

**NSW Association of French Teachers (NAFT)
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1. MEMBER MATTERS

Compte-rendu de L'AGM du 28 Novembre 2007

The meeting got off to a fine start at 18h30 at the Mu Kung Hwa Korean restaurant in Glebe. Twenty members were present.

The outgoing President, Marie-Jo summarised many of the year's activities and the positive responses of the relevant participants. The work of the dedicated band of activity leaders was also appreciatively acknowledged. These included Jacquie Hilmer, Judith Vrachnas, Judith Bossard and David Cosentino for the bac blanc, Nathalie Richard for the Year 10 French day, Gerard Garcia, Judith Vrachnas and Françoise Reeves-Smith for the Year 12 Speaking Skills days.

The outgoing Vice president, Gilda spoke of the activities in which she was personally involved such as website changes, and the very successful New Caledonia trip with GET Educational Tours. Marc from GET was present to announce GET's generous provision of 4 scholarships to participants in the 2008 trip. More details when they come to hand. Gilda also gave a run down on 2008 activities which will see the addition of Beginners' Speaking Skills days and a workshop on the new Extension text.

The Treasurer was unable to be present but a healthy bank balance was reported as a result of the successful activities during the year.

The outgoing Secretary, Marion reported briefly on the process of NAFT becoming incorporated and its benefits for activity leaders.

Outgoing Membership Officer, Stephanie submitted a head count of 216 and Muriel (Communications) must be congratulated for the efficient way she has handled the mailouts. Carmel of Nowra has also willingly helped with the newsletter preparation.

Thank you to all.

The newly elected Executive committee consists of :

President :	Marie Josée Esposito
Vice President :	Gilda Stuart
Treasurer :	Marion Rosen
Secretary :	Emmeline Parent
Communications :	Muriel Thoumelou
Memberships :	Stephanie Cook

General business on matters such as the contribution and recognition of volunteers, along with the association being "transparent", were discussed before the meeting was closed.

During a delicious dinner Gilles Berger of Maison St Claire gave a very informative talk on the French immersion activities conducted on his beautiful property near Murwillumbah - thank you Gilles for coming. Gilles also lead the après-dinner French karaoke despite the numerous technical glitches encountered.

Bonnes vacances ! Joyeux Noël ! Bonne Année !



Joyeux Noël !

Renewing your NAFT membership for 2008

The membership form for 2008 is available on the website at www.naft.org.au/members.php. Remember that the membership is individual, tax deductible, and that there is an early bird discount.

2. BRICABRAC

Positions Vacant:

Chevalier College in Bowral are looking for a Language Coordinator starting next year.
Contact: Deborah Welsh, welsh@chevalier.nsw.edu.au

Australian International School Singapore are seeking a French teacher for 2008. Salary package is reasonable comparable to NSW rates of pay (in an after tax calculation), rent assistance, medical insurance, school fees assistance (if required) & relocation & year end home flights. Any potential applicants should checkout the school website at www.ais.com.sg & forward an application to the Principal.

SCECGS Redlands, Cremorne, needs a temporary full time French and German teacher from early March, 2008, to the end of Term 2, 2008. The load includes Primary French Years 5-6, French Years 7-9 and German Years 7-8. It is a replacement position while a colleague takes Maternity Leave.

Inquiries would also be considered from anyone who can teach a combination of French and Spanish.

Inquiries: Andrew Miles 9908 6415; amiles@redlands.nsw.edu.au

Permanent French teaching position in an Independent Anglican Girls' School in Melbourne, starting 2008. The candidate would be somebody who would be capable of teaching 2 year 12 classes. Accommodation is available if needed.

Contact Rose Cullen on 08 82675568 or on 0412 575 291 (mobile) or at cullen4@optusnet.com.au

Activités de l'Alliance Française

There was a ceremony on November, 9th from 1.45pm to 3pm at the Alliance Francaise, followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

Many competitions were held at the Alliance Francaise this year and beautiful works from the students in Primary and Secondary Schools were showcased. Check out their website!

As in previous years, the Alliance Française de Sydney organised 2 information days in November concerning both the courses offered for the coming year and the educational distinctiveness of the AFS as well as tertiary studies in France and language exchanges with French schools.

A new ambiance, new classrooms, new courses, a new General Manager...but always the same desire to open oneself to and to broaden the influence of France and the French-speaking world.

Voyage NAFT en Nouvelle Calédonie – juillet 2008

New Caledonia French study tour 2008

Ideal for Year 10 + 11 students

Celebrate next *Bastille Day* with a French-speaking host family!

