

Year in Review 2019

Focus Questions

1. What do you think was the most interesting Aussie news event this year? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Which world news story would you like to know more about? Why?
3. Which world news story had the biggest impact on you this year? Why?
4. Which story about kids did you like the most? Why?
5. What topics or issues would you like to see reported on BTN next year?
6. What do you think was the funniest moment on BTN this year?
7. What changes would you make to BTN?

Activity

Favourite BTN stories

Ask students to choose their top three [BTN stories](#) from 2019. They can choose stories from a range of topics, for example:

- Science
- Environment
- Animals
- Rookie reporter
- Human interest

Students will then choose their favourite and respond to the following questions:

- Why did you choose this story?
- What was the main issue/message in the story?
- Where and when did it happen?
- Who is affected by the issue?
- Why do you think kids would be interested in this story?
- Are there any updates on the story? Describe using your own words.



Key Learning

Students will choose their favourite stories from BTN in 2019. Students will reflect on a range of events that occurred during 2019.

Curriculum

English – Year 6

Use comprehension strategies to interpret and analyse information and ideas, comparing content from a variety of textual sources including media and digital texts.

Compare texts including media texts that represent ideas and events in different ways, explaining the effects of the different approaches.

English – Year 7

Use a range of software, including word processing programs, to confidently create, edit and publish written and multimodal texts.

Media Arts – Year 5 & 6

Plan, produce and present media artworks for specific audiences and purposes using responsible media practice.

Activity

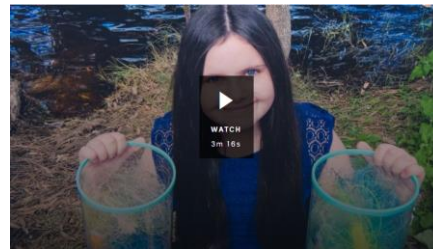
Kids on BTN

BTN featured kids doing amazing things in 2019. Watch these stories, choose your favourite one and then respond to the following questions:

- What is the story about?
- Why did you choose this story?
- Why do you think BTN chose to feature this kid's story?
- Describe the main issue/message in the story.
- What makes this story interesting?



[Barefoot to Boots](#)



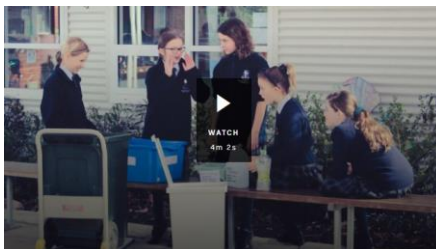
[Storm Girl](#)



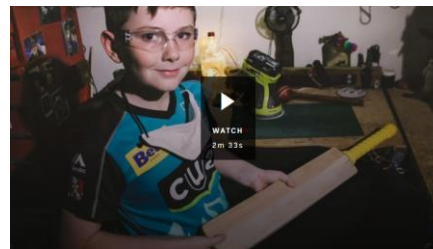
[School Breakfast Club](#)



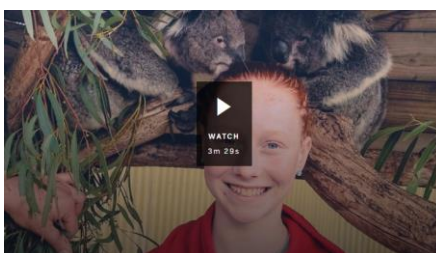
[Kids' News Service](#)



[Recycling Solution](#)



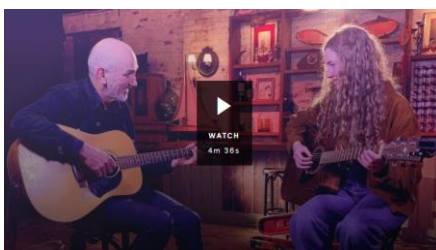
[Cricket Bat Kid](#)



