

Dear R14 families,

I hope that you have been well during the holiday break. Please ensure that you are signed up to 'seesaw' and 'skoolbag' 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. Seesaw will also allow students to communicate with each other. Each message must be approved by me before it is posted, but please remind your children 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. This is why it's important to log on to seesaw and tell me how you are going.

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 they contact me through seesaw. However, I have provided my email address, if that is not possible.

Students can send me a photo of their work through seesaw or attach it to a document in Google Drive. They can also complete work in Google Drive and share it with me.






*This is the app you use in class.*



*This is the parent's app that they can download*

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.

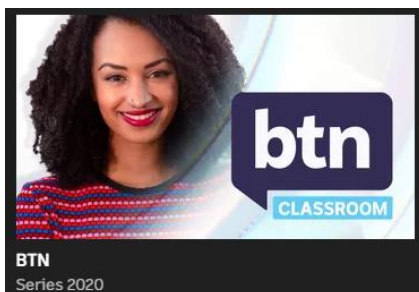
'Back in Time for Dinner- Education Shorts' , 'BTN' and 'Look Kool' are on free to air TV (ABC ME ) at a set time and available on ABC iview  . Check the timetable for programmes (<https://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/>) or by googling 'ABC education schedule'. Students can watch the programmes on iview, 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.

## **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 11.45am on Tuesday and Wednesday on ABC ME

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



## **Look Kool**

This is a maths programme and is one option in our maths tasks. Series one is available on free to air TV. Check the schedule as the times do vary each day but usually on at about 11.15 am.



## 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.



### Extension Activity with Parental Guidance

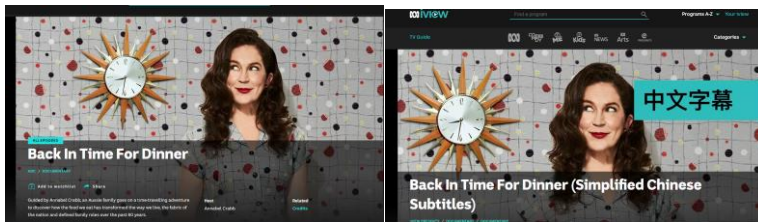
There are also **full episodes** (60 minutes). You can only access these on ABC iview. The full episodes take a deeper look at women's roles and rights, stereotypes of men and women in these times and current events (eg war, political events, protests). However, there is also some swearing that we would 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. She swears once when she is told that in the 1950s women were expected to stop their education but men weren'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. You could compare Australia to what you know of your own country's lifestyle in those times.

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



I do not expect students to understand every English word in these programmes. However, I believe that all students will benefit from listening to the English being spoken. Even if your child learns one new thing or word, from the programme, that is ok.

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.

