



Hello, Kids,

Well, here it is at last, the Christmas month—the month we have all been looking for. I do hope that each and every one of you has a really wonderful time this Christmas and that you find your stockings filled with all manner of delightful things.

For many of you it will be the end of school and the time to start looking for jobs. On this I would say, if you can stay at school a little longer, then do so by all means for education is a wonderful thing. Perhaps the most important thing in breaking down barriers and prejudices.

If you do have to go to work, then chose carefully and make sure the job is going to be one that offers security and some hope of advancement.

Thanks also to Cliff Nixon of Kinchela Boys' Home for a nice black and white drawing. Let's have some more, Cliff.

My sincere thanks to eighteen-year-old Carol Donovan of 13 Pitt Street, Redfern, for her very nice letter and Christmas greetings.

In a nicely written letter, Helen Clarke, of Sutton Street, Cootamundra, said:

"It is a long time since I've written you a letter, as I don't seem to have time now that I'm working.

I have been working for six months and like my job very much. I work at 'Conkey's & Sons' big factory. There are over 150 employed.



Kath and Molly Blair, of Tingha

A squash court has been built in Cootamundra and everybody who plays says it's a terrific game. I'd rather stick to basketball as I find it a much better game.

The manager of the baths has been doing quite a bit, putting up new fences, painting, etc. It was supposed to open tomorrow, but it won't be finished, so it'll open at a later date."

Thanks for a nice letter, Helen.

I had a very interesting letter from Robert Davis, of Mungindi, this month. He said:

"I like reading *Dawn* as it has a lot of interesting things in it. Do you think, some time in the future they might put Australian Aborigine Jimmy Little on the cover as we like hearing him sing and play on record and on the wireless. It would be nice to have a large photo of him to put in a frame. I play the guitar and sing, too. I prefer Hillbilly songs to Rock-n-roll."

Thank you for the letter, Robert, we'll see what we can do about that photo!

I also had a nice long letter from Fay Nixon of "Woodland", Bimbi, N.S.W. She tells me her new home is 7 miles out of Bribbaree and she is very happy. Fay is a very keen basketball player and swimmer. She also collects film stars photos. She would like some pen friends between the ages of 16 and 20, boys or girls. How about some letters for her?

Ann Flanders, Race Course, Bowraville, would also like some pen friends, 14 to 16 years of age.

I sent a nice book to Melba Kennedy of 25 Shephere Street, Chippendale, who was awarded a special prize for writing a very interesting letter, but it was returned unclaimed from the Post Office.

If Melba will write again and tell me her present address, I will send the book to her.

I guess that's all for now, Pals, but once again, very, very Merry Christmas.

Your sincere Pal,

Pete