



Hello Kids,

Well, here we are again with some more school holidays . . . the May holidays. There is no doubt you youngsters are lucky with so many holidays.

You have no idea how busy I have been the past few idays opening all my mail . . . hundreds of letters from all over New South Wales, from my young pals sending in their entries in the fishing competition. It was very hard to pick the winners because quite a few had the puzzle worked out correctly, *but* it was surprising how many missed one little fish up in the tree behind one of the boys fishing. Anyhow, after a lot of trouble, we awarded the three prizes to Jim Troutman of Mogil Street, Mungindi ; Pam Dickson of Greenhill, Kempsey; and Kevin Manton, C/o. Post Office, Karuah.

We must also congratulate the following for their fine entries (which just missed out on a prize), Charlotte King, Tuncester ; Marie Roberts, Tuncester ; Victor Williams of Woodenbong ; Joyce Saunders of Caroonna ; Malcolm Cubby, Mungindi ; Arthur Morgan of Cobargo ; Daryl Ridgeway of Karuah ; Norman Leslie of Coonabara-bran and Marie Mason of Goodooga ; and thanks to you all for all those entries.

Thanks to Carol Ridgway of Oyster Cove, Salt Ash, for a very nice letter. Carol is in 2nd year at Raymond Terrace High School. I believe Carol is a very good angler and often brings home some fish for dinner. Thanks Carol.

A special prize this month too, to Trevor Patrick Ballangarry of the Railway Settlement, Auburn. Trevor said "I am 10 years old and in 5th class at Auburn Central School. I have four brothers and four sisters. My eldest brother has left school after passing his Intermediate and I hope to pass mine too. My favourite sports are boxing and football. I am a member of the Parramatta Police Boys Club. I had my first fight at Camden. I lost of course, and I was a bit downhearted but my trainer Kelly Hanley made me train harder and so I won my next fight at Wollongong and had a coin "shower". I also play football for my school. When I'm older I'd like to join the Navy Cadets. My teacher is Mr. Benaud and sometimes he gets his famous son Ritchie Benaud to give us some hints on batting. Well I guess that's all for now". Thanks indeed Trevor for a very interesting letter.

Also had a very nice letter from Valerie Wenberg, C/o. Mrs. Hardie, Sterling, Wallendbeen. Thanks for the letter, Val.



"The Skater." A fine black and white drawing by Matilda Williams, of Erambie

Another nice letter from Robyn Crowe of 39 Gundagai Road, Cootamundra, telling me all about her recent visit to the Cootamundra Girls home. Thanks to you too, Robyn.

I had a nice sketch from Trevor Ballangarry, another one from Valda Toomey of Queen Street, Pilliga, and still another from Isabelle Johnstone of the Three Way Bridge, Griffith. Many thanks, Kids. Let me have some more. These just missed out on a prize this time.

Well, Pals, I guess that just about winds it up for this month, so once again I'll sign off by saying, All the best.

Your sincere pal,