



Speech by

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BEACHMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs CARRYN SULLIVAN (Pumicestone—ALP) (11.37 p.m.): I, along with a number of other guests who continually support the Beachmere Primary School in many ways, was invited to the school last Wednesday, 9 May, to help celebrate their anniversary of federation through their commemorative day.

The celebrations included a number of appropriately costumed students who brilliantly dramatised the time line years from 1901 until the year 2001. The ceremony concluded with the talented school choir singing *Waltzing Matilda*, a medley of Aussie favourites and *Advance Australia Fair*, which we were all very proud to join in with.

Mrs Sandra Granger, who is no stranger to the school, and I were invited to the dais to unveil this school's anniversary of federation quilt, which at that stage no-one had seen and which reflected our past history. I must say that I was not the only one who was absolutely stunned and amazed at the work involved in creating what could only be described as a school's masterpiece. Sandra worked tirelessly at the school to ensure that every student participated in the designing and/or sewing of the quilt. I was also told that the new principal, Mr Peter Keim, became quite adept in the sewing of the finer stitches. It is a shame *Hansard* does not contain pictures, because a photo of this quilt would indeed have made a welcome addition.

The quilt is a credit to all those who worked on it and should be seen by others. It has been suggested that the quilt would make a worthy display in the foyer of the Queensland parliament—on loan, of course, for a period of time to be determined. I look forward to organising this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Beachmere Primary School for its invitation and congratulate students and staff on their efforts to celebrate an Australian milestone. The Centenary of Federation celebrations gave us a real opportunity to reflect on the past and share stories of our history and contemplate our future.
