Hello Kids,

Remember my letter to you in June Dawn? I hope you do. In it I asked you children (and parents, too) to write to me and tell me what you would like to see in your magazine Dawn.

So far I have received less than a dozen letters—and there are about 20,000 people of Aboriginal extraction in New South Wales. It seems that even far less than I thought are interested in the magazine.

In my office I have lots of photographs but I can’t return them to their Aboriginal owners because they carry no name or address. If you send in a letter and a picture, put your name and address on both, and then I will make sure that I send the pictures back to you.

One of the letters sent in came from Mike McDougall, c/o W. Dootson, Private Mail Bag, Woolgoolga, N.S.W. Mike wrote:

Dear Pete,

I am an Aboriginal boy. I stand about 5 ft 3 in and weigh about 10 stone 7 pounds and was born at Coff’s Harbour Base Hospital on 10th December, 1947. As I have no brothers and sisters or mum and dad, I find life a bit lonely.

Well Pete, I bring my letter to a close hoping to hear about my essay in next month’s Dawn.

Yours in friendship,
Mike McDougall

I agree with you that the Dawn magazine is a wonderful magazine for our Aboriginal people of New South Wales.

I am really very disappointed with the very little correspondence you received from the Aboriginal people of New South Wales [so am I, Mike]. I would really like to see plenty of Pen Pals and photos of different places.

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Yours in friendship,
Mike McDougall

Thanks a lot for your letter, Mike. If more people are encouraged by it to write to me I will be only too happy to try to include the things they mention, to improve Dawn.

Write to me (or the Editor),
c/o Dawn Magazine,
121 Macquarie Street,
(Box 30, G.P.O.),

Bye for now kids,
See you next month.

Pete