

## **Proviseur's P.& C. Report**

**School year 2018**

**March 2018**

I would like to congratulate the new P & C committee and particularly its new members. And I am sure that the collaboration between the school and you will be fruitful as it was before. Thank you in particular to the new president Trish who spent time to meet Myriam RAULT and I to speak about the school achievements and our future challenges. Congratulations for the breakfast you organized and hosted last Friday to celebrate Francophonie as well as our school which is among the 500 French-speaking schools worldwide. Despite the fire drill, it was a big success and we are looking forward to working with you for the next breakfast which usually takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> June, Music Day. All these events attest to the great quality of the close relationship between the parents and the school and we appreciate that every day.

### **EFS assessment and examinations**

- As well as NAPLAN and in the other French schools, we organised the National assessment required in Year 2. Myriam RAULT is still entering the data.

- Our EFS Y11 and Y12 students are currently actively preparing for the Baccalauréat examinations which will happen in June 2018.

Two meetings were held with EFS Y12 parents and students in Narrabundah College to explain the examination process as well as the new French postbac studies process.

One information meeting will be held for EFS Y11 students and parents, at Narrabundah, on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> March, EFS Y12 teachers accessed to PARCOURSUP – new platform which receives the students' applications for post-bac studies. They wrote their average marks and comments for each EFS Y12 student. And since 14<sup>th</sup> March, the teachers are able to have a look on the students' choices and they will have written comments on the students' "Fiche Avenir" (Future Form), one for each of the ten applications they could submit. Until 31<sup>st</sup> March, it is the French Proviseur's turn to complete these forms.

A second mock exam will happen in week 2 of term 1.

The Lycée Condorcet in Sydney will host for the last year, the Year 12 Baccaalaureate exams from 18 to 21 June. Results should be available at Telopea Park School the week after.

Narrabundah college will host the Year 11 Baccaalaureate exams between 18 and 21 June. Results will be available on line beginning of July and communicated to parents in September/October 2018.

- Some baccaalaureate examinations have already taken place or they will soon take place for Y11 and Y12 students.

End of February, Personalised and Supervised Projects/ TPE which will count for the baccaalaureate, for Y11 students

19 March, oral English bac examination for Y12 students who are in the scientific stream

9 April, 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the PE bac examination for Y12 students

- Our EFS Y9 students are currently actively preparing for the Brevet examinations which will happen in June 2018.

A mock exam took place this week, on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March, in the school hall of Telopea Park School.

One information meeting will be held for EFS Y9 students and parents, at Telopea Park School, on 5<sup>th</sup> April.

The Alliance Française will host the Brevet exam on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Telopea Park school will be the correction and moderation centre for the brevet in Australia, on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June and we shall welcome teachers from Sydney and Melbourne at this time.

In 2019, all examinations will be able to be held at Canberra, because all the corrections of the examination papers will be dematerialized. The concerned families will not have to organize and spend a certain amount of money for the Sydney stay. We shall have to buy a specific scan and the P&C financial support would be very appreciated.

### Language examination

Our students and other members of our community will have the opportunity to sit for the Cambridge examination on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Conseils de classe and conseils de cycle**

Until the end of this term, conseils de classe will have taken place for all levels except year 6.

From now on, all lines will be present on the French report to show all that the Australian subjects are as important as the French subjects. At the end of this term, we shall see if the Australian colleagues could write their comments and if it was not a too heavy workload for them.

In the Primary, conseils de cycle also took place in order to identify, follow the students in special needs and to establish strategies to support these students. A conseil de cycle met last week with colleagues from FAPS to prepare the arrival of their students in our KG classes, next year.

**Parent teacher interviews** are taking place this week for Primary. 287 interviews were scheduled and completed this Monday. These interviews will take place for Secondary, week ten.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Narrabundah College will organize its parent teacher interviews night. The French stream will be part of it.

## **Staffing**

There will be between 5 and 7 new teachers next July. 3 or 4 positions in Primary, 1 position in Mathematics, 1 position in Biology and 1 possible position in History-Geography. We have held on 22 February the "Commission Consultative de Recrutement Local" to select our future teachers and rank the applications. This is a rigorous process which started in January 2018 when I advertised for the various positions. We then follow their accreditation with the French Ministry of Education and their 403 Visa application with the help of the French Embassy and the Australian authorities until they arrive in the end of July.

## **AEFE News**

On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March, Myriam and I attended the annual AEFE conference in Singapore. This is always an important event and many regional projects are being coined on that occasion.

The evolution of the French Educational system, the reform proposals for lycée (from 2<sup>nde</sup> to Terminale) and for the French baccalaureate were explained to us.

We worked on the strategic plan 2018-2021 for AEFÉ Asia-Pacific area which will have two main priorities: teacher training and communication.

We also worked on the training plan 2018-2019 of the area- 48 training sessions will be proposed to the teacher in the middle of year 2018.

According to the actual training plan 2017-2018, we shall welcome in Canberra from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, a training session for 20 teachers of the Australian bilingual school, about building effective bilingual lessons. This session will be led by expert teachers, members of the AEFÉ network. One of our teacher will participate from 28 to 30 May at a training session in Ho Chi Minh Ville called « Replying to the psychological difficulties of the teenagers”

### Prospects for the Future

- The strategic plan 2018-2021 is almost finalised according to the Australian and French recommendations. It still needs to be validated by the Directorate of Education.

We now need to work on the annual action plan with concrete actions.

Our main priorities must be:

- Sustaining excellence by taking care of each student
- Sustaining the excellence of bilingualism, improving our multilingualism in a context of school growth
- Maintaining the student at the core of her/his own learning
- Preparing the student to the world of tomorrow
- Continuing to develop our professional and pedagogical practice
- Highlighting student, teaching, school
- Strengthening our pedagogical links with other schools, Australian bilingual schools (AAFEBS), AEFÉ schools.

### School projects

- Philippe PETIDIER, Defence attache to Australia, came to our school to present a project of teaming up Telopea Park School and L’Astrolabe as a perfect tool for a French Australian education project involving science and Defence.

L’Astrolabe is a French Navy Polar Vessel which will be based in Hobart 4 months per year (Nov to March) during the next 30 years in order to resupply the French Antarctic base Dumont D’Urville in support of the French scientific Polar Institute (IPEV). Hobart

is also home to the Australian Antarctic Division, the Australian Icebreaker Aurora Australis, the Mawson's Hut museum and industries catering to Antarctic support.

- Telopea Park School, part of the commemorations of the end of WWI.
- Initiation of a partnership with a French high school in Péronne, Northern France, and another interested school the Lycee Guy MOLLET from Arras, also to celebrate the centenary of the end of WWI and for after.

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March 27<sup>th</sup> 2018