

French Network News

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Bonjour à toutes et à tous,

Welcome back to an exciting school year! Sorry these news are late, but the format of the celebration for the Francophonie has been slightly changed this year and I wanted to include that in this mail.

French Network Meeting – Thursday 18 February from 3.30 pm

After asking you all, we will continue to meet on the Thursdays week 3 every term. Please sign up using the PLEC link http://plec.ed.act.edu.au/Events_Event_Details.aspx?Event_ID=5496 or email me at lena.britton@ed.act.edu.au .

The meeting will be held at Alliance Française, 66 McCaughey Street in Turner.

I do need to know how many are coming as Alliance française have a maximum number who can be in different areas, but also as the Network will provide a small snack being that we arrive straight from teaching. The formal part of the meeting starts at 4.00 pm, but there is a chance to catch up from 3:30. We are usually finished by 5.30pm.

Francophonie events – 15 – 19 March 2021

Please read through the attached documents. I have been in touch with the primary teachers who indicated that they definitely wanted to take part. Please still do send the EOI to Hajer and me for our records. The decision by the Embassies is to award all schools participating a prize to encourage learning about the Francophonie rather than compete. If you did not say yes in December but feel that you would like to participate in this format please let Hajer and me know as quickly as possible. The Embassies are very happy to visit schools to talk about their countries especially during this time of less travelling.

For secondary schools, we are writing poetry. Year 7 and Year 8 as well as the Beginners at college can choose any form they want to create a poem around one of the words selected for 'Dis-moi dix mots'. Students in Year 9 and Year 10 as well as continuing students in Year 11 and Year 12 and students at Telopea Park school are asked to write a shape poem using one or more of the words in the selection. This year we are not limiting the number of entrances of poems by the secondary students, but please, if your students choose to illustrate their poems be mindful of the size as the area where we can display contributions are limited.

All participating secondary students will receive a Certificate of Participation form the French Embassy.

New cooking classes

Faustyne L'Hostis who teaches French at Dickson College will give cooking classes as per below :

« Je voulais partager la nouvelle création de mes cours de pâtisserie française à Canberra: Ma Petite Pâtisserie.

Dès le mois de février, j'offre des cours de pâtisserie française dans la cuisine de Hawker College. Chaque cours est pour 8 participants maximum avec la possibilité de faire le cours tout en français.

Tous mes cours sont disponibles sur mon site: www.ma-petite-patisserie.com.au »

Faustyne is also able to come to your school so if you are interested to organise a cooking class, contact her. She is hoping to come to the meeting on Thursday 18 February.

Education Perfect

The 2021 EP Languages World Championships will take place from the 16th - 23rd of March.

Canberra Academy of Languages CAL 2021 Registration evening

The Canberra Academy of Languages offers year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study Board of Senior Secondary Studies endorsed courses in French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Tamil. Further information: <https://cal.act.edu.au>. For this year, we plan to deliver programs in five languages – French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Tamil. In future years, other languages accredited by BSSS will be considered for delivery, with the long-term strategic goal for CAL to provide programs in as many of these as possible, except where there is already alternative viable provision (as in the case of Chinese).

The CAL Registration Evening for 2021 will be *held from 6 pm on Thursday 4 February 2021*. At this session, we will finalise enrolments and provide the latest information on program plans for 2021. This event will be held online for COVID safety. Latest information on arrangements will be posted to the [CAL Events page](#). **RSVP info@cal.act.edu.au to secure your place.**

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Keighley, the Convener at email: frank.keighley@cal.act.edu.au or by phone 6152 9140

MLTA Meet and Greet 25 February 2021 at Duxton Hotel

I am attaching the invitation to MLTA's event. Please do join the association that works for all language teachers in the ACT and in Australia.

Alliance Française

All teachers of French are generously offered Membership in the Alliance Française. We are also afforded a 25% deduction of the price for different courses and events. Please contact the front office for your membership. The Alliance is offering a vast range of activities and you can also arrange for your students to visit the Alliance for specific activities that you would like your students to take part in. Floriane will inform about this at our meeting the 18th. It is a great opportunity for students to encounter French culture.

Alliance Française French Film Festival – 5 March to 1 April

This is an excellent way to maintain one's French. If you are interested, we may be able to organise a viewing for us. The film festival will have a few films for school viewings. More information about this soon.

Theatre Carrousel

The theatre company, Theatre Carrousel has announced new dates for 2021 : **10 – 14 May**. If you are interested, please contact them via email to book. Below is more information

Positions available

Some schools are still missing French teachers. Amaroo School may still be looking for a teacher, and sadly Mont Stromlo High School was not able to find a teacher for 2021 and will close the program for this year.

Facebook

Do join our Facebook group French Teachers Network ACT. It is a quick way to contact and spread information about great sites.

Websites

Let me know any great websites you use so we can put them on the Education Directorate's Resources website!

NAFT

Is anyone a member of NAFT? According to their website they represent the French teachers of the ACT and are providing us with professional learning sessions. They are also part of FATFA that is organising a conference for French teachers every two years. Last year's conference was cancelled, but in April there

will be an on-line conference which looks really interesting. More information to come, but please let me know if you are a member.

Updating the address list

Please let new French teachers know about our group, and if you do not want to receive news from the French Network let me know.

I'd better finish the message as there is always more to tell about. I am meeting the Directorate to discuss how we can move forwards with the collaboration with Nouvelle Calédonie and we will be able to discuss this at our meeting on Thursday 18 February. Very much look forward to seeing you then, please do use the PLEC or send an email to let me know you are coming!

Attachments

[Francophonie EOI 2021.docx](#)

[Francophonie Competition 2021.pdf](#)

[Francophonie Secondary School Competition 2021.pdf](#)

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Bien amicalement,

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