COCOS ISLANDS
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

It has been another busy and rewarding term at Cocos Islands District High School, and I would like to acknowledge some of the wonderful things happening across our school community.

Book Week and Integration Day
A huge thank you to our staff and parents for supporting the amazing Book Week Dress-Up and Integration Day last Friday. It was a fantastic event, and it was wonderful to see our students embracing books, creativity and learning together. I hope the day has inspired them to continue reading and developing a lifelong love of books.

Education Assistants Appreciation Day
I hope you saw the short video on Facebook featuring our students' messages to our amazing Education Assistants. We are privileged to have so many hardworking and dedicated EAs supporting our students and their learning. Their commitment and care make a real difference every day. Thank you for all that you do.

Cultural Afternoons
A big thank you to the Cocos Senior Citizens who have generously volunteered their time to support our Cultural Afternoons on both West and Home Island. Our students have really appreciated the activities and the opportunity to connect with the rich heritage and traditions of the Cocos Malay community. We are very grateful for the knowledge and experiences they have shared with our students.

Home Island Campus – Safety Reminder
Finally, I ask parents to please remind their children that they must not enter or play on the Home Island school grounds when staff are not present. We have recently had students injured while playing on the grounds. Without staff supervision, there is no one to ensure students are playing safely or to assist if a child is injured. Your support in reinforcing this message is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our staff, families and community for your continued support of Cocos Islands District High School.

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Principal

2026 CALENDAR

SEMESTER 2 - TERM 3

4 Sept	Fathers Day at school Cultural afternoon HI
8 Sept	**R&R on West Island**
9 Sept	R&R on Home Island
14 Sept	**Athletics practice on Home Island**
18 Sept	Athletics Carnival - Field events on HI
19 Sept	**Athletics Carnival on HI**
22 Sept	R&R on West island
23 Sept	**R&R on Home Island** **Last day of Term 3**
25 Sept	First day of holidays
13 Oct	**Students return for Term 4**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

25 Sept - 13 October 2026









WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASSROOMS?

West Island Year 3-6 - Miss Wright

What a busy and exciting time it has been in the Year 3–6 classroom!

Term 2 was packed with hands-on learning. In Maths, students became construction experts, applying their knowledge of area and perimeter to real-life challenges around the classroom. They took on different construction roles and worked collaboratively to measure and calculate the spaces around them.



In HASS, students explored Civics and Citizenship, learning about rules, laws, fairness and the role of the legal system. This learning came to life when we were lucky enough to welcome a Magistrate into our classroom. Students even had the opportunity to role-play a courtroom, taking on different roles and putting their understanding into practice.

One of the highlights of the term was our Topsy Turvey Day, where we welcomed our parents into the classroom. Parents were challenged in our daily Fluency and Spelling routines, giving them a taste of what learning looks like in our classroom each day. To finish the morning, students proudly presented their parents with a graded report card.

We finished Term 2 with a well-deserved slip and slide celebration! All students had worked incredibly hard and made impressive progress in their DIBELS reading assessments, so it was the perfect way to celebrate their persistence, growth and achievements.

This term, we have hit the ground running! In Science, students have been investigating Heat Energy through hands-on experiments. They have been learning how heat is measured, how heat transfers between materials, and what makes a material a good conductor or insulator.

In Design and Technology, students have also wrapped up their construction projects with Mr Marcus. Working collaboratively, they designed and built sustainable shelters, putting their creativity, problem-solving and construction skills to the test.

It has been fantastic to see the Year 3–6 students embrace their learning, challenge themselves and celebrate their progress. We're looking forward to seeing what the rest of the term brings!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASSROOMS?

Home Island Year 2/3 - Miss Megan

Science

We've been having a blast with science lately! Last term, one of our favourite experiments was making our very own ice cream. It was a delicious way to learn about changes in materials and states of matter.

More recently, we've been investigating how different materials conduct heat. The students have loved making predictions, testing ideas, and sharing their discoveries. Next, we'll be exploring how heat energy affects everyday things around us. Stay tuned to find out what popcorn can teach us about science!

We also can't forget about the wonderful visit we had on World Ocean's Day from JP who taught us about some pretty amazing things our ocean does for us and showed us some cool underwater treasures.







Writing

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Our current writing model is The Iron Man. The students enjoyed reading and watching the story last term, so it's been exciting to revisit it with a deeper understanding.

Inspired by the text, we're using tools from our Action Toolkit to write our own exciting warning tales. We've been focusing on creating suspense and choosing powerful action verbs to keep readers hooked. We're just about to start innovating on the text and writing our own stories about a Coral Giant. I'm excited to see what stories everyone comes up with when it's their turn to write their own independently. Next up, we'll be writing Information Reports about special events and learning how to share facts in a clear and engaging way.

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Math



There have been lots of celebrations in Mathematics this term as students work towards earning their Fishing Fact Fluency Certificates. Everyone is working towards their own personal goals, and it's wonderful to see their confidence growing.

We've been focusing on developing efficient strategies so we can solve problems quickly and accurately, rather than relying on counting on. Our Year 3 students have been particularly excited to dive into multiplication and division, while the whole class has been working hard on telling the time to the nearest five minutes. Keep an eye out for more certificates and achievements coming soon!



Classroom Values

This term we've been revisiting what positive classroom behaviour looks like and how it connects to our school values of Honesty, Achievement, Respect and Kindness.

We've been working hard to strengthen our classroom routines and build positive habits as we work together towards earning a fun beach picnic reward. Our first class goal was keeping our learning space tidy, and we're proud to say we achieved it! Some of the other goals that we're working towards are not calling out, lining up, using our ready to learn tools and being an engaged learner by tracking the speaker.



A special shout-out goes to Zavi, who was spotted picking up rubbish around the school grounds and helping keep our whole school tidy too. What a fantastic example of living our school values!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COCOS KIDS CERTIFICATE WINNERS



R & R ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FISHING FLUENCY CERTIFICATE WINNERS













BOOK WEEK

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