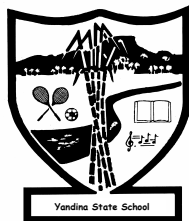


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Principal's Foreword

Introduction



This Report provides parents and members of the school community with information about the school's activities and performance during the 2008 school year. It highlights strengths and identifies areas for development and improvement. The Annual Report fulfils three functions:

It provides the school community with information on the school's progress towards achieving the goals and priorities outlined in the school's Annual Operation Plan.

It provides the Executive Director of Schools with information to guide discussions about both the school's progress towards achieving organizational goals and the priorities of the school.

It provides a base on which the school develops the next Annual Operation Plan.

During 2008, Yandina State School's efforts were directed towards providing a secure, stimulating and happy environment. Our motto, 'Friendship Family Future' encapsulates the beliefs of our school community with all members of the school community developing strong relationships.

We are committed to developing each child through:

Quality teaching and learning.

Developing Literacy and Numeracy skills.

Expanding student use of Information and Communication Technology.

Integration of Key Learning Areas to produce learning experiences relevant to our community.

The learning at Yandina S.S. is underpinned by a commitment to improving student performance in all areas of the curriculum.

Future outlook

During 2009 the school will undergo a Triennial School Review. This review will create a document that will chart the course for Yandina State School over the next three years. The collaborative processes involved in this review will ensure input from staff; students and the school community in the future direction of the school.

Continual curriculum development with quality professional development will ensure that our teachers will be providing the best possible learning opportunities for our students. The future focus will be to respond to community needs and to ensure our students are positioned to achieve to the best of their abilities.

This development will focus on embedding the Queensland Curriculum and Reporting Framework as the central element of all units of work

The construction of a new Resource Centre and Covered Area under the Building the Education Revolution Funding will provide a boost to the school community. The Resource Centre will feature a state of the art Technology Centre that will allow the expansion of our students Information and Communication Technology skills. Refurbishment of classrooms under the National Schools Pride Program will continue to revitalise our learning areas

Yandina S.S. will continue to strive towards maintaining high behaviour standards and providing a supportive school environment. Continual review of our Responsible Behaviour Plan with input from all key stakeholders will ensure we maintain transparent and accountable behaviour management strategies.

Our school at a glance

School Profile

Yandina State School is situated on the outskirts of Yandina Township on the Sunshine Coast. It is part of the Sunshine Coast Region and is a member of the Future School Coalition based around Nambour and its surrounding townships. The school is celebrating its 120th anniversary in 2009.

The school has the world famous Ginger Factory as a neighbour and enjoys a good relationship with neighbouring businesses and community. The school has a well-deserved place in the history of the development of Yandina and its community.

The school is a co educational facility catering for students from Preparatory Year to Year 7. The school offers a mixture of single age classes as well as some multi-age classrooms. Enrolments were 277 students allowing for 12 class groups. The school offers a full range of specialist teachers for Physical Education, Music, Instrumental Music and LOTE. Italian is studied across all year levels.

Yandina State School has links to local high schools in Nambour-Nambour State High School and Burnside State High School.

Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings:

The curriculum is organized into integrated units across the Key Learning Areas incorporating all elements of the Queensland Curriculum and Reporting Framework. These units are developed in a two year cycle to take into account the need for multi-age classes. Mathematics and English are maintained as stand alone routines with integration where possible. Teachers review these units regularly to ensure the highest quality outcomes for students.

Notable features of the curriculum include:

- Support services are coordinated through an active Special Needs group encompassing Guidance Officer Support Teacher Learning Difficulties and Special Needs Teacher.
- Head of Curriculum directs all curriculum development and ensures quality curriculum offerings.
- Social Skills are developed through You Can Do It Program and the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan.
- Students voluntarily enter the Australasian Schools Competitions offered by the University of New South Wales in Science, English, Mathematics, Computer and Writing Skills.
- The school's Music program offers class instruction and choir as well as instrumental music. Parade presentations feature aspects of the music program. Brass, woodwind and percussion are catered for in the Instrumental Program.
- A Motor Program for students in the lower school operates during term 1 under the guidance of the physical education teacher.