<u>Dates:</u>	9 th – 16 th July 2008 During July school holidays
<u>Accommodation:</u>	Homestay with French-speaking family (6 nights) Hotel (1 night)
<u>Cost:</u>	\$1995 Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Airfares + taxes + levies• Accommodation + meals• 12 hours' language tuition at CREIPAC• Cultural day trips + tours• Travel insurance (QBE)• \$200 deposit*
<u>Supervision:</u>	Two French teachers from high schools in Sydney will be present as chaperones for the duration of the tour.

For more information contact:

Marc Boniface
GET Educational Tours
(02) 9221 5911
mboniface@getours.com.au

Kristy Blom
French teacher, NBCS
kristy.blom@yahoo.com.au

Endorsed by NAFT + chaperoned by French teachers

An unforgettable French experience!

* Deposit is fully refundable in case of cancellation of tour
Minimum age: 14 years 10 months at time of trip
Quoted tour price is subject to change

C.R.E.I.P.A.C. Homestay Itinerary

7 November 2007

Reference - E0761556

SYDNEY – NOUMEA - Wednesday July 9 2008, DAY 1

Assemble at 11.40am at Sydney International Airport for your Aircalin flight to Noumea. Flight SB 145 departs at 2.40pm and arrives at 6.30pm. On arrival at Tontouta Airport proceed outside the terminal (turn right) and transfer by coach to Hotel Le Pacifique, 123 Promenade Roger Laroque, Anse Vata, Noumea (Tel : + 687 26 22 00). Dinner is included this evening at Fun Beach.

HOMESTAY & TJIBAOU CULTURAL CENTRE - Thursday July 10 2008, DAY 2

Following breakfast transfer to Centre de Rencontres et d'Echanges Internationaux du Pacifique (C.R.E.I.P.A.C.) for a language lesson from 8.15am until 4.00pm (including 3 hours lesson at the market). Meet your host family at CREIPAC and start your 6 nights homestay.

HOMESTAY - Friday July 11 2008, DAY 3

After breakfast homestay parents will transfer students to C.R.E.I.P.A.C. for a French language lesson from 8.15am until 11.45am including half hour break. On completion, you will be transferred to Place des Cocotiers. This afternoon you will be picked up for your Chu Chu Train departing at 1.30pm from Port Moselle, which includes:

Pick up from Port Moselle

Tour along the beaches of Noumea (Anse Vata and Baie des Citrons), Baie d'Orphelinat towards the city centre, Port Moselle where local museum and the market are located, drive by Coconut Square (place de cocotiers)

Continue on to FOL look out point (5 minutes stop) and to the look out points of 'Vierge du pacific' (10 minutes stop)

Place Bir Hakeim – military barracks

Avenue Faubourg Blanchot – where old colonial houses are located, pass by Promenade Vernier, Ouen Toro look out points (5 minutes stop)

Back to Port Moselle

Enjoy your city sightseeing tour with taped commentary. Please note this is not a hop on and hop off service. Meet your host family at Port Moselle at 4.30pm.

TASTE OF FRANCE & PARC FORESTIER - Saturday July 12 2008, DAY 4

Parents to transfer students to the hotel by 7.30am.

This morning at 8.00am you will be met at the hotel and taken on a Taste of France tour where you will learn the secret of French bread-making at the Patisserie, visit the local market, and taste wonderful chocolates created by the Master Chocolate Maker at the Chocolaterie. At 10.30am return to Place des Cocotiers for free time/lunch/shopping.

This afternoon at 1.30pm you will be picked up from Place des Cocotiers for transfer to Parc Forestier. Enjoy your time at the park. On completion, return transfer to Port Moselle and meet your host family.

AMÉDÉE LIGHTHOUSE - Sunday July 13 2008, DAY 5

Meet at the Port Moselle by 8.45am for a full day excursion to Amédée Lighthouse. On arrival at this tiny island students may swim, walk around the island or view the coral from the Glass Bottom Boat. A tropical lunch and show are included.

Return to Noumea and meet your host family at Port Moselle.

HOMESTAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Monday July 14 2008, DAY 6
Spend time your host family.

NOUMEA & TJIBAOU CULTURAL CENTRE - Tuesday July 15 2008, DAY 7

After breakfast homestay parents will transfer students to C.R.E.I.P.A.C. for your French lessons from 8.15am until 11.45am including half hour break. On completion you will be transferred to Place des Cocotiers. This afternoon at 2.00pm you will be picked up from Place des Cocotiers for transfer to Tjibaou Cultural Centre for your 2 hours guided tour starting at 2.30pm. On completion, return to Port Moselle and meet your host family at 4.30pm.

