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
**MEMBER FOR KURWONGBAH**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Kurwongbah Electorate, Schools

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (7.08 pm): I rise tonight to deliver the sequel to my speech last sitting week about what is going on in our awesome schools across the Kurwongbah electorate. We are continuing work at Lawnton State School. It was great to get to their P&C meeting last week. I have had plenty of opportunities to visit during school hours thanks to the millions of dollars our government has invested recently at Lawnton State School. This year we completed a \$5 million hall. I know the school community is absolutely loving it. At last year's election I also secured a \$10 million commitment for new classrooms and desperately needed disability access to the administration building. That required a total rebuild of that building. With these projects starting up and air conditioning and solar installation work continuing, Lawnton State School has the enviable problem of being a little bit too loved right now. The results for this school, which turns 55 next year, will be phenomenal.

Petrie State School's Fun Day and Twilight Markets went ahead on Friday, 15 October. It was touch and go, but I am happy to report that Mother Nature smiled on us. I got there in time to turn some sausages. Everyone was having a good time. I was able to admire from the oval the \$700,000 new security fence we installed at Petrie State School. If members think that that is an expensive fence, they should see the challenging terrain that this 140-year-old school campus has. They did a good job putting up that fence. Every dollar was well earned.

I welcomed back for term 3 students, parents, teachers and staff at Our Lady of the Way and Mt Maria College also in Petrie. My electorate officer represented me at Mt Maria's Evening of Excellence while I was here last sitting week. I am told it was a wonderful event, but who would ever doubt it would be.

Jinibara State School in Narangba has also been a hive of activity, with outdoor learning areas and the resource centre getting some love. Air conditioning is now operational in 39 school spaces and 180 solar panels have been fully installed.

Circling back to Burpengary, I give a shout-out to the high school, Burpengary State Secondary College. I got to their P&C meeting last week. The timing could not have been better as they had some new merchandise. I have a great new Burpengary State Secondary College mask, which I understand I cannot wear in the chamber. I thank the high school for participating in our Super Saturday school vaccination hub blitz over the weekend.

I conclude with a brief but heartfelt thank you to every member of every school community in my electorate and right across Queensland. The last two years have brought never-seen-before challenges that have impacted greatly on our schools. This year we added masks to what we ask of our teachers and staff and students over 12, not only on the school grounds but also in classrooms. I know it has not been comfortable and maybe even scary for some. On behalf of, I am sure, everybody in this chamber, I say: we thank you and we really appreciate you.

Since this Friday is World Teachers' Day, I will express my appreciation for our teachers again, this time with cake, but not on Friday because it is a public holiday in the Moreton Bay region. I will get the cake to them next week.