



Hallo Kids !

And a Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas to you all. This is the time you've all been waiting for and I hope that Christmas morn will bring you lots and lots of joy and happiness.

While you're all sitting down relaxing on Christmas Day how about a thought for some of those lonely people who are looking for penfriends.

I've just had a letter from Vivienne Laurie, care of Post Office, Yamba, and she says: "There are four of us girls here and we would like some penfriends because we get terribly lonely. On Sundays Yamba always gets a big crowd but there are no coloured people among them, and we would like some penfriends from our own people".

So how about some letters for these girls. Mavis Laurie would like penfriends 20-22, Lilian Laurie, friends 16-18, Shirley Laurie, friends 14-16 and Vivienne 16-18.

The mailman just brought me in a nice aeroplane drawing from Hilda Daley of Baryulgil, near Grafton, and another from Doreen Johnson of Murrin Bridge. Thanks, Pals, they were very nice.

Brian Irving of Armidale Road, South Guyra, wrote me a nice letter and sent a drawing. Brian told me he always does the washing up. (I wonder how many others do that?). He also feeds all the pets about the place.

Brenda Heron of Nana Glen Rail, who wrote and sent a photo is fifteen and goes to Coff's Harbour High School. She has three brothers and a sister. Brenda was telling me of her recent visit to Kempsey Show.

Then there was another fine drawing entitled "A Windy Day", by Betty Black of Murrin Bridge. Very nice Betty.

My word the postman is busy today. He just brought me in some more letters. Among them is one from Jean Kelly whose address is Box 89, Post Office, Balranald. Jean wants some penfriends interested in horseriding, hillbilly songs and swimming. (Righto, Kids, how about some letters for Jean.)

Also had a very interesting letter from Kenneth Leonard of Bemble Street, Coonamble. Kenneth, who is just recovering from a broken arm, told me his mother lost a lot of fowls and ducks recently in a bad storm. (What a terrible thing to happen just before Xmas!)

Well Pals, that's all the mail for the moment, but I do hope to have a lot more letters, poems, stories, drawings and photographs from you all, in the New Year. And so I'll say now,

A very Merry Christmas to you and yours,

Your sincere pal,

*Pete*

