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French Secondary School of Melbourne

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## Happy Holidays

BY JACQUELINE WON-FAT

Dear all,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the teachers and parents for your patience and support for the students. This has enabled us to provide the best remote learning experience during this second stage of lockdown.

As the school term ends, we would like to take the opportunity to communicate on ESFM's key dates for Term 4, on the life of the ESFM association and share the highlights of the work accomplished by our teachers and students during these last three months.

We wish you a relaxing and safe school break, and especially would like to extend the best of luck to the students who will be sitting their VCE French exams starting from the 12th of October.

Enjoy the read!

L'Ecole Secondaire Française  
de Melbourne

# Term 4 Key Dates

Starting from the first day back, October 5th, and in compliance with Glen Eira College's return to school policies, the CNED classes will resume online for all students from years 7 to 10.

Please note that there will be a CNED maths class on Wednesday 7th of October, despite the college making this day a pupil free day.

The next term will also be a transition period during which we will welcome (on line!) the new parents of the students starting with us in year 7 next year.

An information session will be held via Zoom. This will be followed by a subject selection form sent by email to ALL parents regarding the CNED and Spanish subject choices for 2021. We will then be able to best prepare the time tables and finalise enrolments for CNED by early December.

We will keep you informed before December on the class arrangements for every year level for 2021.

## 5th Oct:

Online classes' start

## 7th Oct:

Classes maintained  
(pupil free day)

## October:

Welcoming new year 7  
families  
and choice of subjects  
for 2021

## Early December:

CNED enrolments

# The Association

We have successfully transferred the roles of the previous management committee to the new team. You will find in our Newsletter more information on the wonderful staff and members of the committee. Furthermore, be sure to contact us if you'd like to get involved in the association, we are always eager to welcome volunteer parents.

As the current conditions remain unfavourable to host social events, we wish to keep in contact with everyone, and welcome you to follow us on Facebook @ESFMelbourne or join the discussion on our ESFM WhatsApp group.

We are hoping to organise a BBQ once the restrictions are lifted, so that we can all get together, meet the new parents and celebrate the end of the school year.

We have also introduced an advertisement section in our newsletter. The advertisers are selected from within our parent community and offer their French products with preferred discount rate. Every purchase will also help raise funds for the ESFM, as a percentage of the sales will be generously donated.

# The Committee



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Vice President



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# Our Teachers



**Isabelle Robert**  
Mathematics teacher  
from sème to seconde.



**Nathalie Lepetit**  
ESFM teaching coordinator &  
Math & Humanities teacher



**Loveena Narayanan**  
Glen Eira College Learning  
Specialist – Staff  
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French teacher



**Maria Valenzuela**  
ESFM Spanish teacher



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And our Whatsapp  
Group

# Messages from our teachers

## Nathalie Lepetit

TEACHING COORDINATOR

The CNED and Spanish teachers would like to thank the students for maintaining such high levels of motivation during these tedious weeks of online class. The classes ran smoothly with little absences, good punctuality and active participation. The maths and Humanities courses were therefore able to follow the program and send the assessments on time.

The parent-teacher interviews were very successful, with a large turnout of parents. This time was very valuable, especially during this unusual school environment, to maintain everyone's connection to the children's learning.

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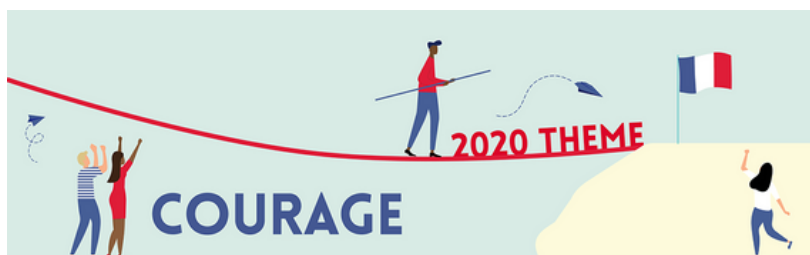
## Loveena Narayanan

FRENCH AND HUMANITIES TEACHER

All of the CNED classes progressed as planned despite the new lockdown. Our students took part in two literature events, the Berthe Mouchette competition and the « Projet Francophonie îles lettrées ».

For the Berthe Mouchette competition, organised by the Alliance Française, the students of 5e and 4e wrote wonderful poems, some very touching, on the theme of courage.

The students of 3e wrote a poem that had to begin with a famous line of one of Boris Vian's poems. They were to show their engagement towards a cause that they held close to their heart. The results will be announced in October and we will be sure to share with you some of their pieces.





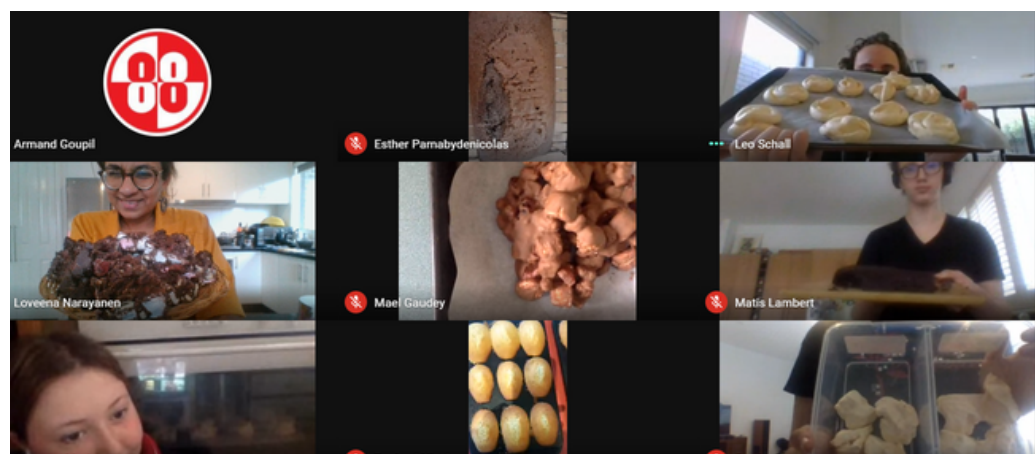
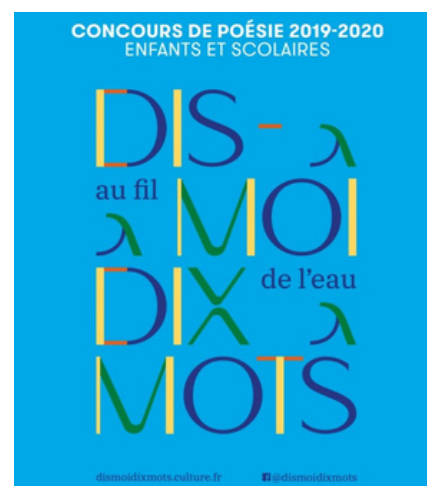
A group of students in 5e and 4e participated in a collaborative project called the « Projet Francophonie îles lettrées » organised by the Direction Générale des Enseignements du Vice-Rectorat de la Nouvelle Calédonie.

They submitted two poetic texts, incorporating the « dis-moi dix mots sur l'eau » theme of the 2019/2020 edition :

- An acrostic poem « Australie » that tells the dream of a Australian fisherman,
- A poem inspired by the aboriginal legend of the rainbow serpent « L'eau et la croyance aborigène »

All of the students also had a break with a playful lesson in the kitchen !

The students of 5e and 4e made crepes, and 3e, with the special help of our patisserie chef Mael Gaudery, made meringues, rocky road and many more cakes!



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