

# French Network Update

November 2018

## Alliance Française – 50% off for teachers

Summer classes starts 7 January, and the French Network has budgeted for support to teachers who want to improve their French.

## Francophonie competition

Thank you to all who have already filled out the Google Form. Please do to assist in organising the activities around 'La semaine de la Francophonie 2019', but also to update contact details. To do the distribution of countries for the Primary Schools I need to know whether you will want to take part in this event which is great fun.

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## Update of contact details

The google form above also helps me to update the contact details. I would really appreciate if you could answer this form as I then know that your contact details are correct and that you have learnt about the Francophonie competition for 2019.

## Primary Schools Poetry Recitals

A big thank you to Prue Roveta and Myriam Davies for all their work with the Primary Schools Poetry Recital Competition, to the Embassy of France and the ACT Education and Training Directorate for the prizes to the winning students and to the Alliance Française for hosting the prize giving ceremony. It was lovely to see and hear the students the reciting poems and we hope that there will be an opportunity to run this next year again. The poems are selected during Term 2 and sent out to the schools during the stand-down period to permit practice of the poems and selection of the school's winner during Term 3. The submission of the recitals has been due week 9/10 Term 3.

## Cooking and Conversation

This activity was supported by the Embassy of France, and we had a great time. Thank you to all participants! We may try to do this in 2019 as well, maybe during Term 3 to avoid the end-of-term frenzy. The conversation was led by Floriane from Alliance Française who provided us with an extraordinary list of vocabulary and different links, useful for cooking classes with students.

## French resources

Canberra Academy of Languages have a page devoted to resources for French teaching on <https://languages.org.au/french/french.htm> There is an extensive list of different websites with material which is ready to use. Thank you Frank for collecting them.

## AFX Exchange – student exchange program with France

AFX Student Exchange is a not-for-profit association partnered with the Alliance Française that organises reciprocal and one-way exchanges between France and Australia since 2001. They can also organise private boarding school programs and school tours. AFX Exchange are approved by the Education Department of Victoria.

The aim of the association is for students to learn as much as possible, so only one student is placed in each family and preferably only one student in a school to encourage contact with the local citizens and their culture. Families are selected carefully after interviews, both for the French families and the Australian families in the reciprocal program, and AFX Exchange works on a personal level with both students and families. The preferred age group for this exchange is Year 9 – Year 12 students (14 – 17 years). The

students are chaperoned in any stop-overs on their way to and from Australia, and met at the airport in Paris.

If you think your students would be interested, contact me for more information.

## **26 – 30/11 Summer School 2018 - Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language**

As per the message earlier, the ANU is organising a summer school the last week of November. Let me know if you want me to resend the message. There is a lecture on Thursday regarding emojis role in language.

### **CAVILAM**

From 10 December Inscription à MOOC

<https://www.fle.fr/Se-former-a-l-enseignement-du-FLE-MOOC-CAVILAM-Alliance-Francaise>

### **ACARA's website now have work-samples !**

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Search/?q=french&t=ResourcePortfolio&s=53474> is the link to find them.

### **Facebook Group**

The French Teachers in ACT Facebook group is a handy way to keep informed about different activities in the ACT. Please feel free to join!

### **MLTA**

The Modern Languages Teachers Association is our professional body, and I strongly recommend that you join the association that works for us. If you have any photos and/or articles from activities at your school that you would like to have published to inspire other teachers, please send them to [Prudence.Roveta@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Prudence.Roveta@ed.act.edu.au) as she will send in the contribution from the French teachers.

### **French food**

Apparently, there is Orangina for sale in Belconnen, the Alliance has Carambar and Tagada for sale, Breizh café in Ainslie have a few different foods available (including Orangina and their amazing bread), the café at the ANU School of Art (La baguette) has beautiful baguettes and patisseries, and [www.saucissons.com.au](http://www.saucissons.com.au) are sending their award winning sausages around the country. I have ordered food from <https://franceathome.com.au> and have been very happy with them. There is also an amazing range of French cheese available at the iGA in Ainslie, now managed by Frank from the Alliance Française. If you have any more tips about where to find delicacies from Francophone countries, let us know!

Have a lovely week 7, and please, don't forget to answer the Google form

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Bien amicalement,

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