



Hello, Kids,

Well, I'm very pleased to say my mail has improved very considerably. I think it must have been the good effect of the holidays. I had a nice drawing from Valerie Hopkins, of Green Hills, another nice sketch entitled "Summer Day" (to be published later) from Grace Monaghan of 3-way Bridge, Griffith, and a letter and sketch from 12 year old Robert Merritt, of Erambie. I believe Robert is very fond of football and boxing. Good for you, young fellow!

I also had a nice sketch from 16 year old Phyllis Newman whose address is c.o. Post Office, Karuah. Phyllis would like some pen friends 16 to 19 years of age.

Speaking of pen friends, I had a letter from a group of young fellows who all have the same address . . . Post Office, Bowraville. These young fellows who are all fond of football, hunting, swimming and fishing, all want pen friends, girls preferred and promise to answer every letter. Their names are . . . Ivan Chapman (21), Rod Buchanan (17), Colin Buchanan (21), Sam Dotti (19), David Chapman (19) and Ross Jarrett (15). How about some letters for these young fellows.

Max Jarrett, aged 17, of Bellwood, via Nambucca, would also like some girl pen friends about 16 years of age. Max is interested in cricket, horseriding, tennis and hockey.



A special prize to Max Walker, of Bellwood, for this excellent black and white sketch of "The Man from the Snowy River"

While I was writing this letter the postman came in with another big parcel of mail from Grace Monaghan of Griffith . . . some more sketches. Nice work, Grace. Congratulations, too, to Joan Smith of Neville Everson Street, West Kempsey, for her nice poem, "Wattle Time". Some more please, Joan.

Well Kids, it won't be long you know before the end of the year will be with us again and more school holidays. Some of you will have reached a stage where you will be thinking about leaving school and earning a living for yourselves. To those of you in High Schools I would most sincerely say don't leave school until you have got your Intermediate or better still your Leaving Certificate. I know it is not always possible for many of you to stay at school as long as you should but I cannot stress the importance of a good education. Education is the key to many doors in later life and we should all strive to better ourselves.

I guess that's about all for this month but I would like a lot more drawings from you all, so how about it?

All the best for now.

Your sincere pal,

*Pete*



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