

Pete's Page

Hello Kids,

The picture on my page this month is of the kids at Cabbage Tree Island, near Lismore. I don't think I've ever seen a happier group of children, and Miss Pam Olney, welfare officer at Lismore, agrees with me.

Late last year the Cabbage Tree Island children played and sang in the Primary Schools Music Festival for Lismore and surrounding districts. The festival was not a competition, but Miss Olney says that the Island children, taught by Miss Storey, won the hearts of everyone present.

Eight hundred and forty children from 16 schools took part in the festival.

The Island children sang "My Grandfather's Clock", "My Pigeon House", and "This Old Man", and played cymbals, triangles, tambourines, a drum, and other instruments.

Miss Olney asked the children to write to *Dawn* about their trip and the festival. It was quite an event for them to leave Cabbage Tree Island. They rarely have visitors, and that's why they mention Miss Olney, Miss Hort (Far North Coast Music Adviser), and Mr Johnson (District School Inspector).

I can't put all the letters on my page, but I thought you might like to read what the Cabbage Tree Island children—in first and second class—wrote to *Dawn*.

'Bye for now kids,
See you next time.

Pete

