

Mundingburra State School

Queensland State School Reporting

2013 School Annual Report



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Principal's foreword

Introduction

Mundingburra State School's 2013 Annual Report provides a brief overview of our goals and achievements for 2013. The report provides statistical information regarding satisfaction levels of staff, students and parents; student outcomes and our staff profile. It provides an outline of 2013 achievements and the future of our wonderful school.

School progress towards its goals in 2013

Our major areas of focus in 2013 were:

- **Reading** – Continue with our focus on improving the pedagogical practices of teachers in all aspects of reading and using reading data to inform practices and intervention.
- **Spelling** – Embed the whole school spelling program "Words Their Way" – all classes use this resource to teach spelling and data is collected to evaluate student progress and differentiate learning.
- **Attendance** – Introduce a number of whole school strategies, processes and incentives to increase our attendance rate to the preferred 95%.
- **Closing the Gap** - Implement Closing the Gap funds to employ aide to work with indigenous students, engaging an EATSIP officer to embed ATSI perspectives across all areas of school practice.
- Continue to engage teaching staff with the new Australian Curriculum, especially in the new subject of History.

We were able to achieve and implement all of the above planned strategies and goals as per our 2013 Annual Implementation Plan

Future outlook

- Reading
- Spelling
- Attendance
- Closing the Gap
- Explicit Teaching

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School Profile

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Year levels offered in 2013: Prep Year - Year 7

Total student enrolments for this school:

	Total	Girls	Boys	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2011	643	300	343	92%
2012	689	316	373	89%
2013	708	354	354	94%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

Characteristics of the student body:

Approximately only 40% of the student enrolment resides in feeder suburbs of Mundingburra, Pimlico, Mysterton and Rosslea. The school's accessibility from Ross River Road, proximity to many parents' workplaces, the fact that we have an OHSC facility and that older family member/s or parents of our current students have attended the school previously along with the school's reputation in the wider community are all factors which contribute to the percentage of students who don't live in the immediate surrounding suburbs.

In the past decade, the increased mobility of families has resulted in greater diversity of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds of students who come from a range of family situations. The student population comprises a variety of cultural groups including those with English as a Second Language (3%), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (13%) and Students with Disabilities (3%). We also have approximately eighty students enrolled who have Defence Force parent/s.

Average Class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2011	2012	2013
Prep – Year 3	23	23	24
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	25	25	24
Year 7 Secondary – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2011	2012	2013
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	54	102	108
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	1	9	4
Exclusions	1	2	2
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

- Wannamakeabook initiatives – classes write, create/illustrate and publish story books. The initiative is used as an excellent tool to complement and enhance our literacy program.
- Robotics – curricula program for Yr. 6 and 7 classes.
- Performing Arts program – weekly Dance and Drama lessons provided for 2 terms in the year by professional dance and drama teachers.
- Season Sport for Yr. 6 and 7 students twice per year.
- Our LOTE is French.

Extra curricula activities

- Music Mates – staff and parent support group who coordinate performances for instrumental music and choir students. Instrumental music and choral concerts are held twice per year. Eisteddfod performances in verse speaking and singing choirs are also a feature of our Instrumental Music program
- Science Mates – an extracurricular program offered to all year levels – Adopt a Scientist, staff and parent support group organise activities and excursions after school hours and on weekends. These activities are held once per term. Membership is approx. 150 students
- Sporting Buddies – an extracurricular active bodies program is run before school twice a week. Sporting Buddies also coordinates sporting expos and promotes the healthy, active lifestyle message to our students through these planned activities.
- Music Viva and Brainstorm Production performances occur twice per year.
- Junior ATSIAP – Junior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program. This program is an aspirational - educational program that aims to promote individual and group learning, team cooperation, confidence and awareness of current issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people whilst the students have fun learning. Our students compete against other schools in six categories: Art, Poetry, Quiz, Commercial, Long Term Problem Solving and Oral Persuasive Speech.
- Challenge Games – Our students with disabilities participate in the regionally organised Games for Students with Disabilities organised at Red Track in July each year.

