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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (6.22 pm): In the month of October we celebrate our educators. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all our teachers in the Redlands as we approach the end of the year. Last week was World Teachers' Day. The Redlands is blessed to have many wonderful teachers, teacher aides and support staff.

This is a really important time of the year for all senior students across Queensland as they head into exams, and especially year 12 students as they contemplate the studies and careers that lay ahead. I had the honour of speaking with our year 12 students at Victoria Point State High School. I told them how proud our community was of them and spoke of their need to remain focused on the challenge of the next few weeks and the wonderful opportunities that lay ahead of them. Many of the students were really excited to learn about the free TAFE opportunities the Palaszczuk government is providing.

Victoria Point State School held their colour fun run. Can I say what an absolute hoot that was! The pink dye lasted in my hair for about three days. The students had a ball, and parents and teachers got involved. It was a great way to raise money for the school. I give a big shout-out to Anne-Marie and the whole P&C team who did a wonderful job.

Last week we averted a major crisis, but had problems nonetheless, when a water pipe split on Karragarra Island. Water was cut not only to Karragarra but also to Macleay and Lamb islands, affecting over 6,000 island residents. I thank my community; not only did they rally around each other to help neighbours but also they remained calm and were patient while repairs were carried out, despite some uncertainty in the first instance as to the extent of the issue. They showed strength and resilience. On behalf of our community, I thank Seqwater and the Redland City Council crew that worked through the night and the coming days to restore water, and quality water at that.

With Deputy Mayor Lance Hewlett I hosted community safety forums on Coochiemudlo Island and on the mainland at Victoria Point. I thank our amazing Redlands police officers, Volunteers in Policing, Crimestoppers and the Redland City Council compliance officers who participated. A special thanks and shout-out goes to Brendan Winslow who, with Chris Hebblesworth, is doing amazing work as the QPS community liaison officer in arranging all of our Coffee with a Cop events. We have Coffee with a Cop coming up on Macleay Island at the Organic Market, which will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with Dave and Carolyn, our local police officers. They do a wonderful job on the island.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Yeppoon and the wonderful community of the member for Keppel for public consultation on the War on Wrecks Taskforce, as we continue to work our way down the Queensland Coast. Our Palaszczuk government is committed to consulting with Queenslanders on the issue of abandoned vessels and good waterways management. I note that the member for Bonney and the member for Broadwater raised this issue today. We look forward to coming to the Gold Coast on 30 November to talk further with those communities.

I mention the Victoria Point boaties market, which was a fantastic event. Finally, I thank the Minister for Sport, Mick de Brenni, the Redlands Rugby League Club and Troy Clarkson for an incredible day. The Legends of League program is great for our schools and great for the whole community.