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World Teachers' Day

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (11.42 pm): Every day Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people all across our state. This year for World Teachers' Day I took the opportunity to acknowledge teachers in my electorate and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. With bags full of cake and cookies from the very famous Gold Coast Goldsteins Bakery, I visited some of the top schools in my electorate and took the opportunity to chat with teachers experienced and new. Most importantly, we also handed out around 200 'Sensational Southport' beach hats—just the thing for the playground and sports activities. We all know too well how important sun safety is. As they say, 'No hat, no play.'

We kicked off the morning by dropping hats and morning tea in to Arundel State School for Principal Michael Kelly and his team. Then at Southport State High School, our first independent public school, it was amazing to be surrounded in the sports hall by almost 100 enthusiastic teachers and deputy principals Kate Shepherd, Rachel Cutajar and Kathleen Janecsek. Packed into the school's sports hall, there were staff awards galore and the praise that was showered on the teachers was absolutely outstanding.

At Musgrave Hill State School I caught up with Principal Julie-Anne McGuinness and delivered morning tea for their 40 teachers and ran into some familiar faces who played a huge role in the education of my four boys. With my four sons, I had the pleasure of being a Musgrave Hill parent for the best part of 15 years. I can assure the House that we all sang with gusto the school song at the end-of-year graduation ceremonies. Needless to say, I am very proud of each of the boys. They have all worked very hard and they had such a great grounding as a result of the excellent education provided at Musgrave Hill.

At Southport State School, the school I attended as a child, I was greeted by Principal Sevil Aldas, Deputy Principal James Howden and many of the school's teachers for afternoon tea. I personally appreciate the many sacrifices our teachers make to educate and care for our kids and young people. We live in a complex and sometimes challenging world. Our teachers deal with the best and sometimes the worst of life. I especially want to thank those teachers who not only educate our kids but also often arrive early before school to feed them, sometimes clothe them and on many occasions advocate for them, many of whom come from very perplexing homes.

I did want to read out one of the postcards that was given to Kate Shepherd, the Deputy Principal at Southport High, from one of the students. On the back it just said, 'You're cool; you're great; you da boss.'