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

Our schools ICT program develops students' ICT and information literacy skills through learning and assessment activities. Computers are used in the classroom and in the two well-resourced computer labs by students and staff. Computers are used by students to complete their learning and assessment tasks, to research and culminating activities such as publishing books.

Students use online content and services to support their learning. Other multimedia resources such as software programs for robotics and film making, digital cameras, poster making and book binding facilities, film making equipment and data projectors are all used in conjunction with computers for student learning. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards which are used as an effective teaching tool. The school has a growing bank of iPad and apps that are used by the students for their learning.

Social climate

Pastoral care programs and resources we have in our school include:

Our Defence School Transition Aide and Indigenous Liaison Officer supports and strengthens the relationships between school and home for our Defence Force family students and our identified indigenous students.

We are a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support school - SWPBS is a proactive school wide systems of support for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviours to create a positive school environment. The program focuses on prevention, instruction, establishing school environments that support long term success of effective practices, appropriate student behaviour being taught, positive behaviours being publicly acknowledged and problem behaviours having clear consequences.

Effective behaviour support strategies are implemented at the school wide, specific setting, classroom and individual student level as per our Behaviour Expectations Matrix. Social skill lessons and explicit lessons aligned to our Behaviour Matrix are taught weekly in

Our school at a glance

classes. The 2013 School Opinion data shows an improvement in the satisfaction rates about "student behaviour is well managed at this school (Parents 100% and Students 88%) The other improvement in our data to reflect this positive approach to teach expected behaviour is seen in the 2013 School Opinion Survey data in the question "their child feels safe at this school" Satisfaction rates were Parents 92% Students 95%.

Our Guidance Officer and Behaviour Support Teacher also offer programs, guidance and support through our Special Need Committee (SNC) processes. Our Special Education Programs (SEP) Teacher also supports our students with disabilities to assimilate and function well for learning in the classrooms. The SEP teacher also liaises with the families of our students with disabilities.

Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

The 2013 School Opinion Survey data indicated that parents, students and staff were generally very happy with Mundingburra State School and the education being offered to students. The student target groups were very satisfied with all aspects of the school as reflected in their responses to the questions with their percentage rates in the high 90% or 100%. The parent group were also very satisfied with the school as reflected in four responses all receiving 100% satisfaction, including this is a good school. Our school staff opinion results varied but generally staff were more satisfied than less with 95% indicating they enjoy working at their school.

Our school at a glance

Performance measure (<i>Nationally agreed items shown*</i>)		
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree that:	2012	2013
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	100%	91%
this is a good school (S2035)	100%	100%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	100%	92%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	92%	92%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	96%	92%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	92%	92%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	100%	92%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	92%	75%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	92%	83%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	96%	83%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	96%	75%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	96%	92%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	91%	91%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	87%	100%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	100%	100%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	92%	100%

Performance measure (<i>Nationally agreed items shown*</i>)		
Percentage of students who agree that:	2012	2013
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	93%	98%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	94%	98%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	86%	95%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	92%	99%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	99%	100%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	89%	97%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	83%	94%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	79%	92%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	82%	95%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	70%	88%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	94%	99%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	89%	95%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	86%	100%

Our school at a glance

Performance measure

Performance measure	2013
Percentage of school staff who agree that:	
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	95%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	95%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	85%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	97%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	82%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	88%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	92%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	93%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	85%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	83%

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items were incorporated in the School Opinion Survey in 2012.

Percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement. Due to a major redevelopment of the surveys (parent/caregiver and student in 2012; staff in 2013), comparisons with results from previous years are not recommended.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Involving parents in their child's education

It is important to us that we promote our school profile, curriculum vision and values through communication to sustain our market share of enrolments and to support and enhance our relationships and partnerships with the school and wider community.

