Hello, Kids.

A very Merry Christmas to all my gang. This is the month you've all been waiting for, isn't it? Well, I hope every stocking is filled right to the brim on Christmas morning with EVERYTHING you want.

We have gone to press rather early this month and so I have no results of last month's drawing competition yet. Still here's another one for you: Study this picture carefully and then colour it in as neatly as you can. Use paints or crayons but NOT pastels, because the colours all rub off.

You know, last month I paid a visit to Moree and Boggabilla and met so many of my young friends. It was a wonderful experience to meet them for the first time. We took a lot of photographs at Boggabilla, and after these have appeared in Pix in January, you will see many of them in Dawn.

You should have seen me fishing at Boggabilla! Hilton Wightman and John Duncan took me fishing in the McIntyre, and showed me the right places, AND, believe it or not, I actually caught a fish.

Next year I hope to visit many other stations. The first two I have in mind are Nanima and Walgett.

Edna Madden, of Moree, wrote me a very nice letter saying she and her friends were pleased to see me at the school. Many thanks, Edna.

This month, I've had some very nice drawings from Harry Doyle, c/o. Mrs. Mumber of Nambucca Heads, Gordon Wetherell of Moree (a drawing of Pete), Bruce Mitchell of Kinchela, and Mary French of Moree. Also, a lot of drawings from Ron McGrady, Allen Stacey, Bertram Prince, John Duncan, Margaret McGrady, Valmai Wightman, Neville Binge, Teddy Cubbyn, Eric Craigie, Lloyd Dennison, Don McIntosh, Hilton Wightman, Pearl Mackie, Stan McIntosh, Pauline, Hynch, Hayden Haines, Tom Binge, Valerie Binge, Ursula Haines and Barry Stacey, all of Boggabilla.

I also had some nice letters from Hazel Parker, Lily Taylor and Pat King of Murrin Bridge, and Eileen Duncan of Boggabilla, and some late drawings from Doreen Johnson of Murrin Bridge, and Melita Rose Newton of Erambie.

And that's about all until next year . . . Yes, that's right, next month and Next Year.

So once again,

A very Merry Christmas,

From your sincere friend,