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 **Mrs McMAHON** (Macalister—ALP) (7.21 pm): It has been a while since we have been in this chamber. Since we last sat we have had Easter. Over Easter I visited Roma for the Easter in the Country celebrations. I thank the tourism minister for inviting me out there. It was a bit of a homecoming for me. It has been 30 years since I graduated at the high school out at Roma. I would like to thank the committee out at Roma that does all the work of pulling it all together. I got to meet the president of the committee who, it turns out, was our neighbour when we last lived there. It is a small place, really.

Over the last week I have been going around my electorate of Macalister to catch up with all the schools. Ordinarily I would have done it in term 1 except that, as members who have been speaking to their schools would know, term 1 was a bit hectic for them. I gave them a wide berth for term 1, but I have been catching up with them recently.

It would be remiss of me not to use this time to thank all of our teachers, principals and teacher aides for the amazing amount of flexibility and resilience they showed during term 1. It was, in their words, probably the most difficult term they had had since the beginning of COVID. When you think about what we had in 2020 and 2021, that is quite a statement to make. They are all optimistic and they are looking on the other side for the rest of the year. They are all quite positive, with many events coming up for them.

At Beenleigh State High School I got to partake in their Beef and Beer Night. Members, if your high school is not putting on a beef and beer night with their own cattle and own craft brewery partnership, what are they doing? We have the Paddock to Plate coming up next term as well, so I am looking forward to that.

I got to see the work that we had done at the Carbook State School administration block with the new staffroom. The teachers there quite ably reminded me that I did promise them a new coffee machine at their graduation ceremony last year, so I will have to get out there and christen the staffroom with a new coffee machine in the coming weeks.

Before I finish, it is that time of year again when Edens Landing State School puts on their annual Dress Like a Pirate Day in support of the Kids' Cancer Project.

Government members interjected.

Mrs McMAHON: I can hear all me hearties out there. I do my annual challenge to the Edens Landing Student Council where they will have their students come dressed as a pirate for a gold coin donation. I will be out there on 20 May and I will match all the funds that the Edens Landing Student Council raises. Boys and girls, get out there, seize the day and raise as much money as you can for such a fantastic and noble cause, the Kids' Cancer Project. I will see you guys there.

