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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.06 pm): The great schools of Kawana, all of which are independent public schools, continue to shine on the world stage. Buddina State School, one of the great schools in the northern end of my electorate, recently attempted a Guinness world record for the number of people dressed up as Dr Seuss characters. If my memory serves me correctly, they had to beat 850 characters. The community came on board and I understand that unofficially they received 854 characters, so now we are waiting with bated breath for Guinness World Records to confirm that Buddina State School holds the world record.

This event was held in Book Week. All schools across Queensland have marvellous Book Week celebrations because we know that kids who can read and write have a great future. One of the ways they can learn to read and write is by getting into the characters, as Buddina State School did. I want to congratulate everyone in the community and all of the students at Buddina State School on their fabulous effort. Fingers crossed that the due diligence stacks up and they will hold the Guinness world record.

I also want to thank Meridan State College, another great independent public school. I went to their Live on Stage! show the other night, which featured band and musical performances. I might add that some of these young bands that were playing were not my taste in music but, my gosh, they did an amazing job, including my 15-year-old daughter, Taylor, who has her own band now. She is a bass player. I want to congratulate all of the musicians at Meridan State College. It was a fantastic night and celebration and administration of the school. Congratulations go to the students, participants, winners and the P&C, which put on some food and drink for the community as well.

I also want to pay tribute to some wonderful community members who received Kawana Electorate Community Awards. They do a fantastic job right around our community. I thank another great independent public school, the Currimundi State School, for hosting over 200 people at those community celebrations. I want to thank Mark and Gayle Forbes, who are Buddina locals in my electorate, whose daughters have suffered with eating disorders.

They had a dream a few years ago to set up the first live-in residential treatment facility in Australia for eating disorders. With the federal government's support of \$1.5 million, community support and business support, they have got this project up and running at Mooloolah. I say congratulations to Mark and Gayle. Through personal experiences and sacrifices, they will now help people through endED, their charity, and they will help end eating disorders.

I also thank Pauline from Brighter Future 4 Kids, an organisation that was established on the Sunshine Coast that gives shoes and socks to schoolkids who cannot afford them. I thank the Kawana Waters RSL subbranch for their reunion lunch the other day. It is nearly Nippers sign-on season. The Kawana Surf Club is searching for all young talent on the Sunshine Coast in Kawana who want to save people and help people as our summer season is approaching. I say thank you to our lifesavers right across the state.