

# **Rapport du responsable administratif - Alliance Française Christchurch Annual General Meeting - 4 May 2019**

## **1- New offerings between 1st October 2017 - 31st December 2018**

Our links with La Découverte, the bilingual primary school programme in Christchurch, kept on growing and this resulted in new offerings such as La Petite Ecole and our After School programme at AFC.

- 2018 saw the growth of La Petite Ecole : Inspired by a similar programme in Auckland, it is a preschool programme (1 day/week) for bilingual children. Thanks to Nans Drivière's efforts leading and implementing the programme, we counted up to 15 preschoolers in our premises. The programme is still going strong.
- We have developed a series of popular workshops throughout the year : Polynesian dancing for children, Yoga in French, Drama in french, Current Affairs workshop, Strictly Speaking workshops, Modern Art in French, and many more.
- Thanks to Mathilde Poirier we created a series of online french activities for everyone and are definitely choosing to promote the use of technology in and out of the classroom.
- We sold out two children holiday programmes ( 150 enrolments per holiday programmes)

I would like to thank last years teachers and more particularly Mathilde, Julie, Nans, Logalei, Catarina and Caroline for their innovative ideas and their enthusiasm. They all contributed greatly to AFC success in 2018 and the increase in teaching hours.

At AFC we also pride ourselves in developing our staff skillset. In February 2018, we were lucky to welcome Aurelie Doizelet ( AF Melbourne) for a special workshops about the use of technology in the classroom. The workshop was open to AFC teachers and and to High School teachers. Feedback was excellent and we could see straight away a difference in our teachers' classrooms.

We also offered to our teachers and interns the possibility to be trained and become a delf examiner. This was also a training opened to all teachers from the South Island.

Another important thing, is that we kept fostering excellent relationships with

Christchurch High Schools - We organised some successful events:

- A trailer night for high school teachers at AFC and creating teaching resources around films for use in the classroom.
- Concours Cuisine at Cashmere High School - 14 teams - New Caledonia theme
- We met at Rugby park with the Crusaders and 5 high schools and organised french workshops with the french speaking players/coaches and high school students.
- Delf Scolaire with 50 students taking the exam
- NCEA Day at UC launched last year by Eric Mouhica and Antonio Viselli. AFC staff helped during the day and created a choreography for all students to dance on.

## **2- Cultural and social Activities**

Between 2017 and 2018 we developed and upgraded our resource centre with an emphasis on developing our children corner.

Thanks to the generosity of Yves Lafoy, representative of New Caledonia in New Zealand, we also unveiled a New Caledonia corner in late October 2018

New Caledonia was really at the center of of 2018 cultural calendar:

- We held a New Caledonia photo exhibition by Daniel Maviet for the Francophonie week.
- We organised a series of workshop in High Schools ( Shirley Boys HS, Christchurch Girls High School, Christchurch Boys High School) with Niko and Sosthene - comic book author and illustrator from New Caledonia.
- Julia Paul and her musicians performed at Fat Eddies to celebrate "La Fete de la musique". Again an artist from New Caledonia.
- At the end of the year we held our usual Beaujolais Nouveau event with another New Caledonian artist - Vanuella Watt.

Other events throughout the year included:

- Randell cottage writer Amelie Lucas Gary presentations at AFC and UC
- French Film Festival at Hoyts Riccarton
- Quiz Night at AFC
- Bastille day at the sign of the Kiwi with Eric Devos
- Etienne Mineur workshops at AFC for Novembre Numérique ( digital books)

We also kept organising regular socio-cultural events such as our monthly Cine Club, French Breakfast, French Guest and Scrabble.

We are also very proud sponsors of Paris s'éveille, Christchurch French Radio programme and would like to thank Eric Mouhica and Antonio Viselli for their hard work creating contents after AF volunteer Anne Catherine Berrut left the programme in their hands.

### **3- Perspectives**

In 2017 - 2018 we have focused a lot of our efforts on settling in well in our new premises while maintaining our lessons to a high standard.

Looking ahead, we wish to grow our children classes and contacts with primary schools , keep upgrading our teaching facilities and keep being innovative in our offerings.

I would like to thank the AFC committee for their ongoing support and hard work to support AFC and its team. I wish to particularly thank Kelly Tonkin for his generosity and Stephanie Sew Hoy for her daily support.