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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Nanango Electorate, Schools**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (8.58 pm): I rise tonight to again talk about the wonderful electorate of Nanango. Across this region there are some 35 schools, including private and high schools. I am always very impressed whenever I visit these schools. I would like to pass on some recent stories about the visits to the schools of Quinalow, Kulpi, Haden and Geham. Quinalow is a P-10 school in the north rural region of the Toowoomba Regional Council. The facilities are second to none, including a swimming pool, great school grounds, new classrooms, a very neat home economics classroom and a great manual arts space. I would like to give a special thank you to the staff and students of Quinalow P-10 for making me feel so welcome during my visit and also for presenting me with a Quinalow achiever bracelet while I was there. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of the students and teachers and learning more about the programs this wonderful country school has to offer. Keep up the good work. I look forward to visiting again soon.

Kulpi State School is a very small regional school with some seven students. I spent time with the children talking to them about my role as a member of parliament. I especially liked their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden project which is a wonderful facility for our country kids, teaching some of these children how to cook and how to hold knives and forks. It is really quite impressive. At Haden State School I had the opportunity to speak to both junior and senior students about parliament, which was timely as the seniors were off for their Canberra camp week. Camps were also on the agenda for the juniors—a much anticipated trip to Underwater World is on the calendar.

I would also like to talk about the Geham State School. It is such a beautiful little country school. Thanks to the Minister for Transport they have installed flashing lights on the highway just outside the school. The P&C of the Geham State School need to be congratulated. A recent trail bike ride held by the Geham State School P&C raised \$23,329. It is absolutely amazing. What these go-getter P&Cs are doing is using that money to fence off the dangerous car park that is within the school grounds, they are looking towards helping the school buy extra music and sporting equipment and also saving up to build an outdoor education centre to provide much needed after-school sports so that the children of hardworking mums and dads can have somewhere to go after school.

My visits to these little rural schools are always such a pleasure. I would like to thank the teachers, principals and all the children and the hardworking P&C parents for everything that they do to keep these little schools ticking along. I look forward to many more visits to many more of my schools in the coming weeks.