

Hello Kids,

And how are all my young friends this month? I suppose by this time you have all seen Her Majesty the Queen and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh.

They are undoubtedly a very charming couple and those of us who were fortunate enough to see them must treasure that experience amongst our fondest memories.

Despite the heavy floods at Kinchela, the boys up there seem to have found time to send me some excellent paintings. I had some from Harold Armstrong (a prize to you, Harold!), Vincent Sullivan, George Perry, Bruce Ellis, Cecil Bowden, Bruce Mitchell, James Quinlin, Joe Munday, Allen Dickson, Stanley Bowden, Gerald Ellis, Jim Armstrong, Lionel Harradine, George Ellis and Cecil Dickson, also some fine drawings from Gerald Ellis, Mervyn Penrith and Bruce Mitchell. Ambrose Brown, of Wreck Bay, also sent me an excellent painting.

This is fine, but it's not nearly enough when I think of all the hundreds and hundreds of boys and girls in New South Wales who get *Dawn* each month and never send in anything at all.

Now what about it, kids?

The mailman just came in and brought me some more mail.

This time there was a very nice drawing from Allan Ferguson, of Wirrgewarra Road, East Dubbo (two boys in a boat) and a very nice letter from Carol Donoval of the Racecourse, Bowraville. (A prize to you Carol!)

Carol tells me she recently had a wonderful holiday at Forster, boating and fishing. She even hired a bike and went for long rides. In another interesting letter, Gerald Ellis, of Kinchela, told me how the boys had visited the local ice-cream and cordial factories (before the floods). My word I would have liked to have been in that. Gerald says there are a lot of snakes about up there.

I also had some really excellent poems about the Queen's Visit from Private J. V. Donovan, (C.M.F.) and Angela Ballangarry (9) of Eungai Creek. I would certainly like some more like that.

Easter next month so I suppose you will all be having some Hot Cross buns. O.K. kids, that's all for this month.

Your Sincere Pal,

SOMETHING TO MAKE

Horseshoes for Indoor Play

Especially suitable for indoor play, this game of horseshoes is ideal entertainment for children on rainy days. As the "shoes" are rubber, being cut from an old car tyre as indicated, they cannot scratch the floor and also help to keep the game a quiet one. The stakes are provided by driving two clothespins or wooden pegs into blocks of \(\frac{3}{4}\)-inch wood 10 or 12 inches square.

