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SCHOOL SURVEY FEEDBACK

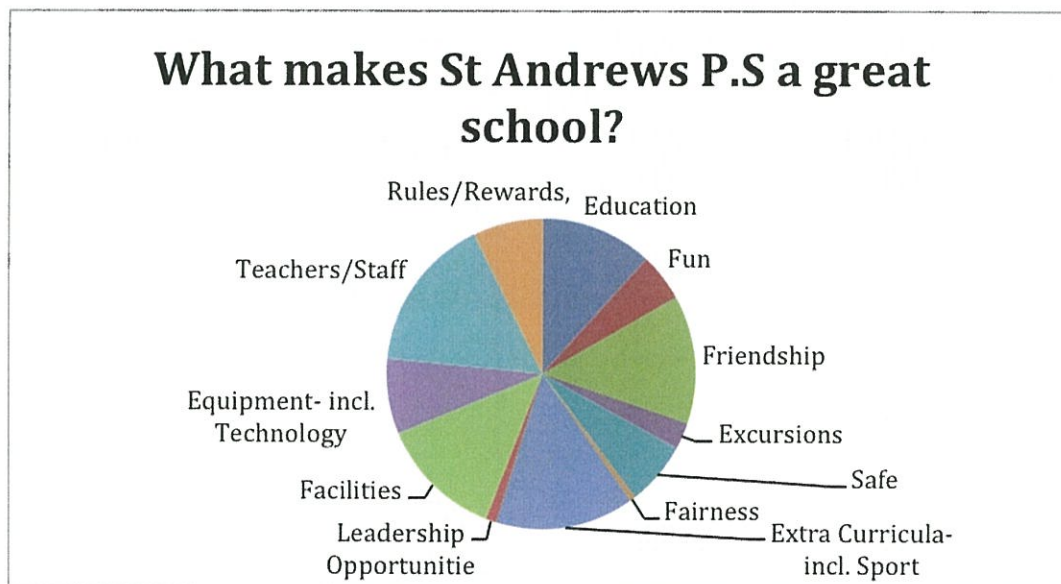
We would like to thank our families for participating in the 2014 school survey. It was a fantastic opportunity for our school community to express their opinions about current and future practice. These surveys, combined with student and staff surveys, have been used to drive the development of a school vision statement and subsequently, the 2015-2017 School Plan. The creation of our school vision needed to be a shared experience to ensure that it was meaningful to the whole school community and we once again thank you for your input.

Below we share the results from the 2014 school survey.

Student Feedback

Teachers asked their class two questions. Additionally, to validate the class responses, one student in each class was randomly selected to provide an individual response to a member of the vision team. The questions asked were:

1. What makes St Andrews P.S a great school?
2. Going into the future, what would make St Andrews Public School a better school?



It is evident from the above graph that students believe staff and their peers (friendship) help make St Andrews a great place. They also believe that the education and extra curricular activities provided make St Andrews a great school.

Below is a sample of student comments.

	What makes St Andrews a great school?	Going into the future, what would make St Andrews Public School a better school?
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "nice and caring teachers" • "teachers care- follow up and act on issues" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "to have more teachers" • "more art and maths teachers"
Peers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "students are friendly and take care of one another" • "easy to find new friends" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "let us play with the big kids in the primary oval"
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "we help each other to improve our learning" • "learning is fun" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "more technology to support learning" • "specialised classes-student interest"
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "you can earn rewards" • "respectful towards one another" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "more activities for SRC" • "air conditioning"
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "great areas to play" • "great library-quiet space" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "improve our playground-replace the grass, have swings, sandpit and playground equipment" • "no more smelly toilets"
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "fete and gelatos" • "Grandparents' day" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "celebration days with parents" • "charity involvement"
Extra curricular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "table tennis, Milo cricket and academic challenge" • "dance, debating, choir, band " 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "each class has its own garden" • "after school discos"

Parents/ Caregivers Feedback

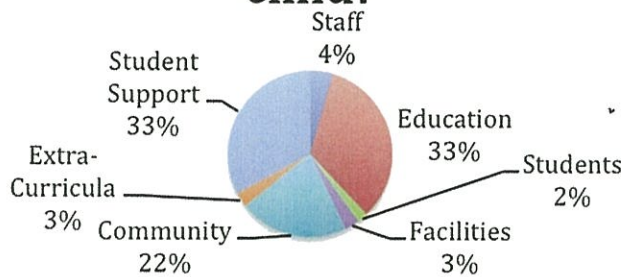
Parents/Caregivers were asked the following questions in the School Community Survey. Feedback provided for each of the first two questions was grouped into similar themes. The table below outlines some responses in each theme.

