



Hello, Kids,

And how are all my young pals this cold weather? One thing, kids, the shortest day in the year is now past and we will slowly be coming back to summer again.

One of my friends just reminded me that I had not awarded any prizes lately. Well, the truth is there hasn't been anything to award them for.

I haven't had any really good drawings or letters, and so there you are. How about some? I'm just dying to give away some prizes.

Just had a note from Neville Lilley of Oyster Cove, Salt. Neville, who is 18, would like some girl pen friends about the same age. His main hobbies are guitar playing, swimming and football. How about some letters, kids.

Angela Ballangarry, whose address is C/- Post Office, Auburn, also wants some pen friends, boys or girls about 15 years of age. Angela goes to St. Patrick's High School at Wynyard and is sitting for her Intermediate this year. Her main hobbies are dancing, swimming, reading and basketball. Congratulations on your very nice neat writing, Angela.

Well, you know what? I've just decided to award a prize after all. To 12-year old Pamela Hughes, of 112 Palmer Street, East Sydney, for her interesting letter. Pamela said, "I have been in hospital for some weeks. My uncle has gone on a trip abroad. When we went to see him off we had great fun. The ship was lovely. I think I liked the dining room best. We're having a lot of fun at school. Everyone has a craze on story writing. The ones who just read the stories get twice as much fun as those who write them. There are stories such as 'Who put the Arsenic in the Pudding', and 'Mr. Brown and the Cow', and many others. I just started High School this year and like it very much." Congratulations, Pamela.

Elizabeth Ann Loaf writes from "Tallarook", Grenfell Road, Cowra, and says "Can anyone help me find my two brothers? Their names are George and Angus Loaf." Elizabeth goes on to say this is very important and she would like anyone knowing their whereabouts to write to her or advise the Welfare Board. Can anyone help?

I also had a nice letter from Raymond Nolan, of West Dubbo. Ray has left school now and is working at the Plaster works and learning the trade. Nice to hear from you, Ray, and would like some more of your drawings.

I have just been up in the West and North-West of New South Wales, and met a lot of aboriginal people there. I was in Coonabarabran, Walgett, Pilliga, Brewarrina, Gwabegar and Moree. My only regret was I didn't have nearly enough time to see all the people or places I would like to have seen. Still, perhaps some other time.

Well, kids, I guess that's about all the news for this time, but keep writing and sending in your drawings, will you?

All the best for now,
Your sincere Pal,
Pete.



**Pretty Dawn Sines of Stuart Island,
Nambucca Heads.**