

# Mistake Creek State School

## 2008 School Annual Report

### **School Details**

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### **Principal's Foreword**

#### ***Introduction***

Mistake Creek State School plays an important role within the local community. It is seen as a vital hub for many school and non-school activities. It is used as a meeting place for local organisations such as the Mistake Creek Progress Association and the Mistake Creek Playgroup. Over the years the school has become a central focal point for fundraising events such as fetes/fun runs and community events like the traditional annual cricket match and tennis days. These community events also involve those children enrolled in Distance Education. As the only school for at least 70 kilometres, the school provides one of the few opportunities many of the local children have to socialise and interact with their peers. Therefore Mistake Creek State School provides students with a safe and engaging learning environment that will allow them to develop their academic and social skills both within a school context and within the broader community.

#### ***Future Outlook***

In 2009, Mistake Creek State School has been successful in the grants for Building the Education Revolution and National Schools Pride Program. Under these federal grants, Mistake Creek will be receiving an internal classroom refurbishment, a changeable sign for the front entrance and a new library building. Maintain positive working relationships with parents and the entire Mistake Creek State School community. Implement Education Queensland's Curriculum Assessment and Reporting processes.

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*Our school at a glance*

## **School Profile**

Total enrolments:	8
Year levels offered:	Prep-7
Structure:	Co-educational

## **Curriculum offerings**

### ***Our distinctive curriculum offerings and Extra Curricula Activities:***

Technology is a major focus with a computer ratio of 1 computer for every 2 students (1:2). These are used across all the KLA areas for purposes such as research, presentation design and accessing other technologies.

Extra curricular activities offered to our students include Premiers Reading Challenge, Blair Athol Mine calendar competition and small schools sports carnivals.

Extra curricula activities

In 2008 the extra curricular activities our students participated in were:

- School Camp to Canberra
- Displays at the Clermont Show
- Annual Fun Run/Fete – This coincides with our Education Week celebrations
- Choir presentation at the Clermont Goldfest
- Arts Council performances
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- Write 4 Fun Poetry and Blair Athol Calendar Competitions
- Annual Christmas concert

Smart Moves initiatives are integrated into all facets of curriculum offerings at Mistake Creek State School.

Parents, in the Opinion Survey, reported a level of satisfaction with the variety of school activities at 100%

Students reported their level of satisfaction at DW%

### ***How computers are used to assist learning:***

In such a small school setting the ratio of computers to students in 2008 was 1:2. Students are able to access computers to plan, research and publish work and use learning objects as part of their work across the key learning areas.

## **Social climate**

The school is currently a hub for the general Mistake Creek district and it is used by local groups for various events, including the Mistake Creek Progress Association for their meetings and the Mistake Creek Playgroup. Parents and staff continued to work together to enhance the learning opportunities provided at our school. The small number of children enrolled in 2008 was highlighted with the children working and playing together well - our school remains a happy, safe and stimulating environment for the children.

In 2008 the general satisfaction levels of the parents remained comparable to the state and like school means. The highest satisfaction levels were seen to be in Learning Climate, with parents satisfaction levels improving and resulting in an Above flag against the State mean for Student Outcomes, Pedagogy and Learning Climate. We hope to further improve upon this. Due to the small cohort enrolled no student data is available.

DW% of students reported satisfaction with the behaviour of students at this school.

100% of parents reported satisfaction with the behaviour of students at this school.

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## **Involving parents in their child's education**

The parents of Mistake Creek State School are heavily involved in their child's education. All parents attend monthly P & C meetings and are integral members of the decision making processes of the school. They also volunteer their services for maintaining the school grounds. The parents involve themselves in the classroom by participating in classroom reading, Friday morning sport activities, Annual Fun Run/Fete, school camps and Christmas concerts. Although there is some distance from other schools or townships the parents ensure children are able to participate in a range of co-curricula activities, including interschool athletics and Eisteddfod.

## **Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school**

100% of parents expressed satisfaction that their child is getting a good education at school.

Students reported their level of satisfaction at DW%

Parent responses to the Opinion Survey question about this being a good school indicated a level of satisfaction at 100%

80% of staff members reported that they were satisfied with the morale in the school.

## **Value added**

Due to the small number of students, attention to each child's achievement is closely monitored with the teacher and teacher aide working closely to promote each child's development. This is reflected in their current progress in school related and systemic tasks.

The school is maintaining a high level of achievement in the Year 2 Net results and the National Minimum Standards set out in the Year 3, 5 and 7 Tests.

Due to our cohort size we can not report on student results, however each year we aim to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes in the school by achieving 100% of students not requiring support from the Year 2 Net, and meeting the benchmarks in the Year 3, 5 and 7 tests.

## **Student attendance**

The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2008 was 87.9%

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## *Our Staff Profile*

### **Qualifications of all teachers and school leaders**

*Highest level of attainment*

*Percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school*

Doctorate

Masters

Bachelor degree

100

Diploma

Certificate

### **Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development**

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2008 was \$1155

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

Embedding ICTs into classroom practice was a major staff focus in 2008. Principal attended various Assessment and Reporting workshops including Yr 2 Net, OneSchool, QCAT Moderation and Regional Administrators Days. As well, funds were directed towards developing appropriate Preparatory Year and Middle Years principles and practices in the small school setting.

The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2008 was 50%

### **Average staff attendance**

For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate in 2008 was 98%

### **Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year**

100% of staff were retained by the school from the end of the 2007 school year for the entire 2008 school year.