

# Pete's Page

Hello Kids,

Have you ever thought how wonderful it is to get a letter in the post? Most of you probably think that there is nothing wonderful about it at all, and you consider it a very normal thing. Nowadays, of course, it is quite ordinary, but it wasn't always this way.

It's hard to tell what kind of letter would be the oldest. The ancient Australian Aborigines (and the first people in some other countries) used to cut markings into a stick, and someone would carry this letter-stick, maybe for hundreds of miles, to the person who got it.

In Egypt thousands of years ago people used to write on clay tablets. Sometimes these were quite heavy, and I'll bet the postman would not like delivering a long letter of this kind.

Up till only a few hundred years ago very few people knew how to write. If you wanted to write to someone, you had to go to the town letter-writer (called a scribe) and pay him to write the letter for you.

Today in Australia almost everybody can write for themselves. And it's so much fun to write to someone—much easier to write on paper than on a stick or clay (the postmen are much happier, too).

When you see that someone has written to *Dawn* asking for a pen-friend why don't you write to them? It's fun to get your own letters, and it gives you practice in writing, spelling and reading.

'Bye for now kids,

See you next month.

*Pete*



Thelma Crummy (14) sent her picture, and would like a pen-friend—boy or girl—aged 15 years or more. Thelma plays basketball, swimming, hockey, softball, and loves watching football and boy's hockey.

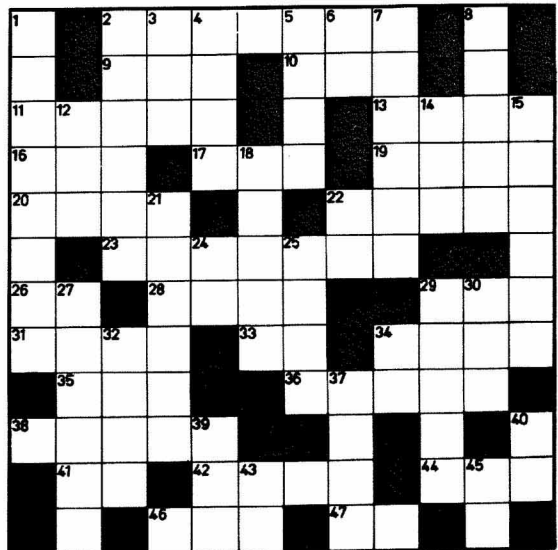
Write to her at 8 Boorie Street, North Lismore.

## Across

2. Nominate
9. Four-wheeled vehicle
10. Rocky height
11. Husband of an aunt
13. On
16. Maiden name of married woman.
17. Exclamation of disgust
19. Something invisible
20. Canvas dwelling
22. Something extra inserted
23. Violent storm
26. Within
28. Flesh of animals
29. One and one
31. Low tide at first and third quarters of the moon
33. Leaving Certificate (abbr.)
34. At what time
35. Makes honey
36. Settled practice
38. Prickly noxious plants
41. Look (Biblical)
42. Indebted
44. Coniferous tree
46. Single
47. Preposition

## Down

1. Hill of great size
2. Manner of speaking
3. A mate
4. Preparation (abbr.)
5. Irritation
6. Refusal
7. Absent without leave
8. Make noises in sleep
12. Same as 16 across
14. Discharge from a sore
15. People organized as a race
18. Dismay
21. To harden
22. Part of verb "be"
24. Objective case of "I"
25. Engrave
27. Cluster of stars
29. One who steals
30. Soaking
32. Form of airship
34. Warner Brothers (abbr.)
37. Likewise
39. Male child
40. Mister (abbr.)
43. You and I
45. Pronoun



## Answer to July puzzle

TRI THIS Tri-pod; tri-dent; tri-bunal; tri-o; tri-bute; tri-ple; tri-angle; tri-fle.