

2023 annual report to the Community

# Koolunga Primary School

Koolunga Primary School number: 212

Partnership: Mid North Clare



School principal:

Ronnie Alderman

Signature

Date of endorsement:

21/02/2024



# Context Statement

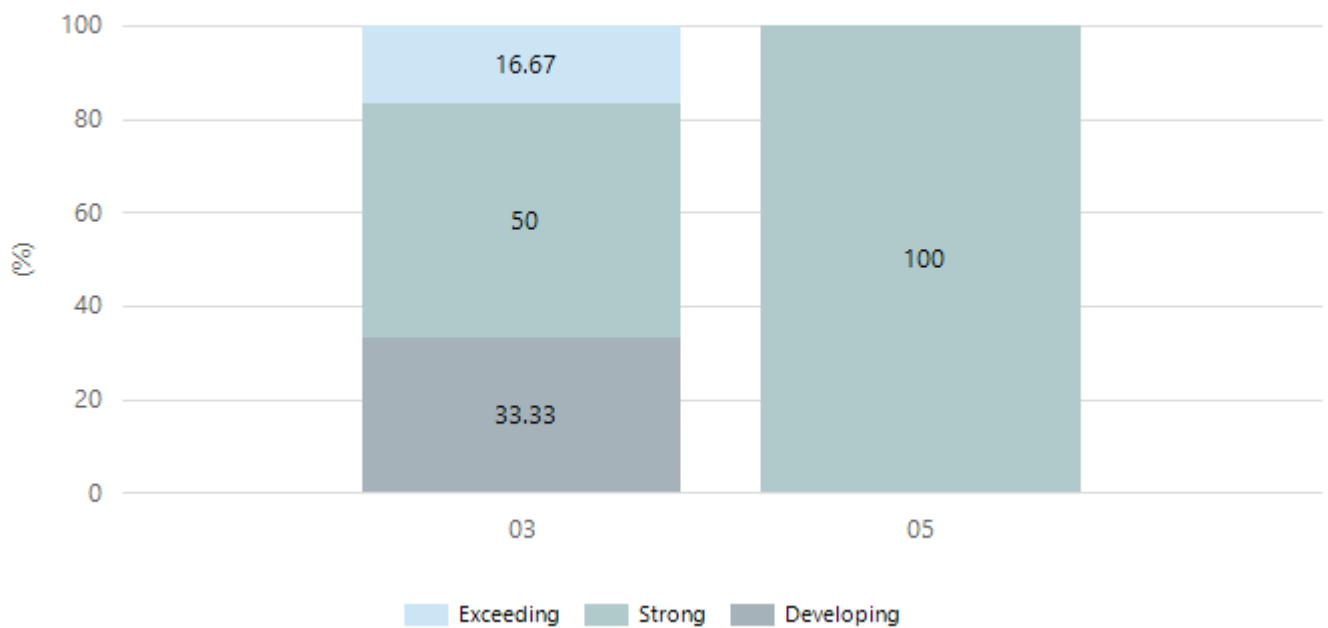
Koolunga Primary School caters for students from R-7. At the time of this report, the enrolment in 2023 is 23. Koolunga Primary School is classified as Category 5 on the Department for Education Index of Educational Disadvantage. At the time of this report, the school population includes. Further information about the school is available on the school's website (including its context statement), as well as the My School website.

## Performance Summary

### NAPLAN Proficiency

In 2023, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) - a Commonwealth Independent statutory authority - announced changes to NAPLAN performance reporting. This new way of reporting by ACARA that NAPLAN results from 2023 will not be comparable to previous years. The new approach replaces the previous numerical NAPLAN bands and the national minimum standard.