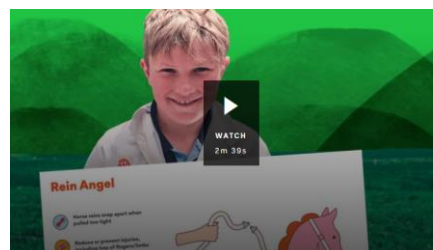
[Koala Carer](#)



[Worm Wee](#)



[Songwriting with Paul Kelly](#)



[Rein Angel Inventor](#)

Activity

BTN Kids Talk Survey

BTN held its first ever Kids Talk Survey in 2019. We wanted to know what's going on in the lives of school kids around the country, including how they're feeling, the issues they're dealing with, how they feel about politics and how much time they spend on screens. Here are the [results of the survey](#). A couple of the big issues that came out of the survey was the time kids spend on devices and the amount of sleep they get. Here are the BTN stories to explain [Kids Talk – Screen time](#) and [Kids Talk - Sleep](#)



Activity

Antarctica Special

BTN reporter, Emma went on a journey to one of the world's most remote and amazing places; Antarctica! She met the people that live and work there, discovering why the frozen continent is so important to science and spotted some of the cool animals that call it home.

Watch the special [here](#).

[Antarctic Animals teacher resource](#)

[Life in Antarctica teacher resource](#)



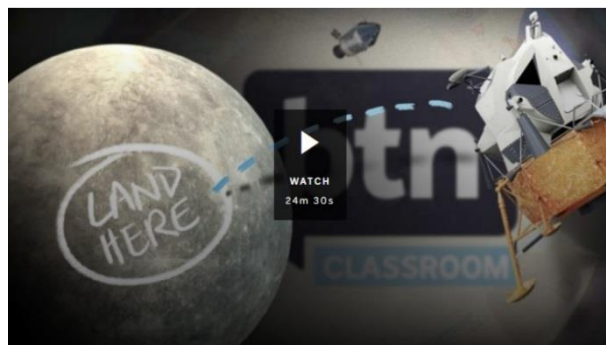
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Moon Landing Special

BTN has a special episode to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, hosted from the CSIRO Parkes radio telescope. We look at the events leading up to the Moon landing, the Apollo 11 mission, Australia's role in it and what the future of space exploration might hold.

Watch the special [here](#)

[Moon Landing Special teacher resource](#)

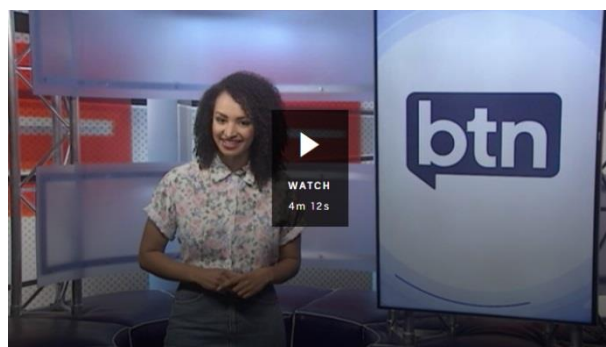


Activity

BTN – Behind the Scenes

The [BTN Behind the Scenes video](#) gives a snapshot into the making of a BTN episode. Students can watch the video then answer the following questions.

1. When putting together a show, BTN looks for stories that are...
2. Who decides what stories will go on BTN?
3. What might happen on a BTN filming day?
Give one example.
4. Why do you think BTN stories involve a lot of dressing up?
5. Complete this sentence. Animations on BTN are made by the _____ team.
6. What is the role of an editor on BTN?
7. What surprised you about the BTN Behind the Scenes video?



Activity

BTN Newsbreak

Watch BTN every day! Newsbreak is a great way to kick off the morning routine. You can watch Newsbreak anytime on our website or by subscribing to our YouTube channel. Head to the [BTN website](#) for all the details.



Useful Websites

Stories - BTN

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/stories/>