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Mr TED O'BRIEN (Fairfax) (13:34): I rise today to say Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas to you, Deputy Speaker Hogan, to my colleagues and to those on the other side of the chamber. I know we're all very excited; we're all pumped about Christmas coming up. But there is a five-year-old little girl in my electorate of Fairfax whose name is Scarlett. This year I suspect she's going to be excited not about Santa coming down the chimney but about something arriving in her letterbox. Take a guess what that is.

Mr Tudge: Your Christmas card?

Mr TED O'BRIEN: Aha! We have an interjection, and it's right. Scarlett, who's from the Coolum Beach Community Kindergarten, has won this year's Christmas card artwork award. How good is that? That means that not only will she receive that Christmas card in her letterbox, but so too will tens of thousands of people on the Sunshine Coast. I believe she'll also be sharing a copy of that with her grandparents, who live interstate.

This time of year is a time where we celebrate and we come together, for people of faith and people who don't have faith. I know, as someone who does have deep faith, that Christmas is vitally important—and let us take the joy and happiness of children as we enjoy it ourselves.