#### Numeracy

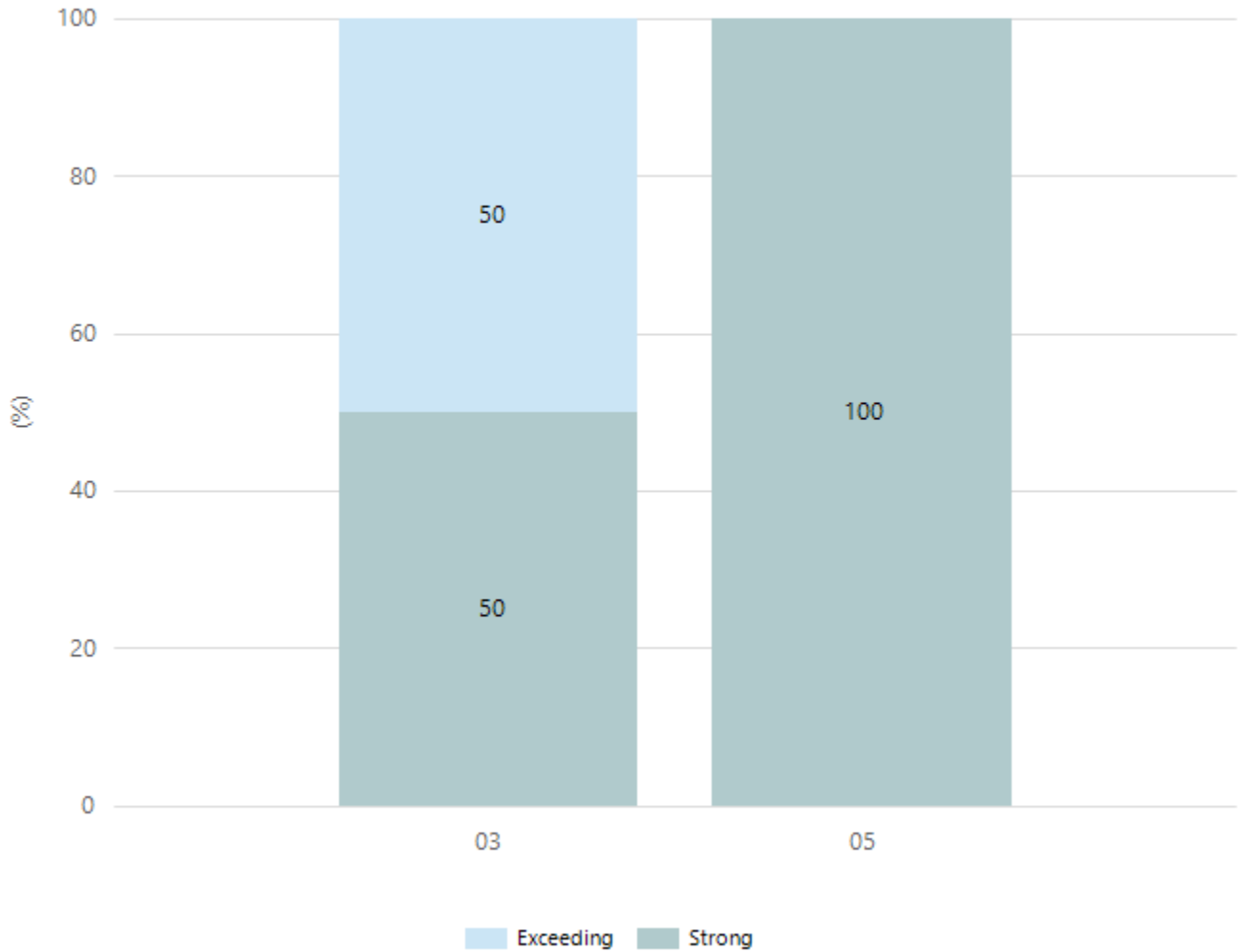


Year Level	03	05
Exceeding	1	
Strong	3	2
Developing	2	
Total	6	2

Data Source: Department for Education Assessment Data Holdings, 2023. When there are less than six students in a cohort, no data is supplied.



