

Question on Notice
No. 1056
Asked on 17 June 2011

Mr Wellington asked the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations (Mr Dick) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the successful acting Principal for a Day promotion, operating each year in Queensland State Schools – will the Minister allow State Schools to have a second Principal for a Day promotion this year so members of State Parliament are able to see first hand what occurs in our State schools?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The annual Principal for a Day was officially held on Monday 23 May 2011 during State Education Week.

In total, 96 Queensland state schools across were involved in Principal for a Day with resounding positive feedback and requests to be involved in future years.

Some of the guest Principals for a Day this year included:

- Dr Chris Sarra from the Stronger Smarter Institute and former Queenslander of the Year
- Ms Melanie Schlanger, a Beijing Olympic medallist
- Ms Bronwyn Sheehan from the Pyjama Foundation.

As Members of Parliament were committed to Regional Parliament in Mackay during State Education Week, I invited all members to participate in the Principal for a Day program in the previous week, 15 – 19 May 2011.

Members were encouraged to make contact with schools within their electorate to organise an appropriate time to visit as Principal for a Day and schools also approached their local member to be part of this initiative.

Principal for a Day is a successful component of State Education Week activities and it will remain on the calendar within this special week of celebrations.

I know the local Member is closely involved with schools in his electorate and I am confident that local principals would welcome the chance to arrange a special Principal for a Day opportunity that suits him.

I encourage any other Member of Parliament who was unable to participate in the formal Principal for a Day program in May to make similar arrangements in their electorates.