




Speech by

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MORAYFIELD ELECTORATE, EDUCATION WEEK

 **Mr GRIMWADE** (Morayfield—LNP) (9.42 pm): I rise today to update the House on my recent involvement at local schools throughout Education Week, which commenced 20 May 2012. I was extremely honoured to have been involved in many activities throughout the Morayfield electorate during Education Week.

My week started on Monday when I attended the Morayfield East State School as the 'principal for a day'. Accompanying the school principal, Mrs Menary, I was able to partake in school meetings, meeting and greeting parents and students, visiting classrooms, participating in activities and joining the teachers at lunch in the staffroom with my packed lunch. Thank you to the chappy, Rosie, for updating me on the important role that she plays in this school and the assistance that she provides to the community. I thank Mrs Menary, teachers and support staff for having me at their school. Their dedication to our children's learning outcomes is commendable.

On Tuesday I attended the Burpengary State School. The students at Burpengary State School were undertaking the task of building an outside wood-fired pizza oven. The principal at Burpengary State School, Mr Brad Fox, should be applauded for the effort he has put into developing these types of fun, hands-on learning activities where students learn many skills including teamwork, networking, time management and mathematical calculations through a logical approach.

The highlight I am sure of this event for the children was convincing me to take my boots off, roll up my pants and join them in mixing clay and straw that was used to construct the walls of the wood-fired pizza oven—all done barefoot. I look forward to returning to this great local school shortly to see the final product and hopefully sample a pizza cooked in the oven.

Throughout Education Week I also held a stall at St Eugene College in support of their annual Feast Fair fundraiser. This event brings the school and community together in a major celebration. Throughout the day there were student performances, artwork displays, raffles, rides and activities. I was really glad to see so many community groups also supporting this great local school.

Highlights of the day included a flash mob of preps to year 12s, with staff joining in, along the Keelty Way. This was led by the school principal, Mr Denis Anthonisz. I also participated in the school art auction and purchased a beautiful piece of artwork painted by class 7W. This artwork has taken pride of place on the wall in my electorate office.

Congratulations to the school for conducting this great community event. My sincere congratulations go to them for their efforts in communicating and coordinating this fun fair. These efforts were led by Mark Lynam and Leiza Dunlop, who put in so much work and effort to get this event off the ground. I am advised as a conservative estimate that around \$42,500 net profit was raised and this will be shared between the school and the parish.

Overall I had a fantastic week visiting local schools, talking to hardworking, front-line educators, parents and children. I witnessed the wonderful work being undertaken by our local principals, teachers and teacher aides.

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