

Pete's Page



Hello, Kids,

And how are all my young Pals this month ?

I was very pleased to meet many of my young friends in Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke last month. Only sorry I couldn't spend more time with them.

Thank you, Isabelle Johnson of Three Way Bridge, Griffith, for a nice sketch. A very nice effort, Isabelle, but please do them with pen and ink so we can reproduce them, will you ?

Another lass from Griffith, Grace Monaghan, wrote me a very nice letter and told me how cold it has been in her part of the country. She said "the dark people here at Griffith will soon be getting nice houses. We have lived here on the Three Way Bridge in tin huts, but will soon have comfortable homes". Grace said she hopes to go to Sydney next year to train for secretarial work. She said many of the white people in Griffith were helping her with her plans. Thank you for a very interesting letter, Grace, and the best of luck to you with your job.

Iris Clayton also sent me some black and white sketches, but forgot to tell me where she lives. Thanks, Iris.

Incidentally, I published a photograph of Robert Davis of Mungindi in our June issue. Would you please send me your full address, Robert ?

Congratulations and a special prize to 14-year old Diana Ritchie of the Girls' Training Home, Cootamundra, for two excellent pencil sketches. Let's have some more, Diana !

Two 20-year olds, Ron and Mervyn Donovan of Eungai Rail Post Office, North Coast, would like some girl pen friends. They both like swimming, boxing, football and music. They work on a banana plantation. How about some letters, girls ?

How many of you were lucky enough to see the lovely Princess Alexandra while she was here in New South Wales ?

One day when I had the privilege of talking to her, I told her about some of my aborigine friends and she said she would have liked to have met them.



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Another fine sketch from Rita Wenberg.

When you are sending sketches in, will you please make sure they are not on lined paper; and preferably that they are in pen and ink, not pencil.

We often get very good sketches which we can't reproduce in *Dawn* because they are too faint. We also want a lot more photographs, but they must be recent ones, not photographs taken years ago.

It won't be too long now before we come to the end of the school year again so I think it is time I reminded you to give a lot of thought to what you plan to do. I do suggest you continue on at school if you possibly can for education is one of the most important factors in the world today and opens up all kinds of wonderful opportunities.

I am afraid too many youngsters are overkeen to leave school and then find themselves unprepared to fit into the modern way of life. Think it over kids, will you.

Well, I still need a lot more stories, sketches, poems, letters, etc., so how about getting busy with those pens and paint brushes and keeping my mail bag full.

That's all for now, kids, see you next month.

Your sincere Pal,

