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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Nanango Electorate, Schools; Premier's Reading Challenge**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (3.58 am): I rise to talk about some wonderful school students from the electorate of Nanango, and it is wonderful that the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek, the Minister for Education, is in the House to hear about these wonderful students. Today I had the pleasure to host four of the junior school captains from Kilcoy State High School and their principal Chris Dench. Next year students Serena Gold, Shaun Beazley, Laine Smith and Tom Goode are all undertaking the role of being a junior school captain as part of the getting ready for secondary school initiative. It was wonderful to talk to these lovely students. One of their questions today was about how late we sit at night. It has just clicked over to 4 am in the morning, so I will be pleased to talk to them about that. They also had the pleasure of telling me about the success of Kilcoy State School and Mount Kilcoy State School in that both had a team in the first Lego League tournament at QUT last weekend, a robotics competition of which there were 48 teams from across the state. Those two teams from that area are now off to the national finals, and I congratulate them and wish them good luck.

I also want to talk about what a wonderful week I have had in relation to the Premier's Reading Challenge. Over 1,030 students in the Nanango electorate are participating in this challenge, and I must give credit to Coolabunia State School, which has 99 students enrolled in the school and 99 students were presented with this award. This is the eighth year in a row that Coolabunia State School has achieved this. I congratulate those teachers. I also quickly want to talk about St Mary's College and congratulate librarian Melanie Burr for encouraging four amazing students who have completed 50 books through the Lexile program. Those students are Lachlan Watson, Patrick Berends, Riley Frank and, very proudly, Elke Frecklington. These four amazing students have not only read 50 books this year but have had to complete a comprehension test around those books through the wonderful Lexile program. I am sure librarian Melanie Burr would encourage a lot of other schools throughout Queensland to have their students participate in this wonderful program. I congratulate all of the students from the Nanango electorate.