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 **Ms GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (11.41 pm): Originally named the Bowen Bridge Road School, Windsor State School was opened in 1865, making it one of the oldest schools in Brisbane. The school community has been celebrating its 150th birthday in style. Together, the Windsor State School and the P&C have celebrated a truly great school with a proud history, highlighting their sense of community which has been evident since the early settlers pressured the government for a school 150 years ago. This school's sense of pride has been demonstrated in its very successful celebratory events held this year starting with ANZAC Day, Foundation Day, an Evening of Elegance and the very well-attended Heritage Day.

Congratulations to the school students, teachers and staff and the parents who did a fantastic job in making sure each well-planned event, all of which I was lucky enough to attend, was enjoyable, exceptionally supported, fun and showcased all that is great about Windsor. From students dressed up in old gear for Foundation Day, to parents dressed up in roaring twenties gear for a sparkling Evening of Elegance, to His Excellency, the Honourable Paul de Jersey, Governor of Queensland, ringing the old school bell to kick off Heritage Day activities, Windsor State School knows how to party during its special year of celebrations.

In particular, Heritage Day was a day of festivities for all ages, with the school at its very best, featuring a full replica classroom, an old school uniform parade, traditional stalls, a history exhibition and, of course, plenty of food and drink including a spectacular old-style high tea. Thanks to John Taylor who gave all the VIPs a great historic tour of the school—and a beautiful school it is indeed.

The planning for Windsor 150 began in June 2011 to make Windsor State School's sesquicentenary a remarkably memorable year. In particular, a big thank you and congratulations to Windsor P&C 150th Committee Convener Katrina Smith, her husband Cam, and her committee team's amazing effort, including Lisa Brewster, Michelle Hildebrand, Amy Ward, Julie Morrison, Sven Lotzvie, James Angliss, Clarissa Brandt, Wendy Schipper, Fiona Jamieson, Tina Paterson, Angela Willis and Helen Thompson; also, P&C president Konrad Litfin, Principal Stephen O'Kane, Deputy Principal Matt Keong, Windsor School student leaders who did a great job entertaining the Governor at morning tea and all involved—teachers, staff and school cleaners, too numerous to name—for their efforts in making these celebrations truly brilliant.

But Windsor State School's community is no ordinary community, for as well as celebrating the past they are also looking to the future and I am very happy to place on record that in July 2017 the current Officeworks site, originally part of the school, will revert back to the school for the benefit of students, teachers and staff. I thank the Minister for Education, Kate Jones, and her office for delivering this site back to the school community and for supporting a master planning process currently taking place to ensure that this school continues to provide the very best education and facilities for Windsor State School students now and in the future. Congratulations to all involved on a truly remarkable school with fantastic celebrations. I enjoyed each and every one of them.