

Pete's Page

Hello Kids,

Can you remember back to last July, when *Dawn* told you about a special art competition for Aboriginal children? It was organized by the Savage Club—a group of men who stimulate interest in art, literature, music and science.

Last July *Dawn* suggested that you enter it, and I was glad to see that 222 children did just that!

Their ages range from 12 to 16 years; many of them live in remote parts of Australia. Entries came from Port Augusta in South Australia, and Halls Creek in Western Australia, to Cooktown and Townsville in Queensland; Brewarrina and Goodooga in New South Wales, to Hermansburg in Northern Territory, and Thursday Island.

One of the judges is the well known black-and-white artist Les Dixon, who does the Bluey and Curley comic strip. The judges said that the quality of the entries in the colour section of the competition was generally high, and in some cases excellent.



The judges also said that the style of the children's art reflected their training by Europeans; but there was ample evidence of natural technical skill and appreciation of the things they drew.

That is what I have said before, kids. Aboriginal children seem to be better at art than white children, but most of them waste their talent. Many people don't know the kind of things that artists do in the modern world.

Artists do lots of things besides painting pictures. They work in the printing industry, in advertising; they design lots of the things you buy in shops, they teach art in schools—the list of where you will find them is quite long. And many of them are very well paid.

Next month in *Dawn* you will see some of the entries from the Savage Club art competition. Perhaps next time there is an art exhibition you will enter, and develop your ability in art.

'Bye for now kids,

See you next month.

Pete

CHERYL WANTS PEN FRIENDS

Miss Cheryl Carter, 16, of 133 Corbett Street, Darlington Point 2706, would like to correspond with any boy or girl over 16 years of age.

Cheryl likes pop music and all sports. Her interests are swimming, dancing, and playing pop records.