Student Support	Staff	Education	Student	Extra Curricula	Facilities	Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Learning Environment • Nurturing and supportive environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled/great teachers • Good communication from staff to parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good/best/quality teaching and learning • Instil respect/confidence /independence in students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendly and well-behaved children • Children feel heard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport • Opportunities for students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great education facilities • Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community spirit • Community /family involvement

Question 1- What do you expect the school to provide for your child?

The majority of responses indicated that parents/ caregivers expect the school to provide for their child in the areas of 'education' (33%) and 'student support' (33%).

Parent Response- Q1 . What do you expect the school to provide for your child?



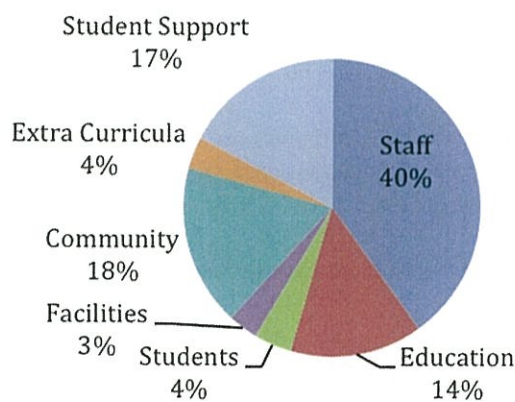
In the area of education, parents/caregivers indicated that they expect quality teaching and learning experiences (55%). Alongside this, they expect the values of respect, confidence and independence to be instilled (8%) while striving for academic excellence (7%).

In the area of student support, parents/caregivers expect the school to provide a safe and supportive learning environment (63%).

Question 2- What makes St Andrews Public School a great school?

The above question was asked in order to identify the programs that are valued by the school community. Results are as follows:

Parent response- Q2 What makes St Andrews Public School a great school?



Most responses indicated that the staff (40%) is what makes the school a great school. Other highly recorded responses were the community (18%), student support (17%) and education (14%).

Question 3- What would make St Andrews P.S a better school?

For this question many responses were similar. The top five responses were:

1. Air-conditioning throughout the school
2. Keep doing what you are doing
3. More teacher to parent sharing of information
4. More extra curricula activities
5. A parent car park

Question 4- Word Ranking

Parents/caregivers were asked to rank the words that staff had previously chosen as important for the students of St Andrews P.S. The top ranked words from the school community were:

1. Wellbeing
2. Life-long learner
3. Confident
4. Supportive
5. Excellence

Staff Feedback

Staff went through an extensive process that included ongoing discussions, staff/grade meetings, personal reflections and forums to reflect on current practice and school values. This process was used to develop student and community surveys. After the community survey, staff completed a similar one. The results from the staff survey are outlined below.

Question 1- What makes St Andrews Public School a great school?

Most responses to the above question indicated:

1. Collegiality
2. The students
3. The community

Question 2- What would make St Andrews P.S a better school?

The majority of staff responses indicated:

1. 21st Century Learning tools
2. Greater parental/community involvement
3. More professional Learning

Creating a shared vision was a slow process, however it was not a difficult one. The results from the student, staff and community surveys, forums, interviews and discussions clearly indicated that students are at the forefront of our core business. Our school vision had to reflect this.

After consultation it was determined that the vision statement most appropriate is:

Children, First and Foremost

It was imperative that our vision statement was concise to ensure that all members of the school community understand and believe in our purpose and the reasoning behind decision making for the 2015-2017 St Andrews P.S. School Plan.

School Vision Team


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