



Hello Kids,

This is a month that all of us will remember, probably as long as we live.

Ten thousand miles away from us, our young and beautiful Queen is being crowned in Westminster Abbey and we all join with her millions of loyal subjects throughout the world in wishing her health, happiness and a long and peaceful reign.

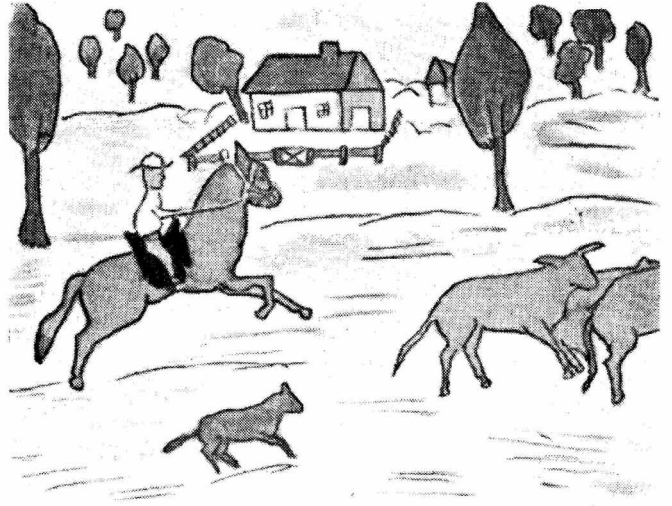
This month I have had an excellent essay from Kevin Fernando, of Walgett . . . an essay on sport, and it has won Kevin a special prize. Congratulations, Kev.

I also had some really wonderful drawings from Robert Khan of Grafton (a special prize to you, too, Bob) and one of these drawings appears in our timber story in this issue.

Some fine drawings also came from Tony Dipon and Rex Morgan, of Walgett, Gwen Clarke, of Moree, (Gwen also sent me a story), Ernest Taylor, Nora Hamilton and Tresia Hamilton, of Moonacullah (thanks youngsters, these were the first contributions we've had from Moonacullah), Alice French, Gordon Weatherall and Bill Duke, of Moree, and Alice Briar, of Condobolin, and Gloria Jean Flanders, of Bowraville.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations to Mr. L. A. Harris and the pupils of Cabbage Tree Island School for lodging the FIRST entry in our School Garden Competition. Other schools should hurry along and enter NOW. All they have to do is to write and say they want to enter.



An excellent drawing by Stan McIntosh, of Boggabilla.

And, of course, I had my usual swag of drawings from Boggabilla. This time they came from Valerie Binge, Tom Binge, Don McIntosh, Lloyd Dennison, Stan McIntosh, Ian McIntosh and Neville Binge. I also had a nice note from Pat Sands, of Opal Field, Lightning Ridge, and the usual bright letter from Margaret Cruse, of Muttama—Margaret has been getting some really lovely mushrooms' . . . lucky person!

It makes me very happy to see so many letters and drawings and photographs coming in from my young friends. Remember its your VERY OWN magazine so its just as bright and interesting as you like to make it. Next week I will be paying a visit to Tabulam and Woodenbong and look forward to meeting many more of my young friends.

And that's all now, so Happy Coronation Celebrations.

All the Best until next month.

Your sincere friend,