



Pete's Page

Hello, Kids,

Well, 1953 is already past the halfway mark and soon the good old summer time will be back with us again. I'll bet you're all looking forward to it just as much as I am.

Has your school entered for the Garden competition yet? If you haven't you had better have a word with your teacher and see if your school can't win that beautiful big silver shield.

I had a trip up north recently and was happy to have the opportunity of dropping in at Kinchela for a while. My word, that is a lovely place and all the boys there . . . over sixty of them now . . . looked very well and happy. Perhaps the good job Ron Perry does in the kitchen has a lot to do with that.

I had a very nice letter from seventeen-year-old Ruth McKenzie during the week. Ruth, who passed her Intermediate last November, is an ex-Cootamundra girl and works with Mrs. Manwaring on "Wongrabel," Yannawal, near Young. She hopes to become a nurse very soon.

I can always depend on my young pals up at Boggabilla for some fine drawings. Nearly every month the postman turns up with the familiar parcel and I really enjoy going through them. This month I had some from Stan McIntosh, Don McIntosh, Ian McIntosh, Charles Harrison, Bertram Prince, Hayden Haines, Doug McGrady, Neville Binge, Albert Dennison, Tom Binge, Walter Duncan. Well, what do you know? No girls this time.

I also see a very nice letter here on my desk from Ella Warraweena, of Milray Station, Brewarrina. Nice to hear from you, Ella!

In her letter, Carol Donovan, of Bowraville, told me all about the ball they held recently to raise funds for the ambulance. She said her cousin was Belle of the Ball and won first prize.

Another letter I received was from Don Nolan. Don tells me he now works as a station hand on Mr. Lane's Wombagland Station, about 18 miles from Dubbo. He does the milking, gardening, and other jobs about the house and goes about a lot on horseback. Sounds a great life, Don!

Ten-year-old Edith Blair, of Tingha, also wrote me a nice letter and promised to write often.

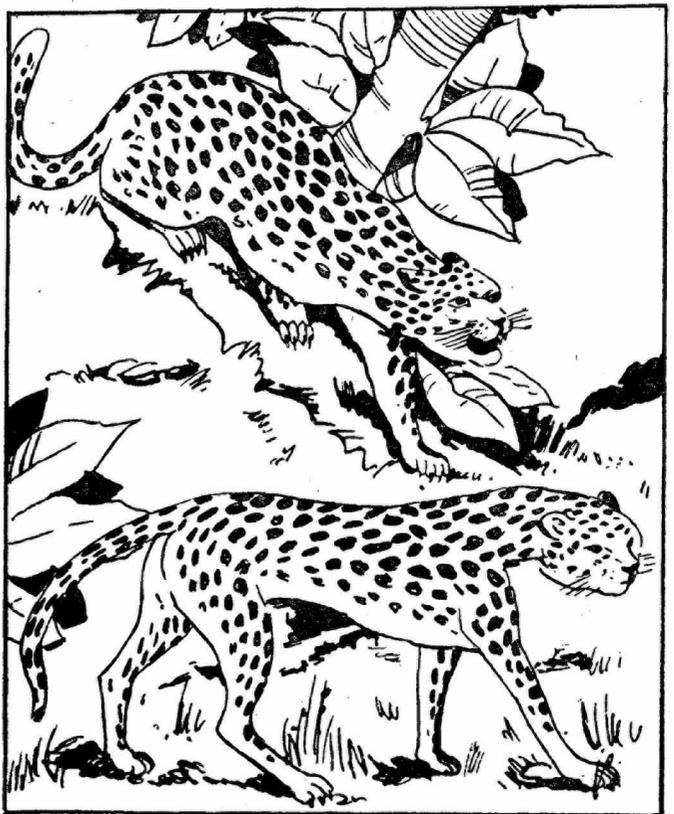
You know, kids, I want to get lots and lots of letters from you all, and there are so many of you who haven't written me at all yet. Now, how about it?

Well, the mailman just arrived with a great bag full of mail. I had a fine drawing from Stanley Williams, of Burnt Bridge, and some nice paintings from a whole crowd at Walgett. There was Norma Murphy, Claude Dixon, Kevin Fernando, Garry Murphy, Lola Lance, Tony Dixon, Rex Morgan (a prize to you, Rex) and Leslie Dixon. Also had some nice stories from Phyllis Fernando, Norma Murphy, Noelene Dixon, Joyce Dixon and Victor Dodd of Walgett. Thanks a lot, Kids, and congratulations.

Well, that's about all for this month, so I'll say cheerio for another month. All the best.

Your sincere pal,

Pete



Colour this in!