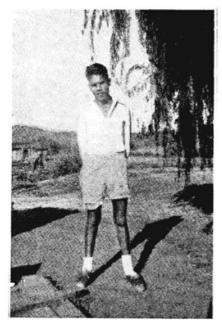


Hello Kids,

And how are all my young friends today? I suppose a lot of you are still having trouble with the floods, or at least all the work and mess that these floods inevitably leave behind them. We certainly didn't have very much real Summer this year did we? And now we're in Autumn.

The Royal Easter Show has finished once more. I suppose quite a few of you had a look at it. It was a wonderful Show, wasn't it?



This handsome young fellow is Terry Dundas of Wellington.

I've just had one of my usual nice letters from Carol Donovan of Bowraville and a drawing, "The Three Wise Men," which wins Carol a prize. Carol had been training for the St. Patrick's Day Sports but the floodwaters were presenting all kinds of problems.

Another nice letter came from Brian Irving of Armidale Road, South Grafton, and Brian also sent me a nice drawing, all about a sea battle. Quite exciting Brian, but it just missed out on a prize. Brian tells me he has to get up very early every morning to feed the goats and horses and then rides his bike to school. He is one who was at the Easter Show.

Joan Kelly, C/o. Box 89, Post Office, Balranald, wrote telling me about the wonderful holiday she had down in Melbourne with her cousins. Joan said she had a magnificent view of Melbourne from the top of the Ferris wheel.

This young fellow is Cedric McGrady. Although he does'nt send me many letters or drawings yet, we believe he is a very keen fisherman. This picture was taken at Garah.



I had another nice drawing, too, from John Smith of Green Hill, near Kempsey.

John's drawing showed a Customline driving along a country road. Just missed a prize John. Better luck next time.

I have just returned from a tour of the North which took in Grafton, Kempsey, Wauchope, Casino and Coff's Harbour. I saw a lot of my young friends about but I am afraid I did not have time on this trip to stop and yarn with them. Next time I will have a more leisurely trip and will call and visit a lot of them up that way.

Well that's all for this month Kids, so keep writing and sending me drawings.

Your sincere Pal,