Our parents are involved in their child's education through:

- Parent and Citizens Association meetings held on the 4th Monday of every month.
- EATSIP Parent Group meetings held on the 4th Thursday of every month.
- Music Mates Support parent group – a support group for the Instrumental music and class music program and Performances.
- Science Mates Parent Support group – a program whereby parents support the schools' science curriculum through planned afternoon experiment days, field trips, excursions etc.
- Sporting Buddies Parent Support Group – a support group that assists the PE teacher to co-ordinate extra curricula sporting activities for our students to promote the message of happy, active, healthy students.
- Classroom Support – many teachers welcome and appreciate the support of parent volunteers in their classrooms to help with activities such as reading, art, maths, etc.
- Tuckshop – parent volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged to support.
- Library Support- parents volunteer their time to help with tasks such as book covering and when we hold book Fairs through the year.
- Sporting events – parents/carers help with tasks on sporting days and occasionally during season sport activities.

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

In 2013, we continued to be proactive with staff regarding our behavioural habits about electricity usage during teaching and break times, with the anticipated outcome to be that all staff and students would be more vigilant and mindful of turning off unnecessary electricity, especially when they are not in classrooms. Despite our increased enrolments and therefore more classes, we were able to decrease the total usage of electricity from the previous year. Water usage increase can be contributed to a number of factors and the significant increase shown below is largely unexplained. We continue to be very active in our recycling cans and batteries initiatives with plans to include recycling bins as part of our general rubbish management.

	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2010-2011	293,000	6,216
2011-2012	335,939	6,122
2012-2013	316,795	78,756

The consumption data is sourced from the validated utilities expenditure return which the school submits at the end of each financial year. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on the schools environmental footprint.

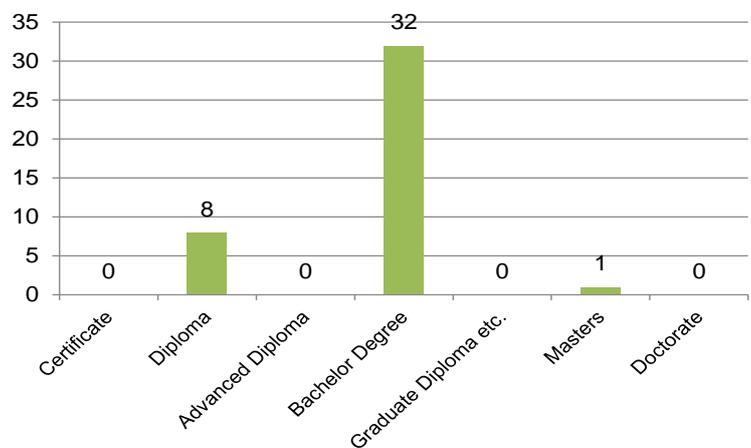
Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2013 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff *	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	41	24	<5
Full-time equivalents	37	17	<5

Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff *
Certificate	0
Diploma	8
Advanced Diploma	0
Bachelor Degree	32
Graduate Diploma etc.	0
Masters	1
Doctorate	0
Total	41



* Teaching Staff includes School Leaders

** Graduate Diploma etc. includes Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, and Graduate Certificate

Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2013 were \$ 13336.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Reading Strategies
- Words Their Way (Spelling)
- Code of Conduct
- Student Protection training
- Australian Curriculum – History
- Behaviour Management
- Australian Professional Standards for Teachers
- Workplace Health and Safety Training
- Peer coaching and mentoring provided by in school staff in reading and spelling (literacy), numeracy

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2013 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2011	2012	2013
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	96%	96%	97%

Our staff profile

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 93% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2013 school year.

