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 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (6.28 pm): It is a pleasure to round out the week. I have some good news for the House about the students of Good News Lutheran School. Last week I attended their school assembly to hand out my Premier's Reading Challenge certificates. Congratulations to all of the schools and students in my electorate. Over 1,000 Mount Ommaney students participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Mr Sullivan: Well done!

Ms PUGH: I am so proud, member for Stafford; I really am. It gets bigger and better every year. The year 3 and 4 students of Good News also presented at their assembly some fantastic ideas from their science unit that I want to share with the House tonight, because I think they are worth investigating further.

The first group of young students created a website and made a TikTok dance video about button batteries, inspired by one of the student's younger siblings who had taken a liking to button batteries, to raise awareness of the dangers of button batteries. It was fantastic, and I commend the students for their work. The next idea would have been super popular for me back when I used a straightening iron. One of the students created a home alarm system that, as you got to the front door, would let you know if you had left something on, like a straightening iron or a kettle, so that you could go back and turn it off before you left. The final design was a check-in, go card type system for students who walked to school and whose parents want to know where they are. When they get to school they can check in and mum and dad receive a notification. They had even come up with a prototype. I was blown away that this kind of work is being done by primary school students.

I was also thrilled to go and talk to some of my local groups about the Gambling Community Benefit Fund money they have recently received. There was \$21,000 for Assistance Dogs Australia to purchase IT equipment; \$15,000 for the Brisbane Bangla School for a monument; \$35,000 for the Centenary Netball Club for their well-deserved court upgrade; \$21,000 so the Darra RSL can get an even bigger office; \$700 for the Oxley Men's Shed for equipment; and \$9,500 for the Corinda Christian Kindergarten for their long-awaited shade sail. When I visited the kindy to let them know about this money, they were excited about free kindy and told me that, since the announcement of free kindy a little while ago, their enrolments for next year are almost full. They are so excited that free kindy will start for all eligible Queensland kids on 1 January next year. They have been promoting it far and wide—and so have I. Mums and dads of Queensland: if you have a kindy-age kid, get on the Free Kindy finder app and find your free kindy for 2024.