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ADJOURNMENT SPEECH

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 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (6.02 pm): I rise to bring to the attention of the House the wonderful work of the parents and citizens associations at Chatsworth schools. It has been my privilege to attend leadership inductions at many of Chatsworth's schools in recent weeks. Each and every time, I have been struck by the number of talented students—those who excel in their academic, sporting, musical, cultural or philanthropic pursuits. These outstanding student achievements are testament not only to the students themselves but also to the school communities, which provide students with the resources and environment to help them reach their goals.

Much of this is due to the hard work of parents and members of the community who give freely of their time to serve on the P&Cs, raising funds for the schools and supporting the work of the teaching staff. Dr Martin Luther King Jr told us that 'the goal of true education is to help our young people cultivate intelligence plus character'. The P&Cs' efforts contribute immensely to developing the sense of community within each of Chatsworth's schools—instilling that school spirit that stays with young people long after they leave a school and that forms a part of their character. In many cases, the funding provided by school P&Cs enables students to access a wider variety of facilities than would otherwise have been possible, in addition to providing them with wonderful social experiences such as fetes, dances and fun runs which create lifelong memories and bring the community together.

I take this opportunity to briefly share with the House some of the wonderful work of Chatsworth's school P&Cs. Tingalpa State School and San Sisto College P&Cs have both been putting in a tremendous effort to raise the required funds to add to their respective schools' facilities. Belmont State School, Whites Hill State College and St Martin's Catholic Primary School P&Cs are hard at work preparing to host school fetes—a wonderful opportunity to bring together the school and local communities. Gumdale State School P&C is working to support the school community through the implementation of the school's master plan, which will see the school modernise and expand.

The P&C of Carina State School, my old primary school, is helping students say thanks to their mums through their annual Mother's Day flower stall. Mayfield State School P&C is bringing the community together in the spirit of healthy competition with their trivia night. Camp Hill State Infants and Primary School P&C is helping their students embrace a healthy lifestyle with the Fit Kids Fun Day. And last but by no means least, the Agnew School P&C initiated production of a book about the Queensland floods of 2011 which raised over \$250,000 for charities including the Australian Red Cross and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. I am truly grateful for our school parents and citizens associations and I thank them for their role in making Chatsworth schools such wonderful learning environments for our young people.