

Dear R13 families,

I hope that you have all been well during the holiday break. This is a letter with some information for you in regards to Home learning. Please ensure that you are signed up to 'Seesaw' and students to 'Google Classroom' so that we can communicate easily with each other.

In these times, when social interactions will be limited, it is important that there is a safe way for students to connect in some way. Google Classroom will allow students to communicate with each other. Please remind your child that the language that they use online must be appropriate for a school environment. Over the 4 pupil free days, teachers have been working to put together a new way of learning. This will be new for you and new for me. There will be things that go well and things that we might need to change. I ask for patience and kindness.

We have provided a range of activities which are designed to be completed over 2 weeks.

If the children have any difficulties, I would prefer that either you contact me through Seesaw or that the children contact me through Google Classroom. However, I have provided my email address, if that is not possible.

Students can also send me a photo of their work through Seesaw. They can also complete work in Google Classroom and share it with me.

### **Activities – extra information:**

#### What is a 'Journal'?

One of the activities is writing a 'Journal'. Children will be familiar with journals or diaries. A journal provides your child with a chance to write their thoughts, feelings and ideas. They may be asked to respond, answer and/or reflect. A journal is used to write down and show what they are thinking, feeling and doing. Some prompts have been given.

#### TV Shows

There are 3 TV shows that we have asked students to watch. Please read my descriptions of each show so that you are familiar with the content.

'Back in Time for Dinner- Education Shorts' and 'BTN' are on free to air TV (ABC ME  ) at a set time and available on ABC iview  . Students can watch the programmes on iview, on a smart TV, ipad, tablet or

computer at any time. I encourage you to watch the shows with your child, if possible, and discuss it with them. This is what we would do at school.

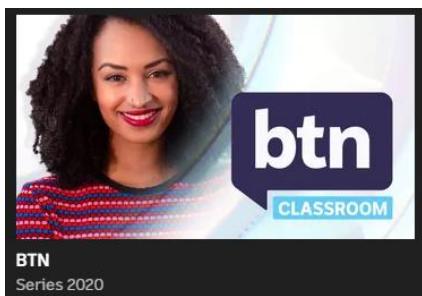
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### **1) BTN**

BTN (Behind The News) is one of the options students can choose to do as an activity for Writing. This is a news programme for kids and covers a wide range of different topics each week.

The episodes are screened at

You can also watch them on ABC iview at any time.



### **2) Look Kool**

This is a maths programme and is one option in our maths tasks. Unfortunately, at the moment, it is not available on free to air TV. It is only available on ABC iview. I understand that, because it is more limited in its availability, not everyone will be able to watch it. That is ok. We have plenty of other maths activities for you to do.



### **3) Back in Time for Dinner - Education**

The episodes are screened on ABC ME on Thursdays at 11.10 am.

You can also watch them on ABC iview, on a computer, tablet or smart TV, at any time. <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/back-in-time-for-dinner-education-shorts>

Back in Time For Dinner is a great show for the whole family to watch and talk about. In each episode a family goes back in time and experiences life in that decade. The first episode is the 1950s and the second one is the 1960s. In

each episode you will see how food, entertainment, technology, family roles and relationships, fashion, house design and migration have changed in Australia.



Parental  
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### Extension Activity with Parental Guidance

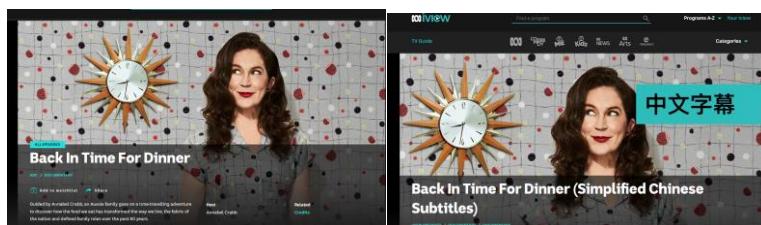
There are also **full episodes** (60 minutes). You can only access these on ABC iview. The full episodes take a deeper look at women's roles and rights, stereotypes of men and women in these times and current events (eg war, political events, protests). However, there is also some swearing that we would like to advise you about.

**DISCLAIMER:** In episode 1 the mother is feeling very frustrated and angry with her 1950s life and says 'bloody hard'.

In episode 2 the mother is angry that her daughter is being told that she must leave school at 15 years old and work. The mother says that she is 'pissed off' that women are expected to stop their education but men aren't.

The words are only said once. Students will not be disadvantaged if you choose not to view the whole episode. If you do view it we encourage you to view it together and discuss the issues.

If you watch the **full episode** through ABC iview, you can choose view the version that has Chinese (simplified) subtitles.



### Extension Activities:

If your child has **completed all of the tasks**, there are a range of activities they can do:

- Help around the home
- Read to a brother or sister
- Reading Eggs
- Prodigy
- Study Ladder
- There are lots of drawing and art lessons on You Tube that they can use
- Watch some of the educational programming on ABC iview (<https://iview.abc.net.au/category/education>) or ABC free to Air TV
- You can access 'National Geographic for Kids' for the next 3 months for free at this link, <https://digital-au-nz.partica.online/au-nz/oz-april-2020/flipbook/1/>. If you click on the three bars in the corner they can read past issues.



I ask that you do what you can to provide a supportive learning environment and that you do what you can to help your child at home. Set up a daily routine and timetable. I do understand that we all need to be flexible and that there may be challenging times ahead. We have designed a 2 week program and ask that children pace themselves and work through each task as best as they can. There is plenty there to keep your child learning at home.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. We are all working very hard to support your child's learning. The on-line learning platform (stay at home) is new to many teachers and we will be learning together.

Kind Regards,

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