

Children's fun at Christmas

Christmas was a time of gay parties for the children on stations and reserves.

In all cases, the Aborigines' Welfare Board contributed to the expense of the parties for the children.

But there were very big local efforts to raise money for the festivities.

Burnt Bridge was a notable example where the cost of the party, £92, was met £61 from the Burnt Bridge Progress Association, and £31 from the Board.

Nanima, at Wellington, had a big day too, judging by the order for 28 loaves of sandwiches, 85 dozen cakes, 50 dozen soft drinks and 500 ice creams.

At Burnt Bridge, the entire population of the station came for the party, together with some invited guests

from Kempsey, these guests included Mr. C. Ward, the retiring headmaster of Burnt Bridge school, and Mrs. Ward, the previous manager of the station, Mr. A. Henrickson and Mrs. Henrickson, and Mrs. Herman, wife of the U.A.M. missionary worker in the area.

Full praise was given to Mrs. V. Lang, Mrs. E. M. Davis and Mrs. Alice Williams for their work in organising the functions so well.

At Nanima, there was a small army of helpers to make the party a success.

Meeting Santa for the first time has its problems, as Ricky Quinlan (on his lap), and Malcolm Quinlan, in the front of the picture (below) at the Burnt Bridge party show most expressively. Others looking on are Jenny Ward, Sidney Waters and Karen Kelly, with Mrs. F. Campbell giving encouragement

