

BALINGUP PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Statement by Member for Collie

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie) [12.58 pm]: On Wednesday I had the pleasure of hosting a tour of Parliament House by the students of Balingup Primary School. As usual, the students were very well behaved and were a credit to the school and the teachers at the school. The students were in the city for a tour that also included visits to Perth highlights, such as the Perth Zoo, Scitech and the Western Australian Museum. It was not an everyday occurrence for country kids, and it is something that I am sure they will remember and benefit from enormously.

What really caught my eye about the trip was the bus driver, Mr John Bailey, who had taken time off work to drive the students to Perth from Balingup and to help with all the arrangements while they were in the city. Not only did Mr Bailey make this generous donation of time, but also he is the President of the Balingup Parents and Citizens Association and his record as president is most remarkable. Mr Bailey and the small committee's ability to fundraise for Balingup Primary School is amazing. Ably assisted by the secretary of the P&C, Camille Sinagra, the association has run monster auctions, quiz nights and wood raffles to raise money for the students. In the past three years it has raised approximately \$30 000, which is roughly \$460 for each child at the school. That is a fine effort and I congratulate John and his committee for that effort.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm