



Hello Kids,

Well here we are again in July, already more than halfway through the year. Time certainly goes quickly, doesn't it?

One thing that makes me happy though, and I suppose it has the same effect on most of you, is that the days are gradually getting longer and warmer. I guess I DO like the Summer best after all. A wonderful thing happened down the South Coast recently when children of the Russel Vale school took 8 aboriginal children into their homes for a week and gave them a really first class time. Next month I'll tell you the whole story and show you just how our people can mix and take their place in the general community.

We are about to appoint regular country correspondents for *Dawn* and next month I will tell you more about

this too and introduce you to some of these people who are going to write for *Dawn*.

Speaking of writing, I'm afraid many of you have become rather lazy lately because I haven't had nearly the number of letters, drawings and so forth that I would like. How about getting out those pens and pencils NOW and letting me have some of your latest drawings.

I know some of our aboriginal people are often subjected to very unfair prejudices from some of the more ignorant people in the community, but this is really a wonderful country in which we live, and no matter how bad things may be we are all much, much better off than many coloured people in other countries.

We must remember however that we too have to play our part in breaking down these prejudices by behaving properly at all times, by being polite, and above all by being clean.

Please remember these things, Kids, won't you, so that when the day comes and you are a grown man or woman you may take your place in the world alongside your fellow men and women without question.

Now I do hope you remember what I said about those drawings.

Well Kids, I guess that's all for this month.

Your sincere pal,



Mr. Geoff Crawford, M.L.A., member for Barwon farewelling Max Cutmore and Alf Sampson at the Moree Aerodrome on their departure for the National Aborigines' Day Observance Council display in Sydney on July 14