



Bulletin de l'Alliance Française de Toowoomba

Le printemps 2020

Bonjour et bienvenue au bulletin d'printemps.

The AFT is offering a major raffle fundraiser for 2020. The *60e Anniversaire Fundraising Raffle* has many wonderful prizes and I am very appreciative of the generosity extended to the AFT by many businesses. It was planned that the raffle would form part of the celebrations for the *60e Anniversaire* in October. As the October celebration has had to be postponed until next year, the AFT wants to celebrate the 60 years with a raffle. All members will have received tickets and it is hoped that the 600 tickets will sell and raise \$3000.



Sofitel Brisbane Central is offering a fabulous prize – one night for two people with breakfast and self-parking. The **AFT** is offering one eight week term of French language classes. A \$100 gift card from **Grand Central Toowoomba** for the lucky winner to redeem at specialty stores, as well as major stores at Grand Central Toowoomba. **Burrow Café**, a \$50 voucher, which serves fresh produce and a changing menu depending on the season. **Le Comptoir Français**, a \$50 voucher, is a Toowoomba based online store offering classic French linen and clothing. **Bunnings** has generously offered a \$50 voucher to be spent on anything in store. Just in time for spring gardening. **Wendland Fine Foods**, a \$30 voucher, on Mary Street, Toowoomba offers savoury and sweet dishes with an outstanding cheese selection from around the world.

Tickets are \$5 each. If you would like a book or two of tickets please contact the office.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Due to restrictions and changes brought on by COVID-19, which have been beyond our control, I would like to remind all AFT members, that your membership is greatly appreciated and you still have access to the fabulous library which includes videos, novels, magazine subscriptions and CD's plus much more. One subscription is **Bien-Dire** written in French with key words translated into English. There are many interesting articles on France and French culture.

You also have free access to **Culturethèque** – your very own French e-library! You can access your favourite magazines as they hit the newsstands, view concerts and shows, listen to lectures, introduce children to cultural materials, read e-books, comics and more! Please visit the AFT website, and follow the directions to register. Remember, as a an AFT member, registration is free.

You also have access to enrol in online classes. These have proved to be very popular as host schools, Fairholme College and The Glennie School, which have graciously let us use their classrooms in the past, are not able to offer the rooms during the current restrictions. Feedback from many students has shown that it has been greatly appreciated to continue learning French from the comfort of their homes during winter! Who would have thought there was a welcome benefit to COVID-19! Thank you to everyone who have enrolled in the online classes. Once restrictions have lifted and we are able to access classrooms again, which we anticipate will be next year, we will notify everyone.

From time to time there are offers for discounts on purchases from different businesses. **French Affair** offers a 10% discount on a range of authentic French products. Please look at the website under MEMBERSHIP/Member Offers.

Congratulations to Naomi who was the first to answer correctly the question in the last newsletter "Who is the Prime Minister of France?" The answer was Édouard Philippe. Now however, there is a new Prime Minister, Jean Castex.

Look for the new quiz question in this bulletin! The first correct answer will receive a set of five *Les Fèves*. Bon chance!

Alexis Tacey, *President*

Children's classes

The AFT is now offering classes for children aged 5 to 11 years. Children will discover the French language through songs, games and other fun activities. Classes begin on Saturday, 10 October 2020 and will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 11:00am at the AFT office at 217 Margaret Street, Toowoomba. It would be great if you would 'spread the word'. Classes will be small so reserve a place now! The cost is \$180 per child per term and we offer a multiple family discount. Further details are available on the AFT website.



Online adult classes

Enrolments are now open for term 4 online adult classes. We have a new beginner class, as well as our continuing classes. Classes start the week beginning Tuesday, 6 October 2020 and finish on Friday, 27 November 2020. Full details can be found on the AFT website.

Why not refer a friend! When your friend enrolls, you will receive a bottle of French wine or a French Affair gift voucher!*

*See AFT website for terms and conditions.



Discount offer

Did you know that as an AFT member you can save 10% on French Affair's range of authentic French products?

Tablecloths from Provence, Savon de Marseille soaps and a range of unique gifts and homewares from France.

Contact Sue via email at sue@frenchaffair.com.au or the French Affair website at www.frenchaffair.com.au.

Café Bla Bla resumes in October!

We are pleased to announce that Café Bla Bla will resume in October 2020. The time and venue are the same: 10.00am to 11.30am in the gazebo area at Kingfisher Café, Spring Street, Toowoomba.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL! Due to restrictions on numbers allowed to be seated in the area, the maximum number of participants is nine (9) people. As such, you must book your place to attend. Bookings will be taken on a *first in, first-served basis*, by emailing the AFT at afttoowoomba@gmail.com. We do ask that if you book your place and are then unable to attend, that you let us know ASAP so your place can be given to another member.

Thank you to Kelly and Peter

We owe many thanks to Kelly and Peter for the donation of three bookshelves and two cupboards. They are great additions to our new office and have provided much needed storage for our library. Your generosity is appreciated.



Win a set of les fèves?

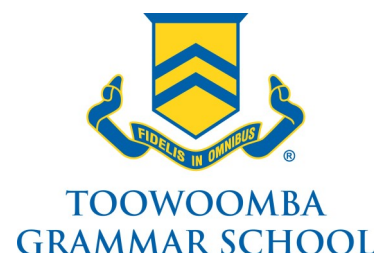


Would you like to win a set of five les fèves? Email the answer to the below question to the AFT at afttoowoomba@gmail.com. The first correct answer received wins!*

What do you call a person who collects les fèves?

Be quick, the first correct answer received is the winner!

The answer and winner will be in the next bulletin. * Open to current AFT members only.



Le Festival free webinars

In July 2020 Le Festival—Brisbane French Festival produced a number of free webinars which offered a fascinating look into the French culture. They are now available to view on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnT8Vb4S_jDM9KtXs6k59wg/videos -

- **Centrifugal, Centripetal and Archipelago: Three epochs in the pas de deux of French and English** with Roland Sussex.
- **The French Art of making croissant** with Julien Sion
- **The French Art of making bread—tips and tricks** with Benjamin Vitale
- **In conversation** with Karen Viggers
- **A short history of the cultural significance of Champagne** with Amanda Reboul
- **Café en terrasse à Paris** with Caroline Vosse
- **Proper etiquette: relevant or redundant ?** with Carline Bouilhet-Christofle
- **The artisan tradespeople of France: the companions of duty** with Anthony, Bertrand, Laurent and Thomas.

Annual general meeting



As we approach the end of the AFT's financial year (31 October), it's time to start planning for the AGM. Once again the term of service for committee members is coming to a close, and we are asking you to volunteer for a committee position. New people bring new ideas which creates an opportunity to achieve a real impact on the organisation and for our members. Please consider volunteering for a committee position. The more

people that volunteