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Hello, Kids,

The Christmas season brings us to the end of another year and opens to all children the carefree days of the long, warm summer holidays.

Summertime, above all others, is children's time, when the long, warm days beckon irresistibly to the fun of the outdoor, and offer a complete change from the schoolroom routine.

This is the time, too, when the all-important school examinations have been completed and the work you

Coral Briggs (15), the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Briggs, of Cumeroounga



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have done during the year comes up for judgment, so to speak.

I hope you never think of examinations as just an annoying climax to a school year; something which has been to hold you back as you wait to burst out into summer holidays.

These years in school are among the most important of your lives. The interest you take in the lessons you are taught, and the success you achieve in applying what you are taught in examinations, will lay the foundation for your study for higher examinations in preparation for a career.

In last month's *Dawn* we set out some information about careers for boys. Girls too, can train for skilled occupations, and we will publish material about them as well.

If you study well now, and realise that every examination you pass is opening the door a little wider to a world of opportunity and skill you will find the path to security and good wages is so much the easier later on.

For the time being however, examinations are over, and school is out.

Remember to exercise the greatest care during these holidays. Danger is never far distant from the unwary.

Be most careful when you are going swimming. Be considerate of others and cautious for your own safety. The drowning tragedy is a black cloud that hovers over all summer fun in the water.

Yours sincerely,

Pete

Our Back Cover

The joy of Christmas is reflected in the beautiful faces of these three Walgett station children who were given a preview of the presents handed out at last year's party. The youngsters are: Christine Cubby (8), Ian Dennis (6) and Tangerine Dotti (7).