## Reading

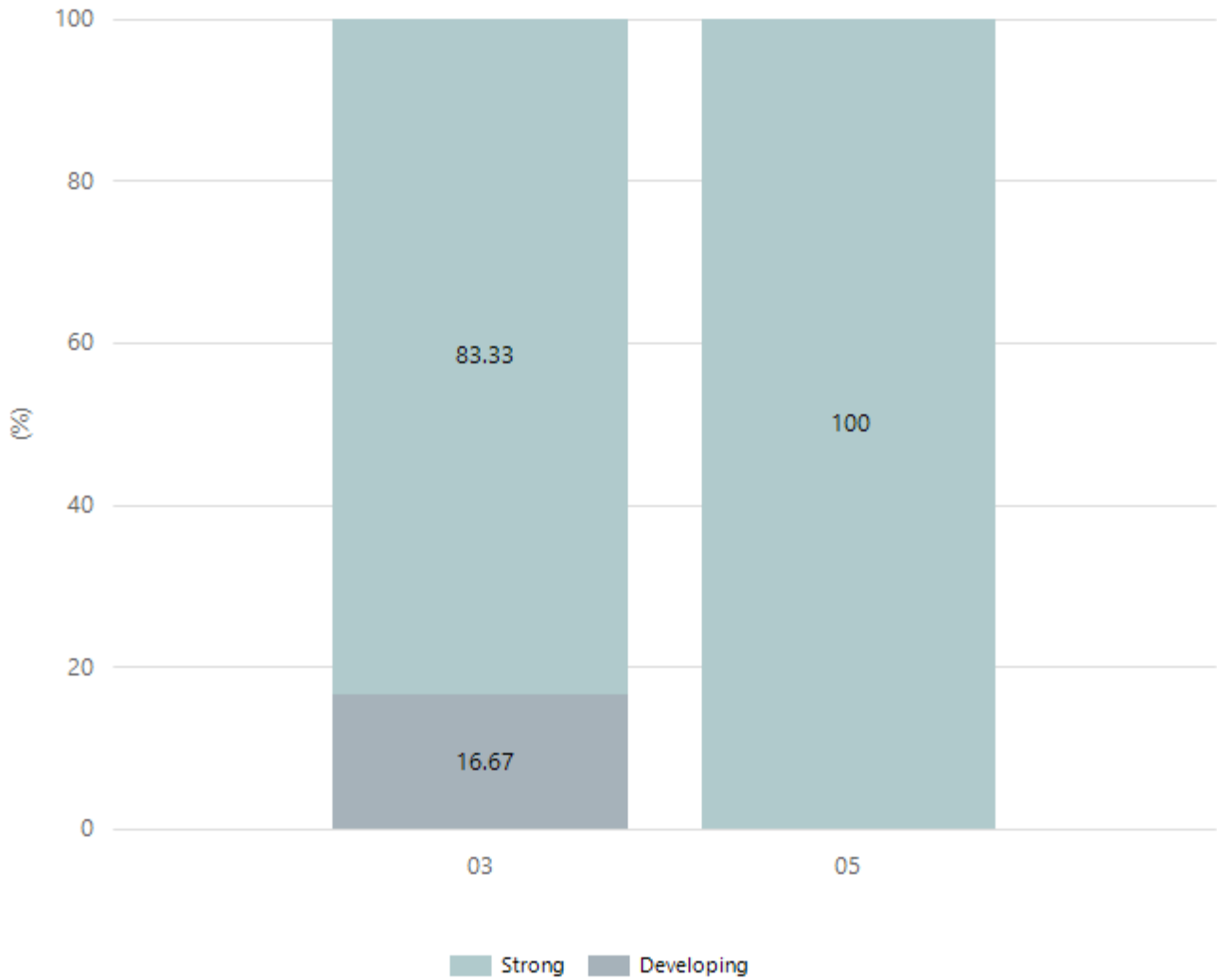


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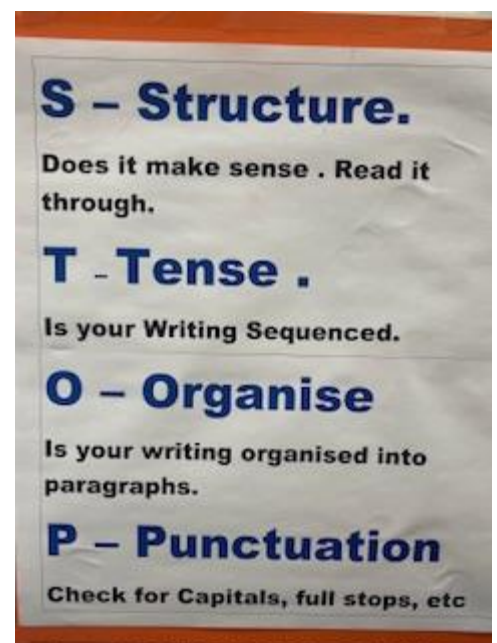


