



Hello, Kids,

And *another* lot of school holidays just gone by.

There's no doubt about it you young people always seem to be having holidays. I certainly hope you made the most of this lot for there'll be no more till Christmas.

Thanks a lot to all those many boys and girls from all over New South Wales who have written to me lately. So many of them I'm afraid that I just can't acknowledge them all individually. Just to pick a few though. First of all there's my young pal from Armidale Road, South Guyra. His first name is Brian but he didn't sign the rest of his name on the letter. Anyhow, Brian thanks for the letter and the nice sketch of Matt Dillon.

Brian who is in First Year at High School has promised to drop in and pay me a visit next time he comes to Sydney. Thanks, Brian, I'll look forward to that. Brian's sister wants to take him up on the Pylon Lookout at the Harbour Bridge but Brian's not having any. That's really something you youngsters should see when you are in Sydney for there are some really marvellous views all over the harbour.

Trevor Ballangarry, 16 Railway Settlement, Auburn, also wrote me a nice letter thanking me for his prize. He says next time he wins a prize he'd like a dictionary. We'll see what we can do about that Trevor. Trevor plays second grade football at school and is also a good boxer. Good for you Trevor.

I am very happy to say that I am getting many more letters from my young friends, but I must admit there are some very lazy young people who like reading *Dawn* but never bother to write me a letter and tell me what is going on about them.

I just had a note from two young fellows named Don Wilson and Noel Caldwell. Both of them come from Mallanganee near Casino and they say "We are two young fellows who would like to get some pen friends through our Magazine *Dawn*, if you could publish our request please. We are both 17, play the guitar and like most of the Western and Hit Parade songs. We would like pen friends, boys or girls, about 16 or 17 years of age". Well, there you are. What about some letters for these young fellows.

Frances Cruise is still in hospital at the Rehabilitation Centre, Mt. Wilga, Manor Road, Hornsby, and would also like some pen friends. She's very lonely so how about some letters for her?

And a nice letter from Helen Clarke of 89 Berthong Street, Cootamundra. Helen said "We moved into our new High School about three weeks ago and it is simply beautiful. There are about one hundred rooms and the colours are lovely.

Each year we play Telopea Park, (Canberra) High School for a Shield. They have won it for two years. This year we beat them in Athletics, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Hockey and football. We lost the tennis match but nevertheless we were proud and happy to win the Shield and the special cup for the football. I play in the Hockey team. Leila Penrith and Shirley Coombes played very well in the basketball and won the match for us with their goals. Mavis Lang is also a good player but on this occasion unfortunately she was ill and couldn't play. My brother Arnold, plays in the Town basketball competition in a team called the Comets. They won the B grade competition and have been promoted to A grade".

Well, Helen, that was a very interesting little note thank you and it wins you a special prize. Let's have some more.

I also had some sketches and a poem from Valda Toomey of Pilliga. Just missed out on a prize Valda, but let's have some more.

Congratulations to two of our people who have good jobs and doing very well for themselves.

Firstly Johnny Dunn, of Wentworth Street, Wolstoncraft, who has a permanent job as a driver with a big Interstate Transport company and earning over £1000 a year. Johnny lives in a nice house which he rents, with his wife and two children. His mate is another aborigine, Jimmy Collins.

The Second is 20 year old Morris Smith who is an apprentice jockey with a large racing stable at Cabramatta. He travels a great deal with the horses and has ridden winners in Sydney, Melbourne and the country. At the present time he is holidaying in Armidale recovering from a broken leg.

That's all for now,

Your sincere pal,