**Parent Survey**

**2015**

**Results**

**7 Reports returned**

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| **Question** | **Strongly Agree** | **Agree** | **Sometimes (added by a Parent)** | **Disagree** | **Don’t Know** |
| I feel welcome at the school. | **85%** | **15%** |  |  |  |
| The school takes my concerns seriously. | **60%** | **40%** |  |  |  |
| The school provides helpful information about my child’s progress. | **60%** | **35%** |  |  | **5%** |
| I feel as though I can talk to my child’s teacher about his/her progress. | **55%** | **45%** |  |  | **5%** |
| The school values my help and interest. | **55%** | **45%** |  |  |  |
| Teacher’s at this school provide a stimulating and challenging environment for my child. | **50%** | **45%** |  |  | **5%** |
| Teachers care if my child is not doing as well as he/she can. | **55%** | **45%** |  |  |  |
| The school has a safe and secure environment. | **70%** | **30%** |  |  |  |
| The school has high expectations of its students. | **65%** | **30%** |  |  | **5%** |
| The school is always looking for ways to improve what it does. | **60%** | **35%** |  |  | **5%** |
| The school regularly praises and rewards students when successful. | **60%** | **35%** | **1 no comment** |  |  |
| Students are the school’s main focus | **60%** | **40%** |  |  |  |
| I am pleased that my child attends this school. | **65%** | **25%** |  |  | **10%** |
| I share in the education of my child. | **70%** | **25%** |  | **5%** |  |
| I receive adequate notice of school events. | **60%** | **35%** |  | **5%** |  |
| The annual school report, newsletters and other information tell me how the school is performing. | **70%** | **25%** |  |  | **5%** |
| Parents are encouraged to participate in the important decision making committees of the school. | **55%** | **35%** |  |  | **5%** |
| I am informed about the decisions made by the School Council and /or P&C Association | **40%** | **30%** | **5%** | **10%** | **15%** |
| The school lets me know about aby major changes it is considering and asks for my ideas about it. | **45%** | **25%** | **5%** | **10%** | **15%** |
| The school’s current aim is to improve the quality of learning and teaching. | **45%** | **50%** |  |  | **5%** |

Accessing Information: Please rank the way you access information for school information and dates.

Newsletter Notes Facebook School Website Phone calls All

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22. P&C: Currently the P&C meet on Tuesday morning at 9:30 am in the library during Weeks 4 and 8. Please advise which time suits for your participation.

9:30am 5:30pm N/A - I can come at any time. N/A – I will not attend P&C

33% 27% 16% 27%

23. Excursions: Currently, we have excursions for all grade levels. The 4/5/6 and sometimes Year 3 excursion is held overnight for a number of nights. With costs rising for these excursions do you wish for these to continue?

Yes 100% No 0%

**What do you see as the positives of UPS?**

* Great school community with children from all years engaging with each other. Pleanty of leadership opportunities for students. Enthusiasm of teachers particularly Jye and Brendan.
* Great community feel. Beautiful school grounds and classrooms. Wonderful support staff and teachers.
* Tight nit community. Clean and tidy school.
* The kindness of teachers
* It is a small, very caring community environment one which I feel is more one on one with teacher/student communication.
* It’s a lovely close nit school community. It has a lovely feel about it and has happy students and teachers.
* Nice friendly atmosphere. Fun/interactive learning. Respectful school.
* Not too big student wise, which means more 1 on 1.
* Excellent staff. Great resources. Community connections.
* Small community spirit.
* Small classes, more personalised education. Teachers that really know each child.
* It’s a small school so each child should be advantaged.
* Small size of school, friendly approachable staff in all areas, rural settings and gardens. All staff seem to enjoy their work, know each child, etc
* Close, small community. Quality of teaching staff and aides.
* A very organised school, kind people.
* The students are very caring for one another, community orientated. Staff have high standards of students ie academically and behaviour, active P&C, lots of different activities offered.

**What areas concern you?**

* Keep the sport/term events going, they are great.
* I would hope all children are treated equal and there are no favouritism being a small school.
* Awards (still get confused on how they receive for education side)
* Highway
* Our children are concerned with the environment and would like to see initiatives to better address recycling. Eg. Recycle bins outside.
* Staff turn over.
* Playground. Encourage all students to play with others. A couple of students with special needs and don’t understand why some won’t play with them.
* Antibullying policy – taking parents seriously if their child is being bullied and taking action.
* I don’t believe in homework and certainly not for K students for at least 6 months. I believe in student centred play-based activities but not really sure what’s happening in the classroom. An information night would be helpful. Also white shirts are not great as school shirts.
* Camps – need to try new destinations. Spelling – English – somethings being taught over and over
* Access to school from highway. Do an illegal right hand turn most mornings. Can we lobby for a break in the white lines?
* Reading, writing, sport
* NO concerns

**Are there any new initiatives/areas you would like to see developed at the school?**

* Regular mindfulness sessions and yoga sessions.
* Music/languages
* No…am impressed by initiatives, excursions, activities already offered by school.
* Interest groups – eg cooking, art/craft, sport, gardening then rotate. End of year Christmas craft fun, decoration making
* More creative arts stuff; drama, choir, singing, etc

**In what ways could the school better support you? (Communication, parent training sessions in different areas – technology, maths, writing types…)**

* Just by keeping up the facebook reminders for school events and ensuring notes are clearly outline student requirements for events.
* None, I get enough communication because I put an effort into asking. Everyone is doing amazing.
* Give a little more notice on upcoming events and assemblies.
* Always room for improvement.
* Better communication with students, while waiting for the school bus. Can they play handball or not. They are very confused.
* Apply for more grants to make things affordable and interesting.
* Happy with level of support
* No I’m happy at this stage of support the school has given.
* Better communication with teachers

**Any other comments**

* Keep doing what you are doing and keep Ulmarra great.
* There was no school flag at the swimming carnival. Other schools sat together at their flag. Ulmarra was spread out everywhere
* Debating teams/ Spelling bee – bring back timestables tournament. Netball / Softball teams (small schools like soccer). Running training offered.
* We’ve been extremely happy with our decision to send our child to Ulmarra PS.
* Could also add some creative play equipment to the shed eg pipes and building equipment. Donated goods for rainy days.
* I would like to know more about what happens in the classroom - parent/teacher information session to clarify routines/expectations and to meet the teacher. Research around home – should be optional unless the homework is playing/ cooking/ etc. Kids need more time to be kids. Change parent interviews from Term 1 to mid year and by request.

**OTHER**:

\* Some surveys had 2 parents on them and others didn’t complete all boxes. This is why there is a discrepancy in the amount of ticks in each box compared to number of surveys.

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