## Writing

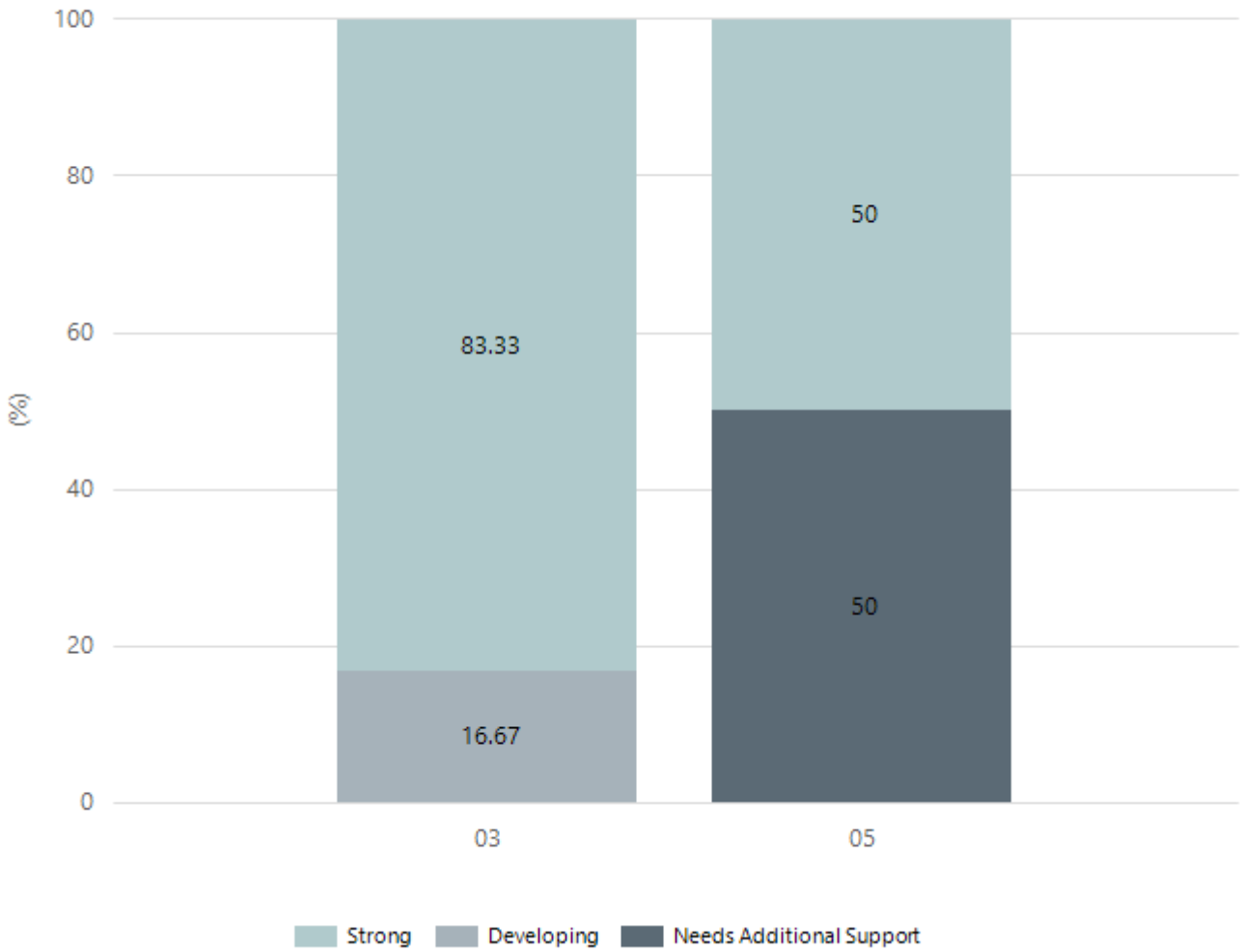


Year Level	03	05
Strong	5	2
Developing	1	
Total	6	2

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# Grammar

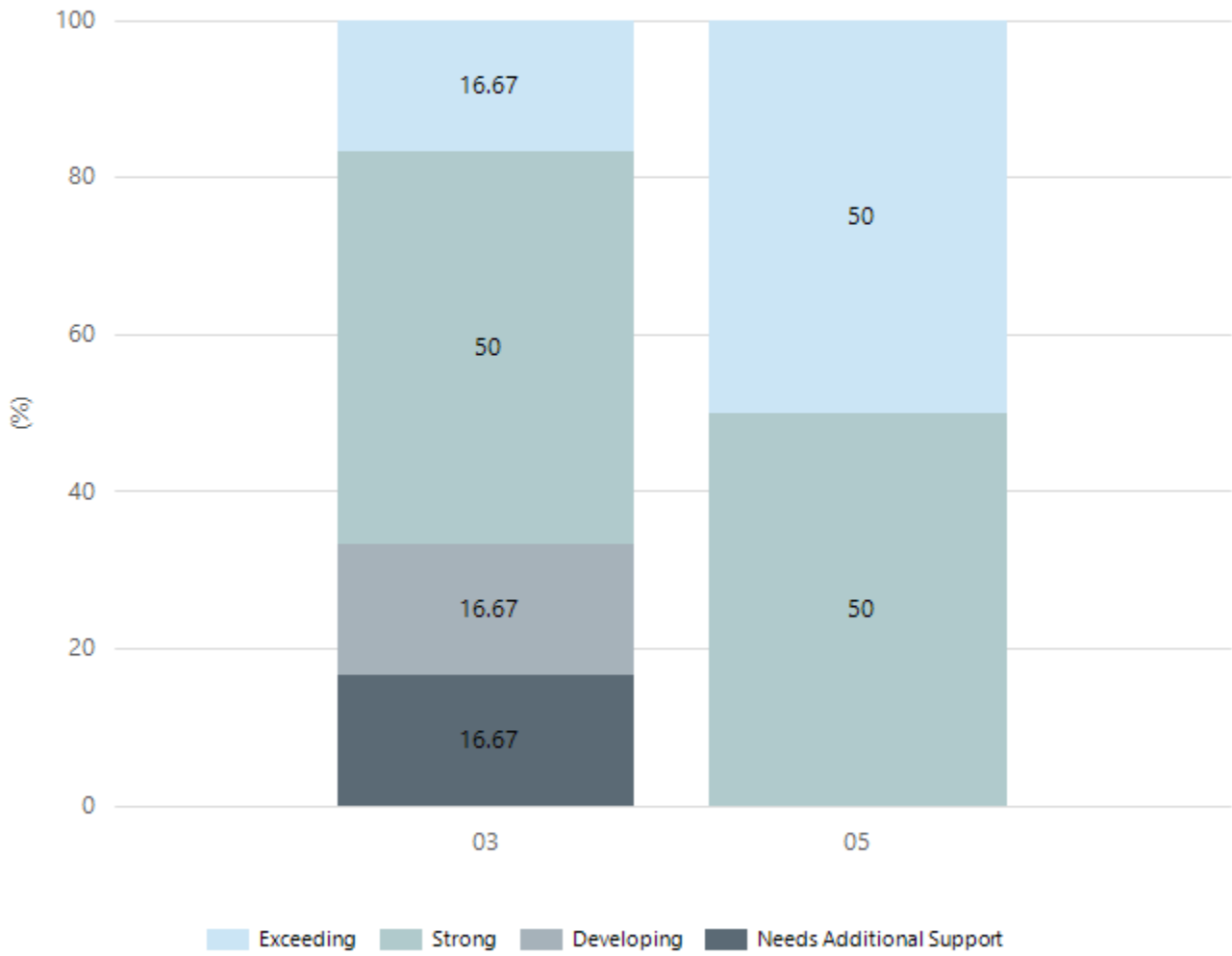


Year Level	03	05
Strong	5	1
Developing	1	
Needs Additional Support		1
Total	6	2

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## Spelling



Year Level	03	05
Exceeding	1	1
Strong	3	1
Developing	1	
Needs Additional Support	1	
Total	6	2

Data Source: Department for Education Assessment Data Holdings, 2023. When there are less than six students in a cohort, no data is supplied.



