



## Hello Kids!

Well, here we are once again in a brand new year—1961. Be sure and make the best of it, won't you, for I'm sure it will have all kinds of wonderful opportunities.

I had a nice letter from Ray Nolan, of Dubbo. Ray said:—

“I am sending you another drawing. I hope you like it. I've won a few prizes here in Dubbo for drawing, and I hope to get better. I am going to send you one of my water colours later on, but as I am very busy on the plaster works, I don't get much time

“It's raining very heavy here to-night, but the farmers need the rain.

“We are at present plastering the lecture room of a part of the new Hospital that is going to be built here in the near future. I like my job very much, and hope to learn the trade.

“Well, I guess I'll have to close now, so with best regards to you and *Dawn*, I'll say cheerio.”

Also had a very short little note from a Kinchela boy, Cecil Clayton. Cecil said:—

“Just these few lines to let you know how I am getting on.

“Well, Pete, the weather has been very fine up here. We only had a little shower yesterday.

“This is the first time I've written a letter to Pete's Page. I saw my sister's composition in *Dawn*, so I thought why don't I write to *Dawn*, and so I did.

“To-day the boys picked two football teams. My team won fifty-one to five.”

Last year was a wonderful year for many of us and 1961 should be even better, but only if we take advantage of every opportunity and strive to be successful.

Sometimes our hearts are heavy when we encounter the narrow minded unfair prejudices of a small section of the community who are still not prepared to “accept” the aboriginal people. But when we reflect for just a moment how grateful we should be that we live in this wonderful country of Australia and not in some of those other unfortunate countries where racial hatred is carried to such awful extremes.

As we look forward to the future in this bright new year let us then be very thankful and let us pledge ourselves to do some little thing each month, each week, each day, to bring about the complete and happy assimilation of our people.

Of course you have all read this month about the wonderful competition being conducted by N.A.D.O.C. to find singers and potential radio and television stars. This might be YOUR big opportunity in 1961.

Before you hear from me again, school will be reopening and many of you will be making up your minds whether you are to leave or whether to continue on for a higher education.

I hope that as many as possible will continue with their High School educations for education is truly the key to all manner of wonderful opportunities.

Well Kids, I guess that's all once again, so I'll sign off now. I do hope 1961 will be a very happy and successful year for all of you.

Your sincere Pal,