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 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (2.15 pm): I was as proud as punch to do my annual stint as the MC at the Jindalee State School with the dreaded role of judging the best dressed kids competition alongside Milton Dick, the federal member for Oxley. As always, I stocked up at the cake and jam shop, and I would like to thank preppie Elizabeth for the gorgeous unicorn cupcakes that I bought for dessert that night.

The Jindalee State School fete is a highlight of the annual Centenary calendar. It is nothing short of an extravaganza. It has an annual theme—this year it was myths and legends—it takes months of preparations with hundreds of volunteers and has fireworks to finish. I am not aware of any P&C day—and I am happy to be corrected—but I reckon they should have a whole year.

Ms McMillan interjected.

Ms PUGH: There we go, excellent. I could not find that on Google. I take that interjection from the member for Mansfield.

This year was Monique's first year as fete coordinator after Kara-Leigh spent many years at the helm, and she did a wonderful job. It was, as always, such fun. I want to congratulate the P&C president, Andrew Morrison, and his whole team for putting on an absolutely stellar event.

Jindalee State School is far from alone in organising wonderful events that are on a par with any gala extravaganza in the CBD. This month local P&Cs all over Mount Ommaney are hard at work, going the extra mile for our kids. Jamboree Heights has a wine and jazz night coming up organised by Trista Lyle and her hardworking team. Corinda State School has a Spring Festival this month, and the mighty Mount Ommaney Special School celebrates the 40th anniversary of their Early Childhood Development Program with a Family Fun Day next weekend. This term Darra State School P&C also opened their tuckshop for the very first time and were overrun, with more than 50 per cent of their students ordering spag bol for lunch on the first day. I say thanks also to the P&C for giving me some spag bol takeaways.

There is a saying on the wall at the Jindalee Bowls Club: volunteers aren't paid not because they are worthless but because they are priceless. This is incredibly true of all my local P&Cs, and our community owes them a debt of gratitude for their commitment to our kids. Honourable members can imagine how proud I was to be back again on Tuesday last week with the Minister for Education, Grace Grace, who toured one of the fantastic STEM classes being conducted during lunch for our kids. The minister knows that STEM is providing the jobs of our future, and it starts right in the heart of Mount Ommaney at Jindalee. I also take the opportunity to congratulate the wonderful teachers at Jindalee who have been awarded lead teacher roles under the leadership of Meaghan Rogers, who is doing a wonderful job.

The schools of Mount Ommaney are the hub, the heart and the home of our community. I look forward to welcoming the minister again to continue to showcase the amazing staff, students and volunteers of my Mount Ommaney schools.