TO ALL CASUARINA CONSTITUENTS

BEST WISHES FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Wow it's Christmas already? How time flies!

And what a year it has been! Full of action and events. First the Swine Flu Epidemic and then the Global Financial Crisis. Whilst the flu had some effect on the Territory the GFC somehow forgot us. Everything is ticking along fine in the NT and I hope it continues to do so in 2010.

It’s also a time of year when our minds are focusing on Year 12 exams and Christmas holidays. If you have a child that has been thru yr 12 exams, I wish you all the best, it can be quite stressful for the whole family. As for Christmas, we are thinking of what presents to buy for family & friends & should we stay at home or visit the family down south? Decisions, decisions...

But at the end of the day, Christmas is a time to take a rest, celebrate with our families and plan for the New Year. This is what I plan to do!

I look forward to catching up with you in one of the Casuarina shopping centres, doing your Christmas shopping and I would like to extend my best wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Six Nakara Primary School students in years 5/6 recently travelled to Brisbane to compete in the Australasian Pacific Finals of Tournament of Minds.

The team competed against students from schools all around Australia, New Zealand and even Hong Kong. Students Nathaniel Kelly, Flippa Williams, Becky Spain, Lauren Northcote, Sage Walle and Zahra Crough-Heaton, were given an Honorable mention in their discipline of Language – Literature. Never before has a primary school team from the NT been awarded such a high accolade.

I am extremely proud of them and I congratulate them on their success and for the hard work they put in. I was also very pleased to be able to support them with a small contribution towards their travel expenses.

Watch out next year – the finals are in Darwin!!