

Pete's Page



Hello Kids,

I suppose by this time the Easter holidays are over and you're all back at school again. I was very happy to see some of my young friends out at the Royal Easter Show. The only thing I regret is that you couldn't all come down from every part of New South Wales to see this great exhibition. I am sure there must be some very surprised boys and girls about lately because we have been sending out some VERY unusual prizes for Pete's Page.

I had a very nice letter from young Richard Ballangarry of Eungai Creek and also a nice painting. A prize to you, Dick and congratulations.

Ruby Zooch wrote me a nice letter too, telling me what a wonderful time all the Cootamundra girls had had in Sydney. But Ruby says she doesn't like Sydney, she'd rather be back in the country. Incidentally, Ruby tells me she has some pen-friends in Korea. I also had an interesting letter from my friend Nada Ward of Cootamundra. In his letter, Allen Ferguson of Wingewarra Road, East Dubbo, tells me he has left school now and is working in the bush with his father. Congratulations, Allen, I hope you save your money now you're on the payroll. There's nothing like having a good bank account. Allen also sent me along some of his usual fine paintings. Twelve-year-old Carol Donovan from Bowraville Race Course also sent me a nice drawing and a letter. Carol tells me they have been having a lot of trouble with the floods up that way.

A prize this month to Martha Mundy of Murrin Bridge for her splendid drawing. Congratulations, Martha, keep it up!

And, of course, I must mention all my mates up at Boggabilla. You know, they never miss a month without sending me a big swag of drawings. This month I had some from Lloyd Dennison, Stan McIntosh, Neville Binge, Ian McIntosh, Valerie Binge, Albert Dennison, and Eric Craigie. Thanks, gang, always glad to hear from you. Missed out on the prizes this time but better luck next time.



Some of Pete's ardent admirers put on a show for the cameraman.

In my late mail to-day I had a very interesting letter from young George Ellis of Kinchela.

George, who goes to Kempsey High School, is vice-captain of his class and a member of the South West Rocks Lifesaving Club. He is also a member of the Junior Farmers Club, and has a garden 7 ft. by 15 ft in which is growing beans, peas, peanuts, carrots, cabbages, beetroot and radish. (Save some of those peanuts for me, George, will you?)

A very interesting letter, George, and it wins you a special prize.

Also had paintings from Jim Armstrong, Cecil Dickson, Joe Munday, Bruce Mitchell, and Stanley Bowden, all of Kinchela. Thanks, Fellers.

I also had very nice letters from Valerie Robison of Peak Hill (and a painting) and Colleen Snow of Burnt Bridge.

Now, kids, when you send me along photographs, and I still want a lot of them, please make sure they're good and clear ones. And you must write your letters in ink.

And so now until next month I'll say Cheerio to all my friends all over the State.

All the Best until next month.

Your sincere friend,