



Hello, Kids,

My word, it's getting close to Christmas, isn't it? I just glanced at my calendar and was very surprised to see that old Father Christmas will be with us again in about nine or ten weeks time.

Well, once again we had a flood of entries in our Baron's Maze contest, and this time the prizes go to Carol Donovan of Bowraville, Fay Ardler of Wreck Bay, and Ambrose Brown of Wreck Bay.

Congratulations to these three and many thanks to all you other youngsters who sent in entries. Better luck next time.

By the way, young'uns, when you send me drawings be SURE and paint them or do them with ink. I sometimes get very good drawings done in pencil, but we cannot reproduce them in *Dawn*.

We're not having a competition this month, but I hope to have something really exciting next month.

One day this week the mailman staggered in with a TERRIFIC bag of mail from all my young friends. In one parcel alone there were lovely drawings from the boys and girls at Boggabilla. They were John Duncan (14) (a prize winner), Teddy Cubby, Alex Hippie, Cyril Knox, Barry Stacey, Don McIntosh, Doug McGrady, Hilton Wightman (a prize), Beverley Hinch, Kevin Binge, Fred Binge, Louis Orcher, Ian McIntosh, Hayden Haines, Ian Prince, Neville Binge, Cyril Knox, Bertram Prince, Geoff Prince, Henry Binge, Ron McGrady, Jack Orcher, Stan McIntosh, and Lloyd Dennison (a prize winner).



Some of my young friends from the Quirindi Aboriginal School.

I also had a nice drawing from Harry Doyle of Nambucca Heads.

I also had a very nice letter from Lola Welch of Coonamble. Lola, who won a prize for her interesting letter, tells me she is working in a cafe now. She and her brother Cyril are very good runners and have both won cups.

Good gracious! You'll never guess what just happened. The mailman came in AGAIN with another big mail from Boggabilla. This time there were drawings AND letters from Margaret McGrady, Don McIntosh, Gloria Haines, Pattie and Bertram Prince, Eric Craigie, Lloyd Dennison, Stan McIntosh, Isabel, Don and Hugh McGrady, Teddy Cubby, and Valmay and Hilton Wightman. Well, thanks a lot, Kids. I certainly look forward to your letters.

Les Franks of Kinchela sent me a drawing and another Kinchela lad, George Ellis, told me how the boys had put on a play called "The Tale of a Button" at South West Rocks, and it was a great success.

Les Foster of Kinchela gets a special prize this month for his excellent drawing from memory.

With her letter, Dorothy Mitchell of "Kurrajong," Muttama, sent me a photograph of Olive Collis. I believe they have some fine picnics in the hills up there.

Margaret Cruse also wrote to me from "Wave Hill," Muttama. Poor old Margaret has had a lot of trouble with hornets, and I'm afraid the hornets came off best. Margaret says many of her white friends think *Dawn* is a wonderful magazine.

We all do, don't we?

Also had letters from Olive Collis at Muttama, Carol Donovan of Bowraville, and Bridget Johnson of Murrin Bridge.

Bill Duke of Moree won a special prize for his drawing, and I would have liked to have printed it in *Dawn* but it was too faint.

I really believe I can see that mailman coming AGAIN, so I had better get away for a while before I run right off this page. Now don't forget, lots of photographs and lots of letters.

All the best for the time being,

Your Sincere Friend,

Pete