



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## To Our Young Readers.

Our young readers are cordially invited to enter our wide circle of Cousins, by writing to

**COUSIN KATE,**  
"The Weekly Graphic,"  
Shortland Street, Auckland.

Cousin Kate is particularly desirous that those boys and girls who write should tell her whatever it interests them to tell, about their games, their pets, their holidays, or their studies. Their letters and Cousin Kate's replies will appear in the "Weekly Graphic," on the Children's Pages.

All Cousins under the age of fourteen are accounted Junior Cousins, all above that age Senior Cousins. Cousins may continue writing until quite grown up, and after, if they wish to do so; for we are proud to number among our Cousins some who have passed out of their teens.

A Badge will be sent to each new Cousin on the receipt of an addressed envelope.

## NOTICE.

[Miss Amy Holland, Secretary of the Auckland Branch of the Victoria League; City-road, Auckland, will be very glad to have the names and addresses of any "Graphic" Cousins who would like to correspond with children in England.]

## COUSINS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Ashhurst.

**D**EAR COUSIN KATE,—We have one week's holiday. My mother is not well, so she left home for a holiday. My aunty is staying with us, and we all like her very much. I am 12 years old. Have you ever been to Ashhurst? Next time I write I will tell you all about it. Dear Cousin Kate, I will end with a riddle, "Why does a dog wag its tail?" and your loving cousin, LENA.  
[Dear Cousin Lena,—Your letter is rather a sad one. I hope you felt brighter before your holiday was over. I have passed Ashhurst when staying in the district. Is the answer to your riddle. Because the tail can't wag the dog? With love,—Cousin KATE.]

Rivaka.

Dear Cousin Kate,—May I become one of your cousins? I am ten years old, and I am in the second standard. I have an Angora goat, which I put in the cart. He is very strong, and can pull heavy loads of sledges, or give any of us a ride. One day we went up the hill, and took hours to get to the top. He brought a coil of wire-netting down. He can pull me quite easily and trots along slowly. May I have a badge. I must now close, with love to all your cousins and yourself.—From Cousin ALLEYNE.

[Dear Cousin Alleyne,—I can't quite make out if you are a boy or a girl; somehow I fancy a boy. Socrates must be a grand chap. When I was a girl we had a beautiful dog, and he was the greatest beauty, and used to have the greatest beauty, and put one day coming down a hill, he bolted, and overturned the cart, and my sister was thrown out, and her arm broken, and we were not allowed to have him, and gave him away to some boys. We are very glad to have you for a cousin, and I hope you will write often. With love,—Cousin KATE.]

Hamilton.

Dear Cousin Kate,—I now take up my pen to write for a few lines, asking you to accept me as one of your cousins. I am seventeen years of age, and reside with my parents in this place. I have left school now some five years, being in the 6th Standard. I have sisters and brothers, all of them younger than myself. It is very in-

teresting to read the different letters from the cousins. Cousin Kate will you send me a badge? I know a boy here who has one, and I think they are very nice indeed. Well, I will now close, with much love to all the cousins and yourself.—Cousin MABEL.

[Dear Cousin Mabel, Yes, of course, you will be a senior cousin, and I hope you will write often. I am glad you find the letters interesting.—With love, Cousin KATE.]

Ormondville.

Dear Cousin Kate,—I am sorry I have not written before, but I have been writing to aunty rather much lately. In your last letter, you asked me to tell you about Ormondville. It is a pretty village in the centre of four villages smaller than itself: (1) Norsewood (you sometimes see it marked in the map in the time-table), (2) Whetukura, (3) Makotika, and (4) Takapan. Have you ever been to any of them. In one place in Ormondville called the Pretty Place, there are a lot of totara (tush) trees. Underneath the trees are numerous native plants, such as the matapo, lacewood, etc. I think it well deserves its name. If you would like some, I could get you as many as you like, if you would like. I have Albert, a cat of the cats Buster. That is my cat's name. I must close now, with love to you and the other cousins.—MADGE.

[Dear Cousin Madge,—Thank you for your nice letter, and your offer of the trees, but as I have no garden, I could make no use of them. Yes, your letter will be in the "Graphic" soon. With love, Cousin KATE.]

Denniston.

Dear Cousin Kate,—As I have nothing to do, I thought I would write you a few lines. The weather is fine up here, just at present. There was a fire here to-day; it was the doctor's house. We had our examination from Wednesday to Friday; I came fourth. My brother came third in the 4th standard. My pet cat has got some little kittens. The whooping cough is very bad up here this season, and such a lot of people have got it, especially the babies. My sister is at Nelson now, and a few months I think this is all this time. I will now close, with love, from DAISY.—P.S.—This is a riddle for you and your cousins: As I stood on the harbour, I saw a ship a-sailing, and what was the name of the captain?

[Dear Cousin Daisy,—I am glad to hear from you again, and also to know you did so well in your examinations. I hope you don't get whooping cough. With love, Cousin KATE.]

Aramoho.

Dear Cousin Kate,—Will you accept me as one of your cousins? I have been reading the interesting letters in the "Graphic." I did not see any letters from Aramoho, and I thought I should like to write. I am fourteen years of age, and have passed the Sixth Standard. I shall be a senior cousin. I have a bicycle, but I do not ride it very often, as we live near the tram. I had a pet duck, which my brother found in the bush, but last week we found it dead in the garden. We were all very sorry and buried it. I must stop now, as it is late. Good-bye to all the other cousins, not forgetting yourself.—From EBBIE.

