



Hello! Kids,

I had a very nice letter from Ruth McKenzie recently. Ruth has now left Manwaring's place, "Wongrabel," and is now working for Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, of "Hillview," Cootamundra.

Ruth won't be there long, however, as she is taking up nursing. Telling me about her nursing interview, Ruth said, "I had butterflies rather badly. I was really scared but I got a lot of encouragement from Mrs. English and Mr. Saxby."

Denis Moran of 31 Hollis Avenue, Eastwood, would like an aboriginal pen friend.

Thanks, Denis, for your kind wishes for the New Year; you certainly will receive *Dawn* during 1954, so watch the postman every month.

In a long and interesting letter from the Girls' Training Home at Cootamundra, Lorraine Turnbull said she was looking for pen friends, boys or girls, about 13 or 14 years of age.

Lorraine was telling me how the grasshoppers had caused so much damage and eaten practically every blade of grass.

She also asked me to find some pen friends, about 16 years of age, for her friend Betty Mundy.

Another one from Cootamundra, looking for pen friends, is Penelope Packer. "It doesn't matter what colour they are," said Penelope.

Penelope said the girls were all looking forward to see the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Wagga.

"I am 12 years old and I would like some pen friends about my own age," said Judith Darcy in her letter from Cootamundra.

Judith said she recently saw some pictures of the Royal family and thought Princess Anne was the prettiest little girl she had ever seen.

Another one to write to me was Vincent Wenberg. Vince and his brother, who are ex-Kinchela boys, are now working with Mr. Luckie, at "Wallumburrawang," Gilgandra. Another couple of farmers for our great country.

In a letter from Wreck Bay, young Ambrose Brown told me he and his mates were looking forward to seeing the Queen at Canberra. In his final school exam last year Ambrose came first. Brother Bob came second.

Ambrose said the Station manager, Mr. Cole, had a horse for them to ride on and a goat "from which he gets milk for his baby." Ambrose is a very keen fisherman and often gets among the "big ones."



One of my young friends from Walgett, Shirley Thorne. Shirley once lived in Collarenebri.

Eleven-year-old Barbara Masters, of Armatree, sent me some nice coloured drawings. Whilst they didn't win a prize this time, they were very good.

And that's all our mail for this month, pals, so hurry up and write me some long letters and let me know what you have been doing.

Your Sincere Pal,

*Pete*