

PETE'S

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Another picture
of Patty Briggs,
with friends.
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Dear Kids,

Do you have a pen friend?

A couple of months ago in *Dawn* I noticed some teenagers writing in for pen friends and I suddenly wondered if you all realise the value in having a pen friend.

A large number of the young people living near my home have pen friends and through their friendship they have learnt much about the town and the district in which their pen friend lives. Some pen friends are up on the North Coast, others are down on the South Coast while others are to be found west of the Great Dividing Range.

In this ever growing world we also find more and more children are contacting pen friends in countries overseas. Recently I met a young American boy who had lived near Disneyland in America. He told me that he had pen friends in England, South Africa and Canada. He indeed learned much about other countries from his pen friends. This lad has now gone back to America and had certainly made some new friends in Australia.

Usually we don't meet our pen friends face to face but we at least have some idea of their appearance from various photos that we receive from time to time.

Thank you for sending in your photo, Anne Kirby, of Murrin Bridge. I was very pleased to hear from you and trust that you are quite well and healthy.

All the boys and girls up at Brewarrina, Walgett and those who attended the Summer Camp at La Perouse, will certainly remember Colin Hardy who always loved to sing to them. The other day I had the great privilege of attending his wedding. I am sure that all boys and girls will join with me in wishing Colin and his wife every blessing in their future years of married life.

Do keep the letters rolling in.

Cheerio until next month.

Your sincere friend,

Pete