- Extra curricula activities:
- The Yandina Dance Academy provides an after school dance experience for students and is based on the campus.
- The school has a strong Camping Program with students participating in an overnight at school in Year 3 culminating in Carnarvon and Canberra Trips in Year 6 and 7.
- Yandina Yabbies Swimming Group supports Learn to Swim and Surf Awareness Programs.
- Student Leadership Activities-School Captains /Student Councillors.
- Life Education.
- Interschool Speaking Competition.
- Voices on the Coast.
- King of the Mountain Schools' Relay.

Our school at a glance

- Mathematics Tournaments.
- Japanese cultural visit.
- Sports skill development-Joey League / Auskick Programs.
- Athletics/Swimming/Cross Country Carnivals.
- Participation in Australian English, Computer, Science and Maths Competitions.
- Year level excursions to compliment units of study.
- These events demonstrate the commitment of staff at Yandina State School to develop a supportive school environment and to offer a range of learning experiences.

How computers are used to assist learning:

Yandina State School students have access to three Computer Laboratories. Students are exposed to a variety of challenging Information and Communication tasks. With the school changing to the Managed Operating Environment at the end of 2007 networking and access to these computers and software has improved.

During 2008 students accessed a range of software. The purchase of class sets of head phone microphones has seen an expansion into the use of programs such as Audacity, allowing students to enter the world of digital story telling. Improvements to equipment and the addition of new computers have meant the school has been able to maintain a ratio of one computer to every five students.

Printers are networked to each of the computer laboratories and with instant access to the internet students can be perusing the latest information across the range of key learning areas.

Improving teachers' digital pedagogy through the Computers for Teacher's Laptop Program and a program of school based in service has resulted in increased use of data projectors and digital cameras in the teaching and learning process. Students at Yandina State School are able to use a variety of digital media. During 2008 students have produced work using PowerPoint, Photostory 3, Publisher and Word. This work has been a feature of school functions where we used data projectors to exhibit the student's skills.

Major achievements for 2008:

The roll out of One School Reporting.

Computers for Teachers Laptops Program.

Ongoing integration of ICT's across all integrated units of work.

Professional Development for Staff in ICT integration.

Satisfaction with Curriculum		
Cohort	Yandina	State
Parents	3.07	3.00
Students	3.11	3.02

Social climate

Yandina State School has adopted the motto 'Friendship Family Future'. These three words outline the values of our school community. A School Chaplin has worked two days a week through out 2008. His role has been to provide support for individual students and families through out the school as well as providing pastoral care programs for class groups.

Satisfaction with Learning Climate		
Cohort	Yandina	State
Parents	3.13	2.98

Positive behaviour rewards and Program Achieve have seen an increasing focus on proactive behaviour management during 2008. The results are reflected in satisfaction results for parents and students.

Our school at a glance

Satisfaction with Student Behaviour		
Cohort	Yandina	State
Parents	3.25	2.86
Students	2.99	2.85

Student satisfaction results in the area of School Climate indicate that the school is moving in the right direction with 94% of students indicating that they are getting a good education.

Involving parents in their child's education.

Yandina State School offers many avenues for parent involvement in their children's education. During 2008 parents were widely involved in reading programs across the school. These programs were both before and during school. A small group of participated in a successful Support a Reader Program working with Year 4 and 5 students.

Parents were invited to information sessions at the start of the year with Parent- Teacher Interviews in April and September. Open Days were held across all year levels as culminating events for units of work with high levels of parent attendance.

Regular performances and sharing on parade has resulted in an increase in parental attendance during the year.

Wakakirri saw a large number of parents involved in all manner of activities to support the production and performance.

Weekly newsletters keep parents well informed of activities at school and were used to celebrate student success in many areas.