[Dear Cousin Ebbie,—I am delighted to have you for a cousin, and hope you will write often. I have never been to Aramoho or Wanganui. So you must tell me all about them.—With love, Cousin KATE.]

Aramoho.

Dear Cousin Kate,—I have been reading the interesting letters in the "Graphic," and I should like to become one of your cousins. I am eleven years of age, and am in the Fourth Standard. I have a big cat, which we have had for three or four years. I have a vegetable garden with some peas in it. Please send me a navy blue badge.—I remain, your loving cousin, JESSIE.

[Dear Cousin Jessie,—I am glad you want to be a cousin. We are pleased to have you. What a useful sort of garden to have. How jolly it will be when your peas are ready for picking. Won't you be proud. With love, Cousin KATE.]

Kainui.

My dear Cousin Kate,—I was very pleased to see my letter in the "Graphic." My cousin said he would like to write to you, but his father does not take the "Graphic." He is stopping with me for a month or two. He goes to school with us in the morning. My sister Rene was very pleased to see her letter in the "Graphic." My mother is very ill in bed. I have been ill in bed too, and have not been to school for a week. My cousin is getting a lot

better, but my aunty is very ill in bed too. Now Cousin Kate, I must stop, with love to all the cousins and yourself, from Cousin ELLA.

[Dear Cousin Ella,—Your letter seems to be rather a tale of woe. Why don't you send the "Graphic" to your cousin after you are read? Then he could join our circle.—With love, Cousin KATE.]

Kainui.

Dear Cousin Kate,—I received your kind little letter, which was in the "Graphic." Now, you want to know all about Kainui. Well, it is a place surrounded with native bush, a great deal of fern. It is a little lonely, but I enjoy it very much. It is a good, healthy place. But in a very short time I am going back to Kalkoura, where I came from. I am going back to help my grandfather and grandmother with cows for the factory. Now, dear cousin, I will soon have to stop, as I have no news, and I have to write to another girl friend in Kalkoura. So I must now conclude with best love to all the other cousins and not forgetting yourself.—From Cousin RENE.

[Dear Cousin Rene,—Many thanks for your nice letter. I expect you are too busy ever to feel lonely. You are a clever little girl to be able to milk cows. Write again soon. With love, Cousin KATE.]

Kaimiro.

Dear Cousin Kate,—I would very much like to become one of your cousins. I am ten years old, and I am in the Fourth Standard. I hope you will send me a blue badge. I like reading best. I have read a good few books, some of them are: "Father's Coming Home," "Little Women," "Happy Days," and others. We milk thirty cows, and in winter, when the grass is scarce, we feed them on hay and tans. Kaimiro is a very pretty place, and in the background is Mount Egmont. I have a nice black pony, and its name is "Tip-top," and I often ride him to school.—With love, Cousin EILEEN.

[Dear Cousin Eileen,—I think you are lucky to live near such a beautiful spot as Mount Egmont. I have seen it from every side, and it is very beautiful. Show me for you to have a copy of your own name, please, to welcome you amongst us.—With love, Cousin KATE.]

Rockville.

Dear Cousin Kate,—Please may I become one of your cousins. I shall be very pleased if you will accept me. I am fifteen years old, and my birthday comes on the 6th of July. I have been at school three weeks, and I like it very much. I have a hand camera, and I very often go out with mother to take views. We have had such a lot of rain here lately, but I think it is going to be fine now. I think this is all I have to say, so good-bye.—With love, from Cousin IRIS.

[Dear Cousin Iris,—Yes, we are pleased to have you join us. Some day you must send me a picture you have taken. It is a horrid, dull, wet day here, and I have a bad cold. With love, Cousin KATE.]

Devonport.

Dear Cousin Kate,—Will you please accept me as one of your number. My father takes the "Graphic," and I delight in reading the cousins' letters. I am thirteen years of age and in the Fourth Standard. My favourite study is reading, and I like it very much. Dear Cousin Kate, have you ever read the books named the "Melbourne House," or "Millie's Home." They are beautiful books. Will you please send me a red badge. As this is my first time of writing, I will bring my letter to a close. With love to all the cousins and yourself, GEORGENA.

[Dear Cousin Georgena,—I am delighted for you to join our circle. Thank you for your nice letter. I can quite understand how fond you are of reading. Yes, I have read the books you mention, and liked them so much. With love, Cousin KATE.]

Koromiko.

Dear Cousin Kate,—I saw my letter in the "Graphic," and was very pleased. I am so glad I may be a cousin. We had two little pet lambs, and one died. The lamb's name is Buster. We have also a little pup named Rags. Please will you give me a name for one of my dolls. It is raining and blowing here to-day. Koromiko is about five miles from Pictou, and it is a beautiful place for farming and dairying. There are a lot of hills surrounding the place, and they look so nice. My father owns a large farm. Our examination is this month, and I hope I pass. My father has six cows in milk and he sends the milk to the factory. Do you like reading, Cousin Kate? I like it very much. Please excuse bad writing, as I have a bad pen. Good-bye, Cousin Kate.—Cousin MAY.

[Dear Cousin May,—Thank you for your nice little letter. How would Myrtle do for your doll? From the description you send, your home must be very pretty. Yes, I love reading. Write again soon.—With love, Cousin KATE.]

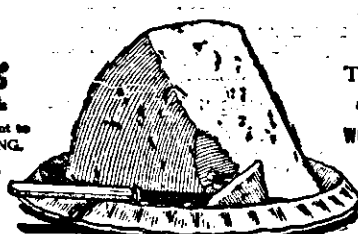


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