

The background of the image is a piece of marbled paper. It features a complex, organic pattern of swirling, vein-like shapes. The primary colors are a vibrant, saturated red and a muted, earthy brown or tan. These colors are set against a light cream or off-white base. The overall effect is reminiscent of natural stone or biological tissue, with intricate, branching patterns. The text 'Merry Christmas 2011' is printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and slightly above the vertical center of the page.

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and best wishes to you at Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. (Luke 2:14)



A large interest for us all this year has been the shed at our Bald Rock block, which was built during the September school holidays.

Earlier in the year, Peter spent his spare time sourcing materials on eBay and other second-hand places, then preparing them so that building the shed could proceed as quickly as possible. Although the building materials were well-planned, Peter injured a finger during the shed-building expedition. After spending a night in Armidale hospital, he arranged for some local builders to help out, and so the building proceeded much faster than otherwise. Apart from happy times spent in the bush and with his carpentry equipment, Peter still writes software and is self-employed.



Elizabeth has spent the year doing 'Mum duties' and home-tutoring Felix in maths and English by distance education (Peter also tutored a subject). She also worked from home as a contractor in agricultural science, which involved simulating field experiments and writing papers.



Felix put in a solid effort during grade 1 at home. He loves attending Joey Scouts, helping at church, bushwalking, reading, and working on his computer. He is gearing up for big changes in the New Year as he enters a classroom environment for grade 2.

Myles is enjoying being 3. He loves to paint, dress up, use his imagination, make things, and play hide and seek. He is a cheery, sturdy little fellow who uses lots of funny speech expressions.



Christmas Colours
Felix Meier and Myles Meier
2011
(acrylics on cardboard)

The Christmas Colours limited edition series was completed by the brothers during their art camp at Bald Rock during September 2011. Felix and Myles placed paints in a tray and pressed their Christmas cards onto them.