NOUMEA – SYDNEY - Wednesday July 16 2008, DAY 8

Parents to transfers students to hotel by 7.30am. Transfer by coach to Tontouta airport for your return flight to Sydney. Flight SB 144 departs at 11.05am and arrives at 1.30pm in Sydney. On arrival, clear immigration, pick up your luggage and clear customs.

Cost

Tour Cost Includes:

- Return economy airfare with Aircalin ex Sydney (based on special fare)
- Return airport transfers in Noumea
- 1 x night accommodation at Hotel Le Pacifique for students
- 6 x nights Homestay accommodation for students
- Continental breakfast daily whilst at the hotel
- 1 set menu dinner on the first evening at Fun Beach
- City Sights Tour on the Chu Chu Train
- Amédée Lighthouse Cruise including lunch
- 4 x 3 hour French Language lessons at C.R.E.I.P.A.C. (includes return transfers for students)
- Tjibaou Cultural Centre guided tour (2 hours) including transfers
- Transfers to/from Parc Forestier
- Taste of France
- 5% New Caledonia service tax
- Room tax

Complimentary Services:

- Assistance with processing of Visas (if necessary)
- Assistance with group departure at airport ex Australia
- Attendance at Parent Information night

Additional Personal Expenses:

- Passport/Visa costs
- Meals other than specified
- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance (\$78.00 – 10% = \$70.20 per person)
- Prepaid airport/airline taxes and levies

Estimated Tour Price: \$ 1,745.00 per student

Plus: \$ 248.50 per student prepaid airport/airline taxes and levies

Please note that prices are based on the exchange rate of AUD 1 = CFP 68

Prices are subject to currency fluctuations, airfare increases and seasonality changes for 2008.

Please note that the quote is based on 5x triple share rooms for 15 students. Should the number or mix of males/females require a different rooming configuration, a revised pricing will be necessary.

Deposit to be sent to G.E.T Educational Tours, Level 6, 300 George St, Sydney NSW 2000
T: 02 9221 5911 F: 02 9221 2544 syd@getours.com.au www.getours.com.au

FINAL PAYMENT

Approximately 10 weeks prior to your departure your tour chaperone will receive a Final Invoice. This will have an UPDATED final cost, incorporating possible changes in exchange rates and airline and airport taxes, changes in the number of participants.

It is important to note ALL cancellations and changes must be notified to G.E.T in writing. Should a student cancel outside of 65 days prior to departure \$100.00 will be refunded. The remaining \$100.00 will be allocated to administration costs incurred by G.E.T. Educational Tours. Likewise, should a student cancel within 65 days prior to departure that student will incur a minimum fee of \$200.00 per person and up to 100% of total land arrangements and a re cost will be necessary due to drop in student numbers. Should final payment not be received in this office on the due date it is important to note that the airlines reserve the right to cancel seats once the airline deadline of 45 days prior to departure is reached.

Survey Questions to our Members

Our Primary coordinator, Susie Newman, is looking for some feedback from all members on the questions below. Would you please get back to Susie at sjn55@bigpond.net.au, asap. Many thanks for your contribution.

Q.1 With regards to building up the numbers of our primary membership, do you have any thoughts on the following suggestion?

Holding a night-out at a Sydney restaurant on a Saturday night for primary members and encourage each member to bring a non-member colleague. Having it on a Saturday night means that some of our regional members maybe able to attend. Perhaps some regional centres could do the same thing in Albury, Newcastle, Lismore???

(Any other suggestions will be welcome.)

Q.2 With regards to gauging the professional development needs of our primary membership, do you have any thoughts on the following suggestions?

Holding a workshop:
On a Saturday or a Friday?
Half-day or full-day?
After school?
Term 1 or Term 2?

Arranging some after-school (or during school hours) visits to other classrooms to share ideas, skills, resources, net-working. This could happen in Sydney as well as our regional centres.

Encouraging members to put units, worksheets etc in the share section of our NAFT website.

(NAFT can subsidize expenses for regional members who wish to attend Sydney events. Number of members to be subsidized and amount to be offered will be decided leading up to event date.)

3. DIVERS

Associate Members

We are very grateful to our 3 Associate member companies for their support:

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange www.scce.com.au

G E T Educational Tours www.getours.com.au

Intext Language International Bookshop www.languageint.com.au