## School Attendance

Year Level	2021	2022	2023
Reception	90.5%	84.5%	
Year 01	88.5%	86.1%	93.1%
Year 02	92.9%	88.8%	88.7%
Year 03	97.7%	98.8%	87.5%
Year 04	94.8%	89.8%	100.0%
Year 05	94.9%	92.3%	91.8%
Year 06	94.1%	91.3%	91.3%
Total	92.6%	90.2%	90.6%

Data Source: Department for Education Attendance Data, Semester 1 Report 2023. A blank cell indicates there we no students enrolled. 'Primary Other' includes students enrolled in specialised education options. 'Secondary Other' includes students who have already spent a year at Year 12 and elected to undertake further study at Year 12.

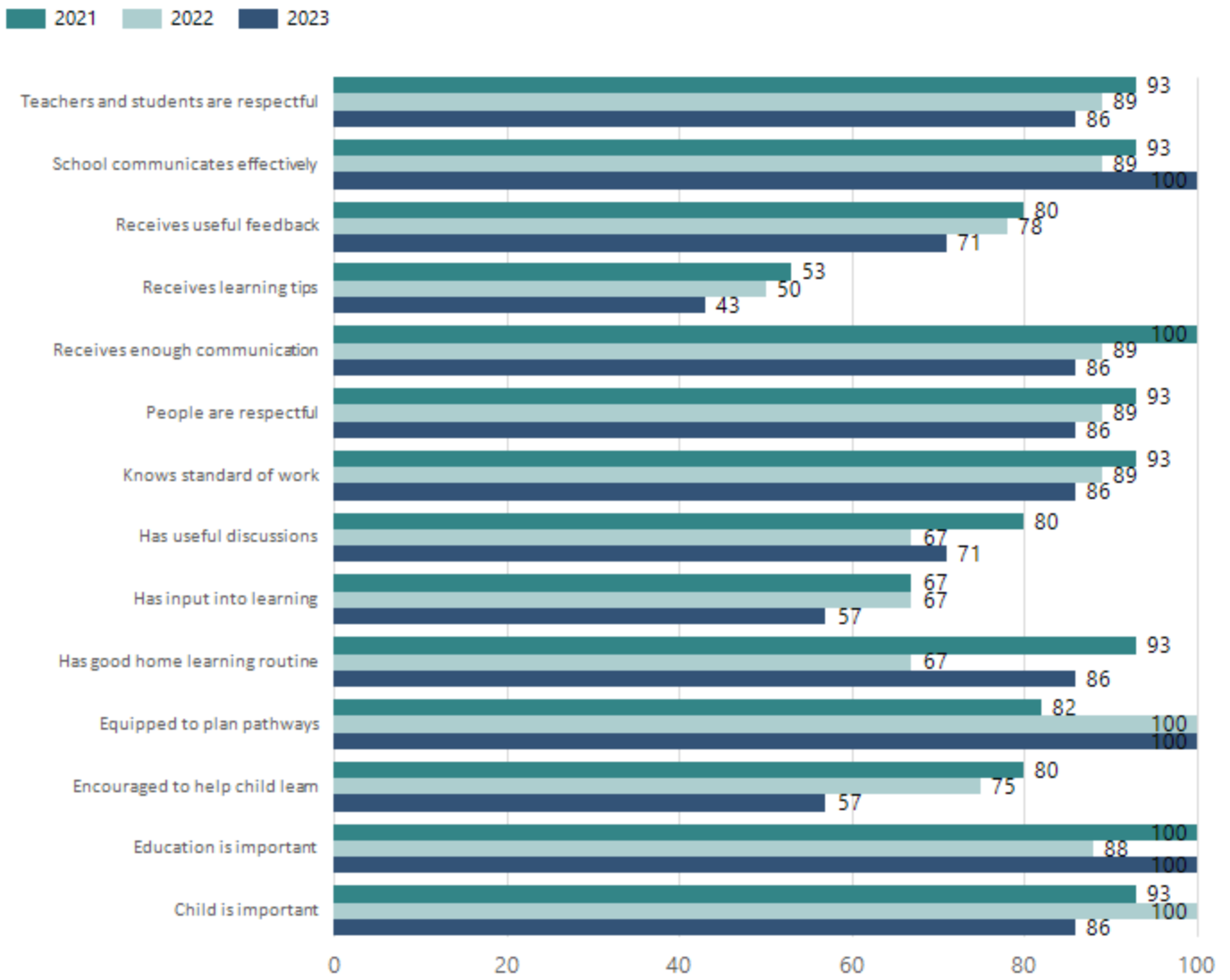
## Attendance Comment

In South Australia, all children and young people must be in school from 6 years to 16 years old. They must attend a government or non-government school full time. From age 16 to 17 however, young people must attend school or an approved learning program (such as an apprenticeship, traineeship, accredited course or university). Schools and parents must encourage and support students to come to school every day. Parents and caregivers must make sure their child is enrolled in a school, and attends school all day and everyday it is open, unless a child is sick or has an approved exemption. Teachers and leaders actively follow up when a student misses' school, including recording all absences and non-attendance. All schools in South Australia have local attendance procedures governed under the Education and Children's Services Regulations 2020.



# Parent Opinion Survey Results

Proportion of agree/strongly agree response(%)



Data Source: 2023 Department for Education Parent Opinions Survey, Term 3 2023.





# Intended Destination

Leave Reason	Number
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Data Source: Department for Education Destination Data Report, 2023. Data extract term 3 2023. Data shows recorded destinations for students that left the school in the previous year. Data is uploaded by schools in term 3 and may not reflect final or total figures at time of report creation.

## Koolunga Primary School Grounds .



# Governing Council Report.

Good evening, everyone and welcome to the 2023 Koolunga Primary School Christmas Concert. After last week's hot weather and then yesterday's thunderstorms and rain we are finally here for the KPS Night of Nights and thankfully the giant twins survived the power outages!!

Thank you so much to all the staff who have worked with the students to make tonight such a huge success. I know how much work goes on behind the scenes preparing for a Christmas concert and please know that it is appreciated by the children, families and the wider community.

2023 has been another fantastic year for KPS.

