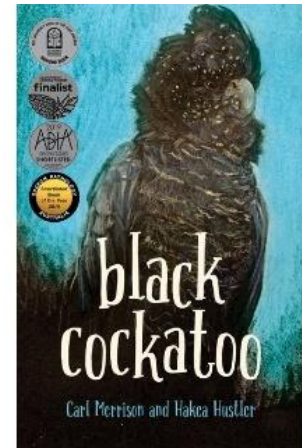


This term, the students in Years 5/6 are studying *Black Cockatoo* as part of their novel study. Below is a summary of what they have read and explored so far.

Mia found a dirran injured by Jys shanghai laying on the ground, which she hid in her bedroom. We also learn that her family is very aboriginal culture orientated. Mia learns how important the dirran is for her future (because of it being her totem animal). Mia gets a bird cage, money for a bird cage lock, and we learn of the cruel boys her age living in town. Mia buys a lock from the store (despite the scary gardiya) and reminisces to when Jy used to be kind, and her best friend. – **Frankie**



Jy, the brother disrespects his jawjii by killing sacred birds. While Mia, the sister Whose totem is a bird likes birds and therefore tries to stop him. The two used to be friends but age has slowly separated them. Jy has shot a Dirrian which mia has saved and is now taking care of it. It was risky for Mia to save the Dirrian because since Jy is older she owes him a certain amount of respect. – **Hugo**

Jy shoots birds with his shanghai for fun. Mia, knowing the Dirrarn is her totem animal, does everything in her power to protect them. Mia and Jy were best siblings, but as Jy got older, age separated them. After he shoots a Dirrarn, Mia gets a bird cage and starts to look after it. – **Curtis**

Black Cockatoo is a book about an aboriginal called Mia. She takes care of a black cockatoo after her brother Jy hits it but doesn't kill it with a shanghai. This story is also starting to reveal that things weren't always this way, and that Mia and Jy used to be friends, and do lots of things together. – **Tori**

So far, we have met Mia, an aboriginal girl, and her family. At the start we run into Mia's big brother, Jy. He is using his shangai (slingshot) to hit lots of birds. Jy hits a dirran, which is Mia's totem animal. Then Mia runs to the injured dirran and picks it up. Then Mia asks her aunty for her old bird cage which her aunty used for the birds she used to have. Her grandmother gives Mia some money to buy a lock for the bird cage. – **Willow**

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Mia found a injured dirran that Jy had shot with is Shangai. It was on the ground, so she hid it in a cardboard box in her bedroom. We also learnt that her family is deeply connected with aboriginal culture. Mia learns how important the dirran is for her future. Mia gets a bird cage, money for the lock. We found out that some of the boys are really mean. Mia buys the lock from the store and remembers how Jy used to be kind and played with her. – **Louis**

Jy Mia's older brother was shooting birds, but Mia rescues a black cockatoo that Jy had almost hit. Mia knows she has to keep it away from her brother. So, she goes to the shop with money her grandma gave her, but she is disappointed when she got to the shop because a gardiya is there. She buys a lock for the bird cage she asked her aunty for. – **Issy**

Mia is an Aboriginal girl, in the start of the story Jy, Mia's brother is shooting birds with a shanghai, he shot a dirran that Mia wanted to help so she gets her aunt to give her a bird cage and she goes to the shop to buy a cage, on the way home Jy throws a rock at her and she remembers when they used to be friends. – **Ronan**

Mia needs to protect the Diarrarn she found on the ground. It's not an easy task when every child in the neighbourhood wants to kill any bird they see. Jy isn't the way he used to be. He is mean and doesn't help Mia when she is sad anymore, Will Jy finish off the Bird? – **Tana**

Mia as keeping the dirran (black cockatoo) in her room keeping him away from her brother Jy, but she is still worried about them having their final fight. So, she borrowed a cage from her aunty and a lock and key from the shops. On the way she hoped her aunty was on duty, but instead she got a grumpy gardiya (white person). On the way-out Jy threw a rock at her, she was reminded of the good old days when Jy would pick her up when she'd fall and play with her. Her brother has changed for the worse. – **Tiffany**

So far in Black Cockatoo, we have met Mia, an aboriginal girl and the rest of her very cultural family. At the start we run into Mia's older brother, Jy. Jy uses his shanghai (slingshot) to hit and sometimes kill birds in the trees for fun or even to eat. When Mia sees him shoot a Dirrarn, she immediately runs over and takes the poor, injured bird into her room. She knows she has disrespected her brother, but she just had to save this animal. Days after she took this bird into her room, she jammed her door with a chair and climbed out the window so that her brother couldn't get in and finish off the bird, she travelled to her aunties house to get her old bird cage. (Mia's aunty used to have budgies before some little boys came and killed them with stones.) Her uncle helped her move the bird cage behind the shed at her house to give the Dirrarn privacy, luckily her grandmother gave her money to go to the shops to purchase a lock to keep unwanted visitors like snakes and lizards out of the cage and make sure the Dirrarn recovers well. – **Alsa**

Mia is on a journey come join her. She has an older brother called Jy who likes to shoot birds with his shanghai. One day he shot a Dirrian and without him looking she stole the dirrian off the ground and took it to her room and put it in a shoe box. The next day she thought that she should ask her aunty for a cage. After she got the cage, she went to the shops for a lock she hoped that her grandma was there. But when she got to the shops the old grumpy man was the not grandma it was very embarrassing for her. When she started for home, she got a blow on the face she turned around and saw her brother. She started to think about before when he was kind and caring and all the adventures they had. will they ever happen again. – **Fernanda**

Jy was shooting at birds, and then then they had dinner which was the birds. Mia discovered that the dirrarn that jy shot with his shanghai was her totem. She decided to care for the dirrarn, she asked her aunty for a cage and some money for a lock. Then she went to the shop with the money where she was ambushed by her brother when she started to remember how he was before. – **Brennan & Spencer**