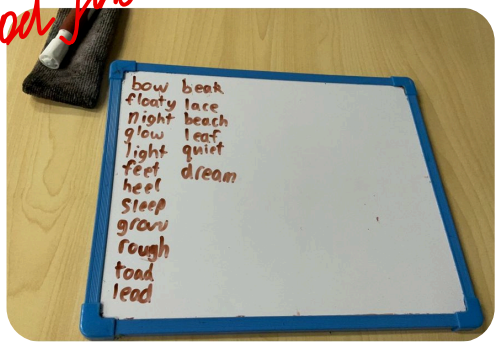
West Island Year K-2 - Miss Caitlin

We have had a fantastic start to the year in our K–2 classroom! With a small class of five girls and one boy, it has been lovely to see everyone settling in so well and becoming comfortable with our classroom routines. Our new students have adjusted beautifully, and it has been wonderful watching friendships form and confidence grow each day.



Stellaluna

One of the favourite times of our day is Investigations. During this time, students explore our investigation tables and enjoy a range of creative activities. They love writing cards, creating homework sheets for their classmates, colouring, making crafts, and writing their own stories. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity shine during these sessions.



Mia's writing

Writing has also been a big focus this term. Students have written and published their own stories, and they are incredibly proud of their work. It has been so exciting to see them develop their ideas and share their stories with others.

Some of our favourite lessons each week are Music with Mr B. These sessions are always full of energy and fun, and we love singing and dancing together. We also really enjoy our yoga and meditation sessions with Miss Taleah, which help us relax, focus, and feel calm.



Friends of 10

A highlight of the term has been working with the 3–10 students to revamp our K–2 outdoor space. We have loved meeting and working alongside the high school students and getting our hands dirty painting and planting. It has been such a special experience to work together and help improve our learning space.

It has been a wonderful start to the year, and we are looking forward to many more exciting learning experiences ahead!

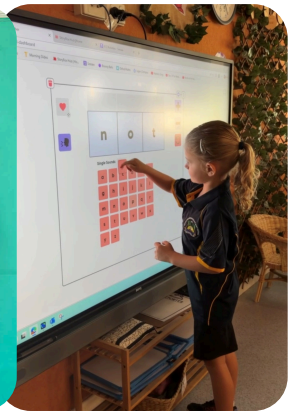


Tils Mads Unicorns



Sol & Mia Drawing





Mads board

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Music & Art - Mr Ryan Borbas

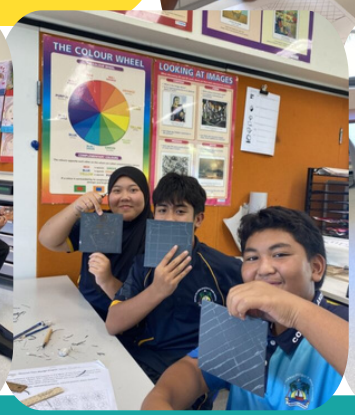
Things are off and racing for 2026 in Music and Visual Art. We began this term in Art with looking at self-portraits. On display in the art rooms are all our faces; Kindy all the way to Year 10. There are lots of exciting projects on the go at the moment. The Year 1-3s are making Salvador Dali's surrealist melting clocks, 3-6s are exploring calligraphy, designing their own fonts and in high school, students are creating colourful geometric tiles like those found in The Alhambra, Spain.

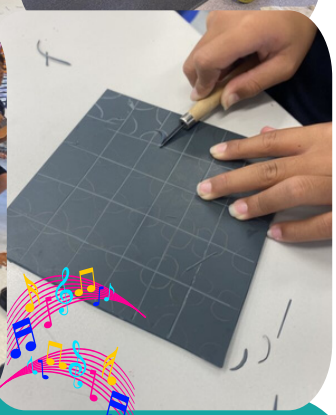
In Music, we have started our instrumental programs with ukuleles and recorders. The Home Island Year 4/5s have become experts at reading the treble clef and are now sight-reading music! The music room on West Island is open at lunchtime for high school students, and it is fantastic to see so many new faces in there this year picking up an instrument.







In Term 2 Week 2, we are very excited to be starting up our brand new school choir on Home Island. A massive congratulations to all the students who have put their names down to join in on the fun. Our choir is excited to be performing for you all soon. Later in Term 2 we will also have a visit from Breaksea with their show Aliwar Bardinah. We look forward to having them show us their music and puppetry in school workshops.

STUDENT LEADERS - 2026



R & R ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Keep it Up!





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Parent Information Day