It was nice to start the year with no COVID restrictions and all children able to return to school at the same time.

This year we had no new Reception children start but during the year we welcomed Shakira and Tyson Brooksby and their mum Aleesha to our school community.

Like always, I think one of the highlights of the school children's week is playgroup. It is so heart-warming to watch friendships blossoming between the little people and the school children. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing service in our small town and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ronnie for the support he gives our playgroup. Ali Jones and Emma Weckert have again run the playgroup this year and what a fabulous job they have done. I am sure everyone who has accessed playgroup this year will agree that their enthusiasm and planned activities are simply amazing and the kids, big and small, love it!! After a number of years Ali and Emma are stepping down as Playgroup coordinators, as both their little people are off to school next year, but I am sure they will both pop in now and again to see everyone and both have offered to help out if needed. Thank you so much Emma and Ali.

Music with Paul is another highlight of the children's week. He has taught them how to play ukulele, boom whackers, drumming, singing and given them the support and confidence to step outside their comfort zones when it comes to music. Thanks so much Paul.

Wednesdays have always been my favourite day of the week, because I don't have to pack lunch!!! Emma Smart has again provided a service to our school which is appreciated by students, staff and parents. The skills the children learn when working with Emma are amazing and I know the kids love cooking with her. Thanks Emma.

This year we welcomed Amy Beaumont to KPS as the Piano teacher and children have enjoyed learning new skills. She has even encouraged some of them to sing, which we have been lucky enough to hear tonight. We thank her for the time and enthusiasm she puts in with our children. Unfortunately, Amy is moving to the Whitsundays with her family, so if you know of a piano teacher please let me know.

This year there have been many highlights, but I think Sports Day may have been overtaken as the number one highlight by the absolutely amazing school camp the children went on earlier this term. From stretch pink hummers, to lights of Adelaide tours, Beach House, buffet breakfast at the Grand, horse riding, Tree Climb, Central market tours and Uber Eats, to name just a few of the activities. What a special experience for our KPS Students to be given. I think it is going to be hard to top this camp in future years.

