

Hello, Kids,

Well, here's Pete back again with you again. You see I had not had a holiday for such a long time I just had to take one, and that's why we had no Pete's page in February. Did you miss me? Just had a very nice long letter from my pal, Carol Donovan of the Racecourse, Bowraville. Carol, after telling me all about her last holiday at Nambucca Heads, told me about her new sister Robin Diane. Carol is very proud of Robin and said everyone loves her.

Carol's letter was an especially interesting one, and wins her a prize. Congratulations, Carol.

Kath Murray of Condobolin sent me an excellent drawing of Tasman and another fine drawing came from Narrelle Peckam of Quambone. Nine-year old James Cutmore of Moree sent me a nice essay, all about the school sports.

I also had two nice paintings from two lasses at Cabbage Tree Island, Gloria Kapeen and Cynthia Moran. Keep up the good work, girls.

I suppose some of you unfortunately have been right in the midst of the terrible floods that have been ravishing our country. It is my hope—and the hope of all Dawn's readers, I am sure—that none of our aboriginal people were killed or injured.

Doesn't it make you proud of your Australian people when you see how quickly they rally round sending food, clothing and money to the stricken areas?

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In these days of Test Match excitement, it is not generally known that the first Australian cricket team to visit England, in 1868, was composed of Aborigines. The team was led by Mr. Charles Lawrence, and played 47 matches, winning 14, losing 14, and drawing 19.

Between innings, and before and after matches, the team gave exhibitions of boomerang throwing and skill with native weapons. On one occasion, a lady spectator was hit on the head by a badly aimed boomerang.

We may represent all colours, classes, and creeds, but when there is some State-wide or Nation-wide calamity, our people forget there differences and rally

I would like to hear from some of you who have been in the flooded areas, so will you write and tell me of your experiences? Better still, send some photographs if you have them.

Well, that's about all for this time, kids, so cheerio for the present.

> From Your Sincere Pal, PETE.



A very nice drawing by Joan Dunn. Joan has won a prize for this sketch, but we don't know her address. you please let us know what it is, Joan?