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Ms BOYD (Pine Rivers—ALP) (6.24 pm): Today it was my real honour to host the school leaders from Strathpine State School here in the people's house. Student leaders Charlotte Swales, Raidyn Samuel, Riley Lane and Natalie Tonkin were joined by their teacher, Paul Owen. I think that Charlotte was most delighted when she got the only double chocolate muffin on the tray at lunchtime. The highlight for Riley was that people now had to listen to her. It was really lovely to spend time over lunch getting to know them and giving them a bit of a tour around the House. They have such strong convictions and such wonderful leadership skills. Our future is certainly in very bright hands.

Last Friday I joined with the Minister for Education and member for McConnel Grace Grace at Bray Park State High School. Over lunch we joined with P&C Queensland to celebrate P&C volunteers during National Volunteer Week. I want to give a special shout-out to the team at Bray Park headed up by principal Peter Turner and school captains Bianca Bill, Sam Cameron, Ben Fischer and Georgia Woodforth. I am really excited that Georgia will be joining me in my office for some work experience very shortly. It was a wonderful event to pay tribute to volunteers right across the state. In particular, I want to mention Lesley from the P&C at Caloundra State School, who has been active in that P&C for over 40 years. It was sensational.

I want to give a shout-out to the hospitality students who catered and served us throughout the day, the Indigenous dancers and the vocal and jazz ensembles. It was also a great opportunity for the minister to see the investment that the Palaszczuk government is making in the school and the school campus as their numbers continue to balloon. We checked out the new innovation centre which provides for STEM facilities as well as classrooms. It was a wonderful highlight and one that I wanted to share with the House.

Showtime is coming to Pine Rivers. I am in a unique urban electorate—I have three shows that are solely in the Pine Rivers electorate. The Dayboro show will be 3-4 July. It has been going strong for 65 years, and I will be sponsoring the wood chopping and entertainment. Samford show is 10-11 July. It is over 50 years old. They are aiming to go plastic free. There I will be sponsoring the adult arts and craft prizes, pig racing and the equestrian competitions. The Pine Rivers show is a three-day show leading right into the Ekka, so it will be over 30 and 31 July and 1 August. The countdown is on! It is 63 days until the Pine Rivers show is on our doorstep. I am a gold sponsor there for the wood chopping and pig racing. I will use my final seconds to also lend my cry to the chorus of 'Go the Redcliffe Dolphins for the next NRL licence!'