

Dear Kids,

So here it is at last . . . the BIG month of the year. School's out, the summer weather is lovely, the fishing's fine and Christmas time is near.

Yes, indeed it is a wonderful season and it is a time, too, when we should pause for a moment and count our blessings.

It would be timely I think to offer up a little prayer to God for our children who lie ill, or injured, in hospital, and other less fortunate people in our own land and in countries abroad who cannot be as happy as we are at Christmas.

What a great thing it would be if we could bring good health, joy and happiness to everyone on Christmas Day.

I do hope that each and every one of you has a really wonderful time over the holidays.

For many of you it will be the end of school and the time to start looking for jobs. On this I would urge that if it is possible for you to stay at school a little longer, then do so by all means, for education is a wonderful thing. Perhaps it is the most important thing in breaking down barriers and prejudices.

If you do have to seek work chose carefully and do your best to make certain that the job offers security and the chance of advancement.

Perhaps many of you will be intrigued by the boomerang picture on our page.

The boomerang is one of a number carried over the Sydney Harbour Bridge when it was opened more than 30 years ago.

We told the story in October *Dawn* when the boomerang was presented to the Aborigines Welfare Board by former station manager and teacher, Mr. J. R. Milne.

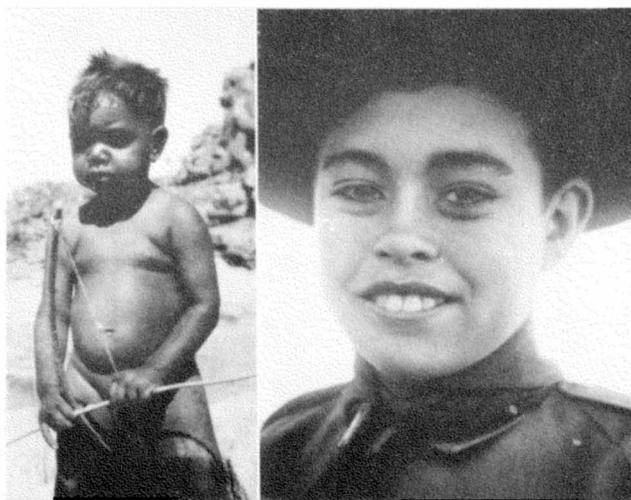
The bottle supporting the boomerang contains sand pictures created by the late Sam Kelly, of Urunga, and is also part of the Welfare Board's museum.

Should you come across any specimens of Aboriginal arts and crafts in your travels and could spare them I am sure the Board would be grateful to receive them and list the donor's name in the collection.

That's all for now, Pals, and once again a very Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Pete



Cupid with his bow and arrow—Little Patrick Abbott of Alice Springs—photographed for *Dawn* by Mr. J. Barrett, Missionary of Peko, near Tennants Creek

Right—Another picture from Northern Territory—Boy Scout Peter Garrett of 1st Tennant Creek group

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“Blow Your Didgeridoo, Blue”, says singer Col Hardy to his charming little cobbler, Meville Quig (3), of Granville, at a pre-Christmas party.