



Hello, Kids!

Well, it won't be long now before we'll be out of the drab Winter and once again looking forward to the nice long summer days. You may not believe it, but I went for a swim early one morning recently when the ground was covered with frost. Doesn't that sound cold. I must admit, however, it was in a hot bore dam at Pilliga! I wish we had some of those bores down here around Sydney.

I just had a nice letter from Melba Kennedy, of 25 Shepherd Street, Chippendale. Melba said, "Thank you for my prize book which I found very interesting. I have moved from Wahroonga and am living at Chippendale with my Aunt Lorna and sister Phyllis.

"I am working in a bear factory at St. Peters, where I sew Koala bears (toy ones of course, kids!) put in their eyes and tie bows around their necks. It is very interesting. We do all sizes and also make tea cosies and pyjama bags made like bears. Some of our work goes to America and England and other parts of the world. Last month, an American photographer came and took our photos while we were making bears. The photos are to be published in a book he is writing about Koala bears."

Thanks, indeed, Melba, for your very interesting letter which has won you another prize and congratulations on the job you are doing.

Pamela Morris, of 61 Yarravel Street, Comondant Hill, South Kempsey, also wrote me, seeking pen friends from anywhere in the world. Pam's hobbies are Rock-n'-roll, film stars, pop tunes and tennis. How about it now, kids, some letters for Pam!

Beverly Jarrett, of Burnt Bridge, Kempsey, is another one looking for some pen friends. Alice Morris, also of 61 Yarravel Street, South Kempsey (guess she must be Pam's sister!) is also looking for pen friends. Her hobbies are tennis, dancing and collecting film stars' photos.

By the way, do any of you know the whereabouts of Mr. Jack Murphy? His daughter, Miss Patricia Murphy whose address is c/- Post Office, Quambone, is very anxious to hear from him. He was last heard of in Sydney. Can anyone help?

Many of you will be thinking about leaving school at the end of this year, but if you can possibly stay on to go a little further through High School, I must certainly advise you to do so. Education is one of the most important and one of the most valuable things in our lives. It not only breaks down colour prejudices but it opens up all kinds of wonderful opportunities.

Take my advice, kids, if you can continue your education through High School, then do so by all means.

Well, I guess that's about all for this time so I'll sign off now until next month.

Your sincere pal,

Pete



Richard and Mabel Cain, of Coonabarabran, were all dressed up for the party when we met them