Merry Christmas everyone and a happy and safe New Year

<sup>°</sup> Week 11, Term 4 and only 9 sleeps till Santa comes. Where did the year go? All students (and staff) had a fantastic time in Griffith yesterday, bowling and watching the movie Paddington.

Today we have celebrated the culmination of a great year with our class parties and gift giving. Tomorrow is the last day of the school for 2014 with the staff still working until Friday, 19th December. The last two days for staff are very valuable in preparation and organisation for 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students at Narrandera East for the effort and enthusiasm they have put in on a daily basis throughout 2014. We are very proud of all our students and what they have achieved this year.

We have wonderful staff at Narrandera East, teaching, non-teaching and voluntary who go way beyond their duties to ensure that your child is safe, happy and actively learning. I am so fortunate to be Principal in such a positive workplace.

Thankyou also to our parents, who support us even when it may be a complaint or difficult situation involving their child. To me this shows the culture of mutual respect we have in our school and is something to treasure.

I thank our P&C executive and members, our Canteen Supervisor and workers and all those parents who help regularly in the classroom, canteen and at sport.

We have a great little school. Nothing excites me more than to go to Narrandera Public and Narrandera High School presentations and see so many of our past students up on stage receiving academic, sporting, social and leadership recognition for their achievements.

Actually one thing does excite me more, it is when many of these students come up to me and say, "we loved our years at Narrandera East, they were the best." To hear parents say, "you must be so proud of those kids, it's all to do with the great grounding they received in those early years!" is equally as special.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Looking forward to working together again in 2015.

Regards Karen Babbs