

Dear R17 families,

I hope that you have been well during the holiday break. Please ensure that you are signed up to 'Google Classroom' and 'Prodigy' 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 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 as well. 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 and see what learning your child is engaged in.

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 Google classroom. However, I have provided my email address, if this is not possible.

There are 2 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 and BTN are on free to air TV at a set time and available on 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 them. This is what we would do at school.

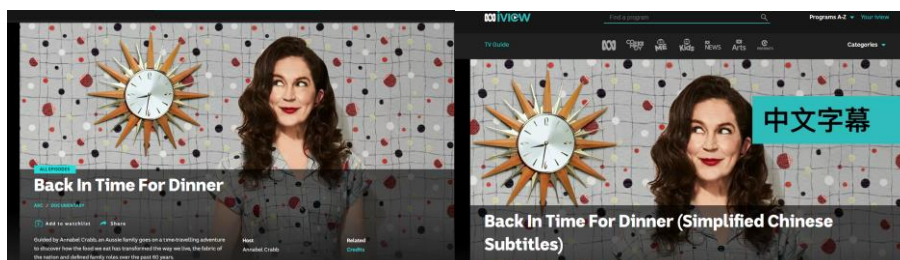
Back in Time for Dinner - 60 minutes each episode

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

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 she must leave school at 15 years old and says that she is 'pissed off'. The words are said a single time. If you would prefer your child to not watch the episode because of this, they don't have to. This isn't a compulsory activity. Alternatively, there is a short version (8 mins) of the episode which doesn't contain these words online at <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/back-in-time-for-dinner-education-shorts>

This 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 migration have changed in Australia.

You can also watch them on ABC iview, on a computer, tablet or smart TV, at any time.

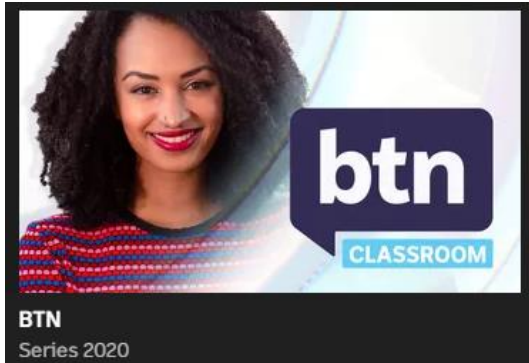


BTN

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.

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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 maths activities for you to do.



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.

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.



We ask that you do what you can to provide a supportive learning environment and that you do what you can to help your child. Set up a daily routine and timetable. We 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.

Regards

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