



Hello Kids,

Well, Christmas is a long way off again, isn't it? Do hope you all had a wonderful time. Did you like our special Christmas cover on *Dawn*? How about writing and telling me what you thought of it. There will be some special prizes for the best letter.

I just had a letter from James Ridgeway (18) of 5 Frederick Street, Merewether, telling me he would like some pen friends.

His hobbies are music, jazz, painting and motor cars. How about some letters for him!

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#### A LETTER FROM LOLA

Writing to *Dawn*, from the Cootamundra Girls' Training Home, 15 years old Lola Edwards says:

Recently I went on a visit which is held every year in July between the school I attend, and Telopea Park High School in Canberra. There were 40 odd of us fitted into a bus, along with our suitcases, because we were going for three days. We had a pleasant trip over, but it was more exciting when we arrived, where we met our billets.

The first day we had athletics, and the ball games, the second day I played basketball against Telopea, along with the other members of the team. Although we did not win, I enjoyed it thoroughly. We won the football, which I am glad to say was the main feature.

That night, which was Friday, we had a dance which was very successful. I sang at the dance, and was very pleased to see the way in which the students of Telopea Park High accepted me, even though I was an aborigine.

All in all I had a very enjoyable time, and I did not want to leave my new-found friends.

I would like pen friends please, any age, in teens; my hobbies are drawing, sketching, and painting, singing also.

(This nice letter wins Lola a special prize!)



This fierce looking Indian is none other than Kenny Watson, of Bungunya, in Queensland

#### MERVYN BISHOP DOES WELL

Congratulations to Mervyn Bishop on being selected as a Prefect of Dubbo High School for next year. Mervyn will probably sit for the Leaving Certificate at the end of 1962.

Mervyn, who comes from Brewarrina, is a bursar of the Board and is boarding in the Church of England Hostel at Dubbo. Mervyn is also being supported by the Journalists' Aboriginal Group of *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

I guess that's all for now, so until next month,

Your sincere Pal,