



*Hello Kids,*

And how are all my young friends this month? Getting back to summer again, aren't you pleased?

Thanks to Jeanette Seiler, of 171 Pinkerton Road, Cootamundra, for a very nice coloured drawing. Just missed a prize this time, Jeanette, but try again, will you?

I also had a very interesting letter from Barbara Haynes, of 112 Palmer Street, East Sydney. Barbara said in her neatly written letter:—

“Dear Pete,

I am having a wonderful holiday. Last Monday I went to see the film of ‘The Bolshoi Ballet’. I have never seen such graceful ballet dancers as the Russians. Galina Ulanova, the main dancer, danced the part of Giselle in ‘Giselle’. Although she is in her middle fifties, she looks like a young girl of sixteen. She must be an exceptional dancer to be able to portray the part so well.”

I almost forgot to mention that Jeanette Seiler also sent me some pencil sketches which would have won a prize for her except that they were on ruled paper and so we could not reproduce them. Please do your drawings on blank paper, will you, kids!

I also had a nice letter and some drawings from Brian Irving, of Armidale Road, South Guyra. Unfortunately, Brian just missed out on a prize this time but we'd like to see some more. In his very newsy letter he said:

“Just a few lines hoping that you and the staff of *Dawn* are feeling alright as it leaves all the family okay. It is a long time since I wrote to you. So I will send you two drawings of Bat Masterson and Billy the Kid. To my surprise, I found that ink made the best black I could find. Plain colours you can't get thick enough.

We had a fairly warm winter in Guyra but the snow was cold. I might be going to Armidale to an Art School. I hope I make good down there then I might win a few prizes, eh! Our horse got sick and we soon fixed her up and she is out in the bush now with my uncle and brother. I am an uncle now because my sister had a baby girl. How do you like that? We are having holidays now and I hurt my toe. We went to Tingha

earlier this month to play them football. Scores were Guyra A grade 9, Tingha A grade 10; Guyra B grade 3, Tingha B grade 16. But they had to battle for those scores. I was playing second row in the A grade. It was a beautiful day for the return trip. We played them last year. We had fun going down and coming home on the bus. Singing going down and coming back too. It is getting warm now in Guyra, I hope that I win a prize now for my drawings because I did them with extra care. Well, Pete, I have to go to bed now. See you when I write to you. From your sincere friend, Brian Irving.”

Brian Troutman, of Boggabilla, was another one who sent along fine sketches but on lined paper. Hard luck, Brian.

Rita Wenberg, who often sends us along drawings, is working on a farm “Birling” at Bringelly and says she likes it very much. She is doing an Art correspondence course and one day hopes to become an artist.

Rita and some other of my friends were asking for the address of Betty Black. Well, it is care Aborigine Station, Murrin Bridge.

Lorraine Riley of Railway Station Debman, in another nice letter said her gardening was coming on well now and her mother was knitting her some clothes for her doll. Lorraine asked me too, to send a cheerio message to Danny Boy, a very sick little fellow of Gunnedah. Hope you are soon well again, Danny.

Lorraine and her brother Doug want some pen friends. How about it, kids?

Terry Springheel, of Crescent Head Road, via Kempsey, tells me he spent his last school holidays in Sydney. While he was down here he turned 12 and had a very nice party. Terry also would like some pen pals about 11 or 12 years of age. A special prize this month to Frederick Binge, c/- Post Office, Tenterfield, for his very interesting letter. Fred said, “The weather here at present is very miserable. It is raining and whilst we need the rain it stops us from getting out and doing things. I am fourteen years of age and my birthday is on the 15th of November. I am in 2C at the Tenterfield High School I have been living here for two years now and saw snow this year for the first time. I think its lovely to watch snow falling but I'll still be glad when the Summer is here again so we can go swimming. We go for long hikes up the Mountains and have such a lot of fun shooting rabbits and kangaroos. There is a cave up on Mt. McKenzie where the bushranger Thunderbolt is once believed to have lived.”

Well, thanks indeed Fred, for a very interesting and well-written letter.

*Pete*