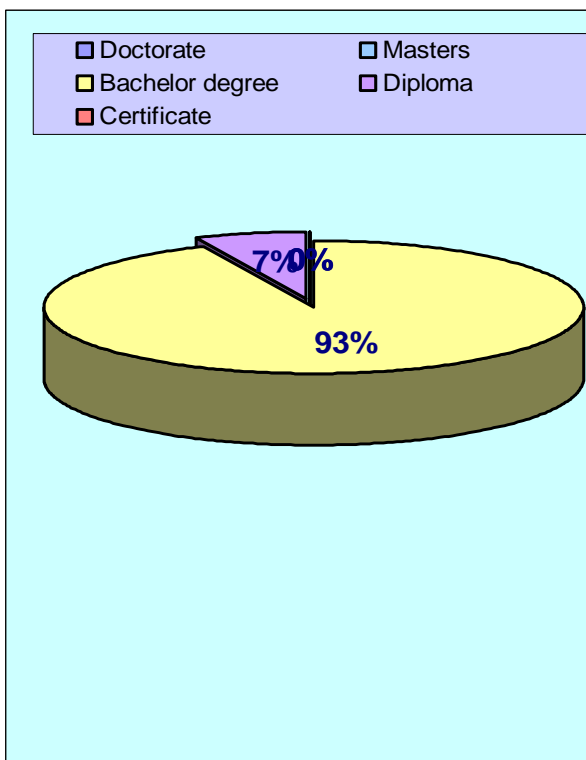
School survey results in the area of school community relations indicate the close ties between school and community.

Parent Satisfaction with School Community Relations		
Cohort	Yandina	State
Parents	3.13	2.93

Our staff profile

Qualifications of all teachers.

Highest level of attainment	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	0
Bachelor degree	14
Diploma	1
Certificate	0



Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development.

- The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2008 were \$14000.
- The major professional development initiatives are as follows:
 - QCAR Implementation
 - Literacy - A whole school approach
 - Numeracy- Investigations and inquiry learning
 - Computers for Teachers- ICT Skills
 - One School Implementation
- The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2008 was 100 %.

Average staff attendance

- For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate was 97% in 2008.

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year.

- From the end of the 2007 school year, 91 % of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2008 school year.

Performance of our students

Student attendance

The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2008 was 93 %.

Key outcomes

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

Domain	Measures		Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7
Reading	Average score for the school		357	442	521
	Average score for Queensland		371.1	466.1	528.1
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	80.6 %	79.4 %	95.1%
Writing	Average score for the school		419	458	531
	Average score for Queensland		391.8	468.9	522.7
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	94.3 %	93.8 %	92.7 %
Spelling	Average score for the school		380	463	523
	Average score for Queensland		366.7	462.0	528.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	88.6 %	93.8 %	100 %
Grammar and Punctuation	Average score for the school		381	473	518
	Average score for Queensland		370.4	476.6	518.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	88.6 %	90.6 %	92.7 %
Numeracy	Average score for the school		359	445	512
	Average score for Queensland		367.9	458.2	539.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	80.6 %	87.9 %	100 %

Performance of our students

Results in the Year 2 Diagnostic Net	
	Percentage of students not requiring additional support
Reading	71%
Writing	100%
Number	100%

Value added

In addition to statewide testing [Years 3, 5 and 7 and Year 2 net] our schools collect a range of school based data in areas of literacy and numeracy. This data includes Reading PM Benchmarks and Probe Reading and Comprehension Levels, Numeracy -Number Fact Levels and Numeracy Reviews.

This data is reviewed to validate and monitor student progress. Teachers use the data to support student's learning. The data is also used to review the effectiveness of our curriculum programs and the teaching and learning within the school.

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

In 2008, 94% of students indicated that they were satisfied they were receiving a good education at Yandina State School. 88% of parents indicated they were satisfied with the education their children were receiving. Teachers indicated that 78% were satisfied with the moral of the school.

Overall satisfaction ratings for students and parents are above state average.

Overall Satisfaction Ratings		
Cohort	Yandina	State
Parents	3.05	2.90
Students	3.06	2.98

