



Well Kids, that's all the news for this month, so all the best.

Your Sincere Pal,

*Pete*

Hallo Kids!

And how are all my pals this month? Particularly those Pals who live in the flood areas. It certainly looks as though old Santa Claus might have to come round in a rowing boat this year, doesn't it.

Anyhow the rain doesn't seem to have stopped my friends from writing to me. Today, I had a letter from young Eddie Smith (no address Eddie!), sending me a nice pencil drawing. Just missed out on a prize Eddie. Have another try.

Just found another letter and drawing, this time from Allan Smith of Rivertree, via Wilsons Downfall. I wonder is that Eddie's brother. The elephant drawings were very nice Allan, but didn't win a prize this time. Always do your drawings on a separate piece of paper to your letter will you?

I had such a nice letter from Katherine Smith at the Cootamundra Girls' School, that I think I'll let you all read it. Katherine said . . .

"I've been intending to write for a long time so you see I've eventually got round to it.

I am 14 and I have been in Cootamundra for almost three years. I had been fostered out for twenty months at Narromine. My foster parents were very nice but all the same I was glad to come back "home" here.

I am in 2nd year and I hope to be a nurse when I leave school next month.

My mother, who lives in Kempsey, is hoping to have my sister and I home someday, but it is so difficult to get a suitable home for us. I know how hard she is trying, by herself, for my father is dead and my brothers are helping her out as much as they can."

Thank you very much indeed, Katherine for such a nice letter and congratulations because it wins you a special prize.

I also had another nice letter from Margaret Eggins, who also lives at Cootamundra, enclosing some photos. Thanks, Margaret, pleased to hear from you.



A fine sketch by Irene Roberts of Cubawee.

