



Hello Kids.

Well, by this time, old Father Christmas has been and gone again—for another year. I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and found your stockings full of all the nice things you liked.

I had a lovely Christmas card from my little pal, Carol Donovan, of Bowraville, and another nice one from the Ridgeway family, of Rozelle.

Carol had her fifteenth birthday early in December and got some wonderful presents. I believe she was so excited.

Jean Flanders, of Bowraville, wrote me a nice letter and told me how they had to throw water on Carol to wake her up on her birthday. What do you think of that!

Edward Smith (15), of Denham Street, Stanthorpe, Queensland, sent me an entry for the Don Martin Competition, but it could not qualify as it was not an original.



*This pen and ink sketch, which wins a prize, was sent in by Les Franks C/- A. D. Whiffen, Fairview, Cobargo.*

I had a big bag of mail from Bellbrook last month. There were letters from Maureen Moroney, Geoff Holten, Victor Cohen, Elva Quinlin, Patricia Quinlin, Jessie Quinlin (a prize to you Jessie for your nice neat letter), Neville Cohen, Esther Scott, Stan Murray, Rod Cohen, Ron Moroney.

Thanks Kids, for those wonderful letters. I would have liked to have seen that fishing contest! I also had a nice coloured drawing from Stuart Ridgeway, of Rozelle.

The mailman just found another bagful of mail for me, a bag containing a lot of painting competition entries. These came from Bruce Ellis, Wilham Holten, Henry McGrady, Harold Harrison, John Carroll, Edward Pender, Ian Harrison, Brian Brown, Clarence Dennison, Jordon Edwards, Claude Murray, Lloyd Thomas, Douglas Carroll, Cedric Turnbull, Hubert Doolan, Peter Whitton, Percy Thompson, Edward Doyle, Paul Whitton, Stanley Bowden, all of Kinchela. Also, from Betty Smith, of Green Hills, Dennis Morgan, of Purfleet, Irene Roberts, of Cubawee (who won the first prize, congratulations Irene!), Cawlan Donovan, of Bowraville, Terry Widders, of Armidale, Stuart Ridgeway, of Rozelle, Dennis Cain, of Burra Bee Dee, Barbara Masters of Armatree, Velvaleen Mumbulla, of Hat Heat, Rolyn Gunn, of Goodooga, and Shirley Coombes, Valerie Wenberg and Katherine Smith, of Cootamundra. I also had a very nice letter (the first one, too!) from Mildred Murray, of Cootamundra Girls' Home. Thanks for your letter Mildred, and the nice drawing of Princess Margaret.

Thanks Kids for all those splendid entries. Sorry you couldn't all win a prize!

Well, that's about it for this month, so until February.

Your sincere Pal,

*Pete*