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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (9.12 pm): One of the greatest privileges in this job is being able to engage with my school communities. It is a really great honour. They are a place of learning and laughter and are constant hives of activity. I have had the joy over the last few weeks of celebrating Book Week on multiple occasions. I am sorry to disappoint the Treasurer, but I did not bring my *Cat in the Hat* costume today—although I did think about it. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Peters, the librarian at Redland Bay State School, as well as all librarians across the state. They do a fabulous job celebrating Book Week and encouraging our young people to get into reading. Congratulations to all of them.

In celebrating Book Week, I had the opportunity last week to go to Macleay Island and Russell Island primary schools—two small primary schools with about 150 students in each. I was able to take with me Will and Daniel Clarke, Queensland's Young Australians of the Year who wrote *Tears in the Jungle*. Daniel has a disability and he inspired the young students there on the ability to achieve whatever you set out to do, no matter what your circumstances. That was a fantastic way to celebrate Book Week over there. The students had prepped so well. The students from prep through to grade 6 had the most fantastic questions on environmental activism, Steve Irwin, lots of crocodile stories and all sorts of things.

I also had the chance to visit the KindyLinQ program at both of those schools. They are extraordinarily important programs that are being piloted by our Palaszczuk government. They equip our parents and young people with skills and tools as they look at coming into primary school. I thank the principal of Macleay Island State School, Glenda Seawright, as she seeks to retire, and I welcome the new principal, Cynthia Mangakahia. She has come from Redland District Special School and she will be absolutely fantastic for Macleay Island. That is really good news.

To our Bay View grade 5 Sapphires, I say that their positive impact project is absolutely inspiring. They all came together with a range of ideas and came up with the idea of doing a great big stationery drive to collect stationery for children who are less fortunate. That was lovely to see.

At Victoria Point State School, we had our Under 8s Day and that was way too much fun. It really was like bringing the Ekka to Victoria Point State School. I congratulate the P&C for all of the hard work they did to bring that together.

In terms of visiting all of my schools across Redlands, I am super excited about being able to provide the House with an update that my last two schools—Victoria Point State School and Redland Bay State School—have their air conditioners in and they look to be switched on for term 4. That is all of our schools across the Redlands with air conditioning. I know that our students and teachers are extraordinarily grateful to our government for providing cooler spaces for them to learn and do really well in. Education is at the heart of what we deliver.

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