Another highlight was the Girls and Boys only Road trips. Again, how special for our children to get to spend time together with their friends and teachers doing these amazing things.

This year KPS, and all department schools, were lucky enough to receive a Wellbeing Grant from the Federal Government. The aim of this grant was to improve the wellbeing of students after going through the last two years of COVID restrictions and lockdowns. Thanks to this grant

our students got to experience the already mentioned camp and Road Trips. But this grant also funded regular fruit supply for children to access and the Thai Food Truck that visited in week 1. Another amazing opportunity for our children to try things they may not usually be able to.

Of course, I couldn't stand up here without mentioning another amazing Sports Day win. 11 in a row. What a simply fabulous achievement by our students, supported by our staff. I couldn't be prouder of a group of students, lead by Sports Day captains Lucas and Kade. These students manage themselves on the day, they help each other, support each other, cheer each other on, remind each other to give it their all, help each other find the events they are meant to be at, they tell each other it doesn't matter if they don't win cos, they tried their best. These students are independent and capable, and our staff stand back and watch and cheer and support and help when asked. Our staff have given our children the skills to be able to do this and every year KPS students shine. We are so lucky!

This year we are farewelling 7 year 6's as the move off to High School. The biggest group we have farewelled in a long time. Congratulations to Paige, Molly, Kira, Lucas, Kade, Harley and Ryan on finishing your primary schooling. The future is bright for all of you, and I am sure as you move off to different schools the skills and friendships you have made at KPS will shine through. I would also like to farewell and thank Simone and Derek Lawry for their contributions to the school and playgroup over almost 17 years. During this time, they have contributed a huge amount to our school community. With them ends, for now, a long running association of their extended family with our school and we thank Keith and Chris and Adam and Deb for the amazing amount of time, effort, support and trust you have all put into Koolunga Primary School over many, many, many years.

As you all know I am extremely passionate about small schools. As a parent and an educator, I will always support small schools as I have seen the benefits, they give children. Some people think big is best, but when it comes to schools, I wholeheartedly disagree with this. Children come to small schools as individuals and leave with an extended family who become a part of their lives. The relationships these children have with each other is like a sibling relationship. They fight, they disagree, but my goodness do they have each other's back. Cross age friendships that last a lifetime.

To Ronnie, Sarah-Jane, Mel, Kelly, Deb, Ashley, Wayne and Lisa....our school community is so lucky to have such a dedicated staff group who nurture and support each of our children as the individuals they are. Thank you for making our school what it is.

It has been my absolute pleasure to serve KPS as chairperson of the Governing Council in 2023. As Paul and I finish our time here at KPS as parents we will still be around the community and look forward to supporting KPS when we can.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to each and every one of you. Safe travels to those travelling over the holidays, may you all enjoy some down time and may the spirit of Christmas touch all your families.

Anne Jones

2023 KPS Governing Council Chairperson

# Highest Qualifications held by the teaching workforce and workforce composition

All teachers at this school are qualified and registered with the SA Teachers Registration Board.

Qualification Level	Number of Qualifications
Bachelor's degrees or Diplomas	4

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collections as on the last pay date of June 2023. As self-reported by staff in the system.

Please note: Data includes staff who are Actively employed and on extended paid leave. Please note only the highest qualification of the Teaching staff is reported. Excludes any number of other certifications earned.

## Workforce composition including indigenous staff

	Teaching Staff		Non-Teaching Staff	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Full-Time Equivalents	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.5
Persons	0.0	4.0	0.0	1.0

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collection as on the last pay date of June 2023.

Please note: Data includes staff who are actively employed and on extended paid leave. "Indigenous category" is self-reported by staff in the system.

## Financial Statement

Funding Source	Amount
Grants: State	\$ 1272 -
Grants: Commonwealth	\$ 37 000 -
Parent Contributions	\$ 6 946 -
Fund Raising	\$ 3 494 -
Other	\$ 500 -

Data Source: School supplied data.

