



Hello, Kids,

You will have seen the stories in recent issues of *Dawn* of the success aboriginal boys and girls are having at school all over the State.

These children have worked hard at study at school and at home for many years, and the result is that a big, bright future is opening up for them.

With this in mind, I have been very happy to get letters from children and from some school teachers about the good work being done by the younger ones.

For instance, I had a letter from Janice Mundy, of Collarenebri, who really enjoys her school. She told me her hobbies are singing in Sunday school, and painting in school. And just to make sure, she tells me "we have a nice big school in Collarenebri."

Mr. L. Jones, of the aboriginal school at Woodenbong, has sent me examples of the work of several children there. It was very neat and it is clear a lot of effort and care has gone into it.

Rhonda Close, aged 6½, tells of a visit to Brisbane where she says, "I saw 10 big ships. I saw sailors up on top of the ships. One of the sailors blew the trumpet. It made all of the children stop walking about."

Richard Close, who is nine years old, and is in 3rd class, wrote a short piece of news of Woodenbong. In it he described what he was looking forward to at the local Show.

Narelle Williams (2nd class), Merrick Close (2nd class), and Patrick Miles (aged 6½) also sent little pieces.

All the time I am getting letters from children telling me how happy they are at school and how much they like what they do there in the classroom and at games and in sport.

I do hope that all you boys and girls will stay as happy with school as you are now, so that you will learn a lot and pass all your exams as you get bigger.

I have received a beautifully coloured picture of a donkey, the original of which was published in a recent issue of *Dawn*.

The picture was coloured by William Donovan, aged 13, of Eungai Creek. He did a very good job and selected his colours wisely.

Patsy Ord, who lives at 28 Carnarvon Road, Roseville, a Sydney suburb, would like a pen friend aged 15 or 16. Patsy is keen on swimming, football and rock 'n' roll.



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*Drawing by R. D. Martin, of Brisbane*

**Back Cover:**— Pictured with "Smokey", the bush fire fighting bear, at the Royal Easter Show, are some of the 12 children from Jervis Bay who made a one-day trip to Sydney for the event.