



Hello Kids,

Well, next month is the month we have all been looking for . . . the month that brings us Christmas, holidays, and all manner of good things. It is also a time when many of you will be thinking of leaving school and taking on jobs for yourselves.

I do hope you will take my advice and hesitate a little before you eventually decide to leave school. If it is at all possible for you to stay on for another year, then do so by all means. There is probably nothing more important to young men and women of today, particularly aboriginal folk, than a good education. A good education will open many doors for you and make life much easier as you strive to take your place in the world with your fellow men and women and the white community. I know we all get sick of school and look forward to the holidays and the time when we can leave, but we must think of the future, not just tomorrow or next year but the many years ahead of us. So think it over, will you? Thanks to Olive Mitchell of Cootamundra for a nice note and some splendid drawings. No prize this time Olive, but better luck next time.

I have had a very nice letter from Edith Blair of New Valley Road, Tingha. Edith, who likes *Dawn* very much, is 15 years of age and would like some pen friends, boys or girls about 15 or 16 years of age. She promises to answer all the letters, so how about some mail for her? Also a nice letter from my pal Helen Clarke of Berthong Street, Cootamundra, telling me all about the recent Cootamundra Show. Helen said "This was Cootamundra's 69th show and the best yet. Even though heavy rain fell one day, the gate takings were almost £600. Many children enjoyed themselves in the Octopus and the Ferris Wheel and could be heard screaming and whooping as they were flung about in the drenching rain". Thanks for your letter Helen, and I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

I also had three very nice drawings, or rather paintings, from Rita Wenberg, and they win her a special prize. Congratulations to you, Rita. I am only sorry that we cannot reproduce these paintings in all their colours.

I also had a nice letter from Pam Clark of "Eurabah", Come-by-Chance, New South Wales. This property is 20 miles from Walgett, and as you can imagine, Pam gets lonely sometimes, and would like some pen friends. She is 15 years of age and would like to hear from some folks about her own age.



Believe it or not, but this is Pete himself down on the watercourse at Moree looking for a good spot to catch some jewfish. Unfortunately there were more snakes than fish

Well kids, I guess that's about all for now, but I'll be back with you next month for our very special Christmas issue.

All the best,

Your sincere pal,

Pete

