



Hello Kids !

Well how are we now ? Isn't it nice to see the sun again (at least in some parts) after all that terrible rain. Its tragic to think of all those unfortunate people who lost their homes and belongings in the floods. Those of us who escaped should feel very thankful.

I had an interesting letter from Carol Donovan, of Bowraville, a few days ago. Carol said . . . "I have started school again and pleased to say I skipped second year, going right into third year. Our school has been painted a lovely green and will look nice when it's finished. It really needed something to brighten it up. I would like some pen friends, from anywhere and all the letters will be answered. It gets so dull sometimes and one of my favourite hobbies is letter writing. One of my younger sisters, Beverley, is in hospital and will be there for six weeks. Now don't forget my pen friends will you." O.K. kids how about it now ? Some letters for Carol. She is 15 and her address is, c/o Racecourse, Bowraville.

I also had two very excellent paintings from Brian Budge (14) and Pam Morris (12), both of Burnt Bridge. and both of these youngsters win special prizes.

Congratulations to Mervyn Sampson, of Moree, who came top of his class (first year) at the Moree Intermediate High School, last year. Mervyn was first in English, Maths and Science. There was recently an exhibition of woodwork in one of the Moree stores and Mervyn was privileged to have one of his articles included in the display.

Another young lad, Arthur Duncan, also did very well in his studies this year and was presented with the Moree Rotary Club's Prize for Proficiency. Good work Arthur, keep it up.

I have had a nice long letter from Richard Ballangarry, of Auburn, and also a sketch. I was particularly pleased to hear from young Richard as he has not written for a long while.

Well, my friend, the mailman just dropped in with some very interesting mail for me.

First of all there was a very nice drawing from Janice Wilson of Bowraville. Thanks a lot Janice, send some more along. Then there was a most interesting letter from Bruce Ellis of Kinchela (your letter wins a prize Bruce. Congratulations.). Bruce told me all about

their recent flood troubles at Kinchela and believe me I really mean big TROUBLE. But never mind, they still seem to come back again time after time, bigger and better. Bruce said the Kinchela boys have started a Camera Club. George Ellis is Chairman and Mrs. Scarborough, Secretary. Every six weeks the Club holds a Photo Competition and awards a prize for the best photo. George Ellis was the winner of the first competition. Some of these photos must be most interesting and I will certainly look forward to publishing some of them.

Another pleasant surprise in the mail was a really wonderful cartoon drawing, all about Korky the Cat, by Leslie Franks, of Cobargo. You certainly must have put a lot of work in that one Leslie, and it wins you a prize. Congratulations.

A very nice coloured drawing from Stuart Ridgeway, of Rozelle, too. Thanks Stuart. Well kids, guess that's all the news for this time so until next month. Cheerio.

Your Sincere Pal.

*Pete*



One of the very happy moments at the Xmas Camp at La Perouse.