

EATON PRIMARY SCHOOL — WASTESORTED AWARDS

Statement by Member for Collie–Preston

MS J.L. HANNS (Collie–Preston — Parliamentary Secretary) [12.51 pm]: Congratulations to Eaton Primary School, finalists in the schools award category at this year’s WasteSorted Awards. I was delighted to host the team from the school as my guests at the awards night to celebrate the outstanding work the school is doing in its sustainability programs. It was fantastic to celebrate the efforts of the team, whose focus is on supporting their community to be more sustainable and to make the school an amazing place to learn and grow. Thank you to the teachers and the parents and citizens association council members Asha Cumming, Dayna Jacob, Chloe Shipley, Stuart Cumming, Kate Grime and Tammi Dods for their continued efforts to change the world, one piece of rubbish at a time.

Most recently the school has built the “Garden of Eat’n”. The year 3s have harvested the first lot of vegetables that completely closed the loop on their organic waste. The students grew beetroot in compost made from food scraps, and Eucalyptus 3 class will cook this delicious beetroot very soon. The students have fed beetroot tops to their chickens that are laying eggs, which are used to cook with, and to the worms that are busy creating more soil to grow their veggies in. I also acknowledge Stuart Cumming, the principal of Eaton Primary School, who has supported Asha and Dayna to develop the sustainability project over the last three years. Stuart is retiring at the end of this year and I wish him all the best in his retirement. With summer nearly upon us, retirement just leaves Stuart more time for cricket.