



Hello, Kids,

I recently had a very interesting letter from my pal Nancy Bolt, of Cabbage Tree Island, telling me all about the recent school sports. Nancy said :

“ Members of our school recently took part in the Zone Sports at Woodburn. Children from Buckendoon, Riley’s Hill, Evans Head, Broadwater, and Woodburn schools also competed.

“ Woodburn is ten miles from here and, therefore, we had to travel by bus. We left here at 8.30 a.m. and we arrived about 9 o’clock. There was no time to lose because the procession was about to start. There were many people following the procession. We marched past shops, houses, cars and motor cycles.

“ The procession eventually finished up at the back of the school where, after we settled down, two men made speeches, and then we were dismissed.

“ We took off our coats, sand shoes, and socks, and then came the events. First of all were the junior and senior age races and following them the skipping races, junior and senior championships, and before we had lunch we had junior and senior tunnel ball. The juniors came third and the seniors fourth.

“ The last event of the day was the tug-of-war, and then came the presentation of the cups and certificates.

“ Woodburn won the sports and we came second. We won no cups but all the same we had fun and were very happy and pleased to have taken part. We went home feeling tired but happy after plenty of fun.”

This month I also had a letter from Jean Levy, of Moree, and a letter and drawing from Ivan Raveneau

(a prize to you, Ivan), of Moree. Also letters and very nice drawings from a lot of other Moree youngsters. They were :

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| Daphne Pitt | Judy Oake |
| Ada Weatherall | Pearl Munro |
| Thelma Johnson | Pat Clark |
| Margaret Raveneau | Gloria Cutmore |
| Keith Wright | Tommy Cain |
| Jim French | Max Roberts |
| Clare Binge | Margaret Groves |
| Alice French | Mervyn Sampson |
| Jean Levy | Joan Whitton |
| Kevin Stanley | Ray Johnson |
| Max Saunders | Charles French |
| Ken Sampson | Clancy Daniels |

PEN FRIENDS WANTED

June and Betty Holten, of Bellbrook, are seeking pen friends—boys or girls. Come on now and get out that pen and paper !

Only a matter of days now and many of our aboriginal boys and girls will be starting their school holidays.

I suppose many of you will be leaving school to take up jobs. Sooner or later, of course, we all have to go to work to make our way in the world, but I would like to see my young aboriginal friends stay at school as long as they can.

Education is a very important thing in this modern world and opens the door to no end of wonderful opportunities.

I have been asking all my pals for more letters and stories and drawings, but now the holidays are almost here I suppose everyone will be too busy to write letters.

We have a very special issue of *Dawn* next month . . . the Christmas issue . . . so make sure you get your copy.

All the best to you all for the time being,

Your sincere pal,