Hello, Kids,

Well, once again we have left Christmas behind us and now we look forward to a bright new year, a new year which I hope will bring all kinds of wonderful opportunities for all of us.

How did you like our Christmas cover? It was lovely, wasn't it? We have been getting letters from all over Australia, saying how nice it was. This month we thought we would use another symbolical cover instead of a pictorial one and I hope you like it, too!

I know you will all be so busy enjoying the holidays that it will be too much to expect anything in the way of mail from you this month, but you can get ready for February, can't you?

We have a lot of interesting puzzles and games for you in the next few months and I hope you will like them.

The first one, this month, is a Puppy Crossword Puzzle and I know you'll get a lot of fun working it out. There's no prize for this one so don't send it in.

Fourteen years old Gloria Brooks, c/o. Post Office, Innot Hot Springs, via Ravenshoe, North Queensland, is a lonely little girl in far-off North Queensland who is looking for some pen friends about her own age.

How about some letters to start the New Year off well for her?

Well, kids, this month will give many of you your last opportunity of considering what you will do in the future. Will you stay at school or will you go to work?

I hope that as many as possible will continue on and get that higher education which is so important to-day!

I guess that's all for now, kids, but please get busy with your letters and drawings, will you?

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Your Sincere Pal,