

PETE'S

PAGE

Dear Kids,

Another month has passed by and summer is well and truly here. Those of you who live way out in the western part of New South Wales certainly know what summer is like and with the school holidays just around the corner, I suppose you are doing a lot of swimming.

This brings me to my first point—do be careful at all times with swimming, especially in the creeks, rivers, water holes and dams.

A large number of people each year lose their lives through drowning and if only there had been somebody nearby who knew something about swimming, then these drownings would not have occurred.

So kids, when you go swimming remember the following things:—

- (1) Do not go swimming by yourself.
- (2) Always test the water first and clear out any under-water logs or branches.

Pretty little Marilyn Connors of Inverell takes a serious view of the camera.



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- (3) Never swim near any weed.
- (4) If you are a weak swimmer do not swim out of your depth.
- (5) If you get into difficulties, don't panic, use your common sense.
- (6) Don't play the fool and pretend that you are drowning.

There are many other safety measures you could do but please remember the ones we have written down for you.

Now my second point—watch out for the snakes. I was recently out on a sheep station near Walgett where some girls and boys were having a grand holiday.

One boy wanted some wood for the fire so he picked up a stick which happened to be a snake. Luckily for him an adult was nearby who killed the snake.

Therefore, girls and boys, do watch where you tread. If you see a snake stay well clear of him and let some grown-up kill him.

Don't forget to write to me. My address once more is:—

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Sydney.

I do hope to meet some of you personally during the school holidays when I come down to see you at the Summer Camp.

Cheerio for now,
From your old pal,

Pete

Our Back Cover

"Darby" McCarthy doffs his cap to the cheers of the Randwick crowd as he returns to scale after a runaway win in the Summer Cup on Alspick