School income broken down by funding source

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Key student outcomes

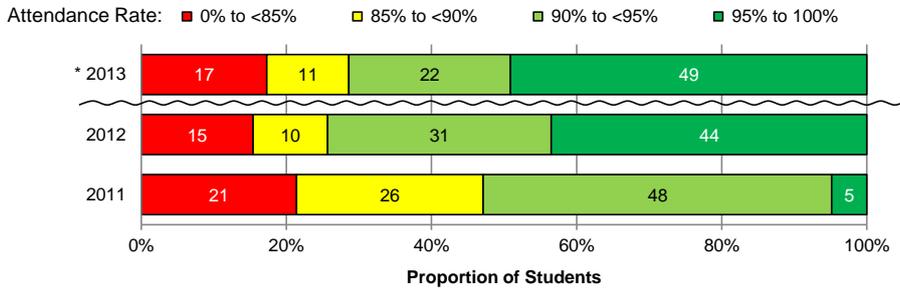
Student attendance	2011	2012	2013
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	88%	92%	92%
The overall attendance rate in 2013 for all Queensland state Primary schools was 92%.			

Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)												
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2011	89%	89%	89%	88%	89%	88%	88%					
2012	91%	93%	92%	93%	92%	92%	92%					
2013	90%	92%	92%	93%	93%	92%	90%					

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Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.



* The method for calculating attendance changed in 2013 – care should be taken when comparing data from 2013 to that of previous years.

Performance of our students

Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DETE policies, SMS-PR-029: Managing Student Absences and SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

At Mundingburra State School, electronic roll marking occurs twice per day at 9.30am and then again at 2.00pm. We have introduced a number of strategies to both encourage improved attendance and assist in maintaining attendance levels to a high level throughout our school. These strategies are outlined below:

- An attendance reward day at the end of each term
- Informing and frequently reminding staff/students/parent community of our aim to achieve and/or maintain 95% attendance throughout the term/semester/year
- Attendance graphs displayed in each classroom, showing the class their weekly attendance data with incidental discussions around improvements, encouragement of any increases in attendance levels, suggestions
- Weekly 'trophy' awarded on assembly to the (lower and upper) class with the highest attendance for the week - to be held in recognition until assembly the following week
- Access to/use of the One School Dashboard option for staff
- Awards/certificates awarded on assembly
- Teachers/admin staff follow up unexplained absences quickly through a variety of avenues including:-
 - * 'purple' notes sent home to parents after one day of absence
 - * emails
 - * face to face conversations
 - * phone calls after 3 days of absence
 - * One School generated letters requesting explanations of 'unexplained absences'
- Flyers placed strategically around the school – in high 'traffic' areas (and outside of each classroom), where they are easily seen by visiting parents regarding 'Does Attendance Really Matter' and 'What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?' These flyers are also included in the school Newsletter weekly
- Implementation of a developed 'Management and Enforcement of Student Attendance' document – aligned with DETE procedure
- Weekly absence reports printed, collated and distributed to staff for follow up
- Intervention/support given to families of students exhibiting patterns of poor attendance. Principal, DP, BST, Indigenous Support aide provide targeted support/intervention depending on student/family needs.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results – our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

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Achievement – Closing the Gap

In 2013, our Yr. 3 NAPLAN Mean Scale Scores showed that the gap size between indigenous and nonindigenous student's scores widened in Reading, Numeracy and Writing from the 2012 Scores. We had better results in our Year 5 and 7 student data. The gap size in Reading Writing and Numeracy was far less in each domain. In 2013, using our Investing in Focus School funds, we developed, implemented and review personalised learning plans for all of our indigenous students. We employed additional aides to support program implementation to assist us in closing the gap.

In 2013, the attendance rate for our indigenous students was 86.9%; the non-indigenous attendance rate was 92.6%. We do home visits when necessary, have an indigenous liaison teacher aide who makes regular contact with our indigenous families and have pastoral, wellbeing and care programs in place to support our indigenous students. We regularly communicate the message of "Every day Counts" to our whole school community in our school newsletter and on Assembly. We liaise with outside agencies and welfare organizations when applicable to support families when other factors impeded student attendance and retention.