

The Red-Bellied Black Snake of Blackburn.

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Red-Bellied Black Snake of Blackburn

As part of a collaborative project that Delacombe Primary School was involved with in 2016, in collaboration with “Artist in Schools- A Victorian Government Initiative” and the Indigenous art group “The Pitcha Makin Fellas”, students were responsible for the creation of stories that gave our four house groups an animal totem.

Delacombe Primary School’s Grade 3/4 students and their classroom teachers discussed which Australian animal displayed the values of the Olympic athlete that represented their house and this animal became the central character in their narratives.

As Red house is represented by badminton player Peter Blackburn, it was decided that the sleek, agile and determined red-bellied black snake would be the perfect totem for this incredible athlete.

Please read on to find out exactly how the Red-Bellied Black Snake was made the totem of Blackburn house.



One hot day in the Australian bush the Red-Bellied Black Snake was looking for his prey.



All he could see was big trees, little bushes and wattle flowers.



He looked and looked. Suddenly he found his prey.



The prey looked as yummy as a chocolate bar. Then at that very moment he heard...



“AHHHHHHH!” Out of nowhere a Tiger Snake came jumping out of the bushes at a person.



Red-Bellied Black Snake has to think of a plan. But at that moment...he realised that it was Peter Blackburn!



The Tiger Snake was unpredictable, silent and scary.



As he slowly came towards the Tiger Snake he was as nervous as a mouse being chased by a cat.



The Red-Bellied Black Snake had an idea. He could see a rock in the distance. He picked it up, he threw it in the air and hit it with his tail.



The rock hit the Tiger Snake and it slithered off. The person was so happy that they made him the totem of Blackburn house.

From that day on the Red-Bellied Black Snake represented students of Blackburn sport house.



