



Pete's Page

Hello Kids,

It seems only yesterday I was wishing you all a Merry Christmas and now here we are at Easter. I suppose a lot of you will be going to the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. I am particularly keen to go this year for I want to meet the three aboriginal boys from the Northern Territory. This year, for the first time, the Northern Territory has put in a display at the Show and these lads are to look after it.

The poor old mailman has been nearly worn out these past few weeks bringing me all the entries in our "colour in" competition. Some of them were really splendid and I had a difficult job picking the winners.

Eventually, however, I decided to award three special prizes to Nola Cooper, Roseley Park, Orient Point Post Office; Helen Chapman, C/- Post Office, Nelligen; and Olive Wedge, River Street, Narrandera.



Esther Nicholls, of Pilliga, near the old swimming hole



"Squeaker" McLeod, of Wreck Bay, was really fascinated by the giraffes when he visited the Zoo recently

Just had a short note too, from Irene Ashwin of the Native Welfare Department, Meekatharra, Western Australia, asking me if I could find some pen friends for her about her own age (16), boys or girls. How about some letters for this young lady on the other end of our Continent?

You will notice in this month's *Dawn* announcements of three wonderful Competitions.

The first is the N.A.D.O.C. *Writing Quest*, with prizes for essays, stories and poems; the second is the N.A.D.O.C. *Art Quest*, with a wide range of prizes for drawings and paintings, and the third is the Art and Story competition, promoted by the Australian Council for Child Advancement. These are wonderful competitions and I hope we will have hundreds of entries for all over N.S.W., indeed from all over Australia.

Be sure to get your entries in early and make certain they are neat and tidy. Well Kids, I guess that's about all the news for this month, so once again I'll say good-bye to all my young friends.

Your Sincere Pal,

