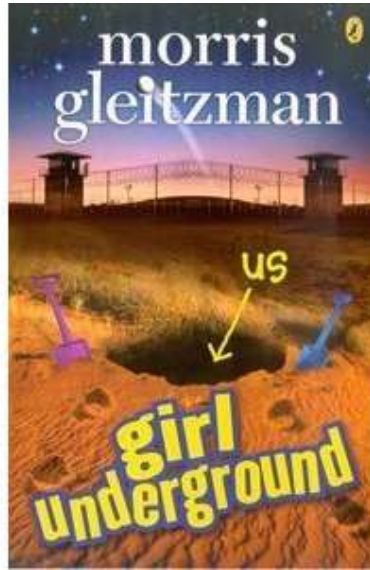


MACKILLOP CLUB UPDATE
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In recent weeks, the MacKillop Club students have been studying the novel 'Girl Underground'. A central character of the novel is a young boy who emigrated from overseas to Australia illegally. This has sparked some robust discussion in MacKillop Club on the controversial issue of Australia's treatment of asylum seekers. The students have considered and defended both sides of the argument and have even come up with a number of creative solutions to this crisis.

Read below for some of their comments on this issue.

Brett Wilkie
Assistant Principal

"I think they are being treated unfairly, because they are being treated like guilty criminals, when all they want is freedom." Ty Burnett

"I think that there is not much else that they can do but send them back. They could treat them more nicely, but it's still the right thing to do." Byron Fisker

"Australia is a huge country and surely we can make room for new people. We could expand cities and even rural towns." Eva Petkovic

"The asylum seeker articles we read made me feel like it's so unfair and cruel. I am actually surprised that anyone could be so cruel." Amelia Waldron