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### Children's Christmas Competition

The photo above shows the nine Christmas Scenes drawn and decorated by some of our young readers in response to the recent Christmas Competition.

The numbered pictures were created by:

- |                        |          |        |
|------------------------|----------|--------|
| 1. Giulia Eugster      | Kerikeri | age 6  |
| 2. Daniel Rust,        | Huntly   | age 7  |
| 3. Yvonne Werder       | Patea    | age 6  |
| 4. Fiorella Eichholzer |          | age 12 |
| 5. Tanja Eugster       | Kerikeri | age 9  |
| 6. Eliska Blattner     | Wanganui | age 6  |
| 7. Michael Hewson      | Hamilton | age 10 |
| 8. Sonja Werder        | Patea    | age 11 |
| 9. Helen Werder        | Patea    | age 9  |

As can be seen in the photo, all were extremely well done, using quite a variety of materials, making each one unique.

Each child taking part has been sent an advent calendar with chocolates - thank you all for taking part.

### Ambassador's Christmas Message

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You are of course all aware of the rupture brought to our peaceful way of life by the 11 September terrorist attacks in the United States. Maybe you lost friends or even relatives. Our world has not only been badly shaken by those attacks; it has also become a more dangerous world, where personal and collective security have to be especially protected. I would like to tell you that the Embassy has been monitoring the situation in New Zealand and in the world very closely since 11 Septem-

ber, and that we have been networking with the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern (in particular with Ambassador Walter Thurnheer, who will visit New Zealand in early December) in order to be able to face any emergency which might arise should a later stage endanger the life of Swiss citizens in New Zealand.

(Lower Hutt, 8 November 2001)

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