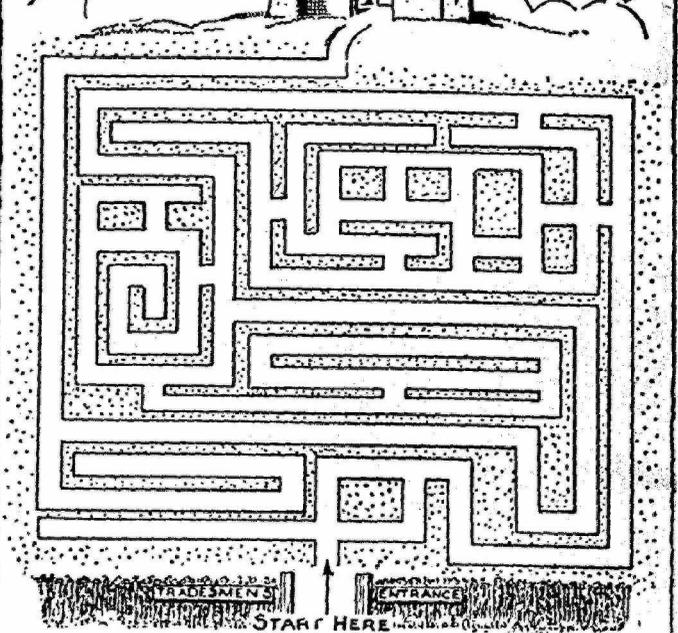


Hello Kids,

Well, here we are again after all that wet weather. Are we glad it all appears to have gone?

I am very happy this month to be able to announce the winners of our School Garden Competition, and to congratulate the boys and girls (and the Teacher in Charge, too of course) at NANIMA ABORIGINAL SCHOOL. Everyone who helped to make this garden such a success should be very proud . . . and I'm sure they are.

As soon as circumstances permit, I will be making a special trip to Nanima to present the beautiful trophy.



SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE ON PAGE 18.

ACROSS: 1, Toad; 4, Male; 6, Tar; 7, Moon; 9, Tim; 11, Elmer; 13, Die; 14, Ivy; 16, Comet; 20, Eel; 21, Mare; 22, Net; 23, Dale; 24, Neck.

DOWN: 1, Tame; 2, Atom; 3, Dane; 5, Acid; 8, Olive; 10, Miner; 12, Roc; 15, Yell; 17, Omen; 18, Mate; 19, Teak.

All those other schools who were unsuccessful this time can have another try shortly, and perhaps one of them will be able to take the trophy away from Nanima. We'll see!

My word, we did have a lot of entries in our Pathfinder Maze Competition! They came from all over New South Wales. Indeed, it seemed so popular, I have given you another one this month.

Last month's winners were Lily Gordon of Baryugil, Lila Foster of Wreck Bay, and Pat Chapman of Falls Creek. They were the **FIRST** three NEAT entries I received.

You know, I'm expecting a lot of birthday cake from Bellbrook any day now because last month no less than five youngsters from Bellbrook had birthdays. They were Dorothy Shepherd (14), Clarice Cohen (7), Red Cohen (11), Barry Cohen (13), and Laurel Cohen (7).

Many Happy Returns of the Day, Kids.

I've had nice letters from Isa Randell of Ashby, Melita Newton of Erambie (poor old Melita tells me she's been down with the mumps), Alice Bundock of Woodenbong, and Jimmy Quinlan of Kinchella, and they have all won prizes!

I also had some very nice drawings from Max Cutmore of Moree, David Perry of Kinchella, Bruce Merritt of Erambie West, Joyce Mercy of Ashby, Jimmy Quinlan of Kinchella, and Alec Walker and Ambrose Brown of Wreck Bay. Congratulations and prizes to all of you.

There were also some very interesting letters from seven youngsters away over in South Australia and they would like you all to write to them. They are Dora Stuart, Frank Warren and Minken Buzzacott, Ethel Murray, Elliott Merrick, Margaret Murray, Ruth Merrick, of Finnis Springs, via Marree, South Australia. Now how about writing. In her letter, Dora said, "We have a Mission here, as well as a Station. There are many outlaw horses here and many young lads who ride them. There are also many wild kangaroos, dingoes, emus and rabbits."

And that's all my news for this month, Kids, so down to work now and get this puzzle done to send back to me. And remember, I *still* want a lot more photographs.

All the best for the time being,

Your Sincere Friend,

Pete