

Children received at South Education Office by Mr. C. M. Clayton, Director of Education. Mr. Clayton conducted the party on an inspection of the offices and explained the inner workings of the Department.

Shopping at Woolworths. Worker's train home from Wollongong. Mild panic when train did not stop long enough to allow all the party to alight—some were overcarried to Woonona, but all sorted out in a short time. Headmaster, Mr. T. S. Nairns, was in charge.

Friday:—National Aborigines Day:—

Children were welcomed to special celebrations by Mr. N. McKay, Inspector of Schools for Corrimal. Display of curios of aborigines and slides by Rev. A. J. Dyer. (Mr. Dyer went as a missionary to N. Territory for Church of England in 1915. He is now 76 and living in semi-retirement at Austinmer. His story is a very interesting one of a lifetime devoted to the coloured people up north). Mr. and Mrs. Brown (Manager of Wreck Bay Station) attended with John Ardler, an aborigine of Wreck Bay who thrilled children and parents with a display of throwing boomerangs. Presentation of boomerang to Mr. Nairns.

(Afternoon):—

Bus to Corrimal Public School—inter school Soccer and Basketball.

(Evening):—

Social evening in school with assistance of P. & C. Association. Games, Dancing and refreshments. Children welcomed by Mr. Rex Jackson, M.L.A., Bulli, who brought greetings from Mr. Kelly.

Saturday:—

Picnic at Kurnell.

Sunday:—

Sunday school. Cars left to return children to Kiama.

NOTE.—All hosts accompanied children on all outings. Approximately 4 to 6 private cars given gratis for each outing.

Mr. Nairns said:—"We were favoured with good weather all the week. The day the children had to return home was wet. The visitors were reluctant to part with hosts and there were some moist eyes on guests and hosts. It was a revelation to see the children hugging each other when the time came to part.

All arrangements went according to plan. Parents and Staff of seven gave full co-operation."

A successful experiment in assimilation!

Heather's Letter

Writing to *Dawn*, Heather Thomson, of Granville, says:—

"I'm writing to you hoping that you may be able to help me. I go to Miss Swann's College here in Granville.

Miss Ruth Swann is on the New South Wales Aborigines Welfare Board, for the Aboriginal people of New South Wales.

You send Miss Swann the magazine *Dawn*, and she gives them to me. I thoroughly enjoy reading them.

A while back you may remember an aboriginal girl, Clarice Ivey, who wrote a story and won a competition. Clarice then was training in the Aboriginal Bible Training Mission in Singleton, and after doing a 3-year term there, is now in Adelaide at an Old Folks Home. I will now get down to the point.

My name is Heather Thomson, I live at 22 Ashton Street, Granville, and am 26 years old. I am a Christian girl and belong to the Salvation Army at Granville. I have been going there since I was a babe in arms.

Could you please get me some pen friends. I would like Aborigine pals if possible, but if not they, any people will do. I'd like both men and women. I love Aborigine people. I'm not just saying that because I'm writing this letter to you, I sincerely love them. After all, Australia is their country, isn't it?

God Bless you and may the Lord Jesus keep you in His trusting care."



It's always fun to take part in a procession or a parade and these young aboriginal boys, depicting an incident in early history, really enjoyed themselves