



Hello, Kids!

Well here we are in a brand new Year . . . a year I believe that will bring us many wonderful opportunities.

We must always remember of course, that these opportunities very seldom present themselves unless we look for them and work hard to make them possible.

I do hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, as I did, and thanks, indeed, to all those kind *Dawn* readers who sent me such wonderful Christmas Greetings. There were far too many to reply to them all individually, but my appreciation is none the less sincere.

Just had a nice note from Valerie Wenberg, (you have probably seen some of her splendid drawings lately). Valerie is working on a farm outside Cootamundra and according to her letter, she is having a wonderful time among the birds and animals. Good for you, Val.

Brian Troutman, of Boggabilla, found time over the holidays to send me some pen and ink drawings, and good ones, too. Thanks to you, Brian. Sorry your drawings just missed out on a prize this time, but try again, will you? Valerie Lilley, whose address is c.o. Post Office, Karuah, would like some pen friends, boys or girls, about 16 or 17 years of age. Val's favourite hobbies are swimming, dancing, tennis and rock 'n roll. How about some letters for this young lady?

I also had some nice drawings from Max Ridgeway of Platts Estate, Waratah, via Newcastle, and a nice long letter from Lesley Whitton of the Cootamundra Girls Home. Lesley told me all about the holiday some of the girls were having, their lovely Christmas cake, their school play-night and the success of some of the other girls in Lifesaving. Thanks for your interesting letter, Lesley, and it wins you a special prize.

And now girls, here's your big chance. I've just had a letter from five young fellows who all have the same postal address . . . c.o. Post Office, Bowraville. They are Robert Wilson (22), Andrew Holten (21), Jack Ballangarry (23), John Mackey (19) and Larry Kelly (19). They would all like some girl pen friends and they all like cricket, hockey, tennis, buckjumping, hillybilly music and collecting film star photos. How about some letters, girls?

Cedric Turnbull of the Boys Training Home, Kinchela, also wrote me a very interesting letter. Cedric said there are about 50 boys at Kinchela now. He told me about their swimming pool, their tractor and their milking machine. Recently the school put on three plays, "Coming round the mountain", "Peace on earth" and "Sally Smith goes to Sydney". According to Cedric, everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks, Cedric, write again soon, will you?

And now a very special request. We have had a letter from a little Maori girl in New Zealand, asking us if we could find a girl pen friend for her. She is Suana Bishop, 13, of Whata Whata Post Office, via Frankton, JUUC, New Zealand, and she would like pen friends about the same age. How about it, girls? Lots of letters for this little girl across the sea.

That's all for now, Kids.

All the best for the
time being.

Your Sincere Pal,



Meet Madeline McGrady of Boggabilla