

# Pete's Page

Hello Kids,

Remember my letter to you in June *Dawn*? I hope you do. In it I asked you children (and parents, too) to write to me and tell me what you would like to see in *your* magazine *Dawn*.

So far I have received less than a dozen letters—and there are about 20,000 people of Aboriginal extraction in New South Wales. It seems that even far less than I thought are interested in the magazine.

In my office I have lots of photographs but I can't return them to their Aboriginal owners because they carry no name or address. If you send in a letter and a picture, put your name and address on both, and then I will make sure that I send the pictures back to you.

One of the letters sent in came from Mike McDougall, c/o W. Dootson, Private Mail Bag, Woolgoolga, N.S.W. Mike wrote:

Dear Pete,

I am an Aboriginal boy. I stand about 5 ft 3 in and weigh about 10 stone 7 pounds and was born at Coff's Harbour Base Hospital on 10th December, 1947. As I have no brothers and sisters or mum and dad, I find life a bit lonely.

Well Pete, I was reading the June *Dawn* magazine when I came across your advertisement and I'm wondering whether you would accept my letter, as

I agree with you that the *Dawn* magazine is a wonderful magazine for our Aboriginal people of New South Wales.

I am really very disappointed with the very little correspondence you received from the Aboriginal people of New South Wales [so am I, Mike]. I would really like to see plenty of Pen Pals and photos of different places.

Well Pete, I bring my letter to a close hoping to hear about my essay in next month's *Dawn*.

Yours in friendship,  
Mike McDougall

Thanks a lot for your letter, Mike. If more people are encouraged by it to write to me I will be only too happy to try to include the things they mention, to improve *Dawn*.

Write to me (or the Editor),

c/o *Dawn* Magazine,  
121 Macquarie Street,  
(Box 30, G.P.O.),  
SYDNEY, 2000.

'Bye for now kids,  
See you next month.

*Pete*

## SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1 Dull, stupid fellows
- 6 Part of a dairy
- 11 Expand
- 12 Agree
- 14 Many hills
- 15 Some
- 16 Level
- 17 Preposition
- 18 Pronoun
- 20 School punishment
- 22 Kill
- 25 Negative
- 27 New Zealand (initials)
- 28 Boy's name
- 30 Friendly Islands
- 32 Food
- 33 Crusty food
- 35 Aged
- 37 Baby carriage
- 38 Slow
- 40 Trim a tree
- 42 Not any
- 43 Precious stone
- 44 Past indicative

### Down

- 1 Remains of fire
- 2 Run quickly
- 3 Exchange for money
- 4 Girl's name
- 5 Cut
- 6 Exclamation of disgust
- 7 Hard . . . nails
- 8 Name in the Bible
- 9 Boy's name
- 10 Pronoun
- 13 Expanse of water in Africa
- 17 Upward
- 18 Preposition
- 19 Small child
- 21 Rage
- 23 Gives protection
- 24 Give up
- 26 Child's toy
- 29 Woman
- 31 Small boy
- 34 Together with
- 36 Not quick
- 39 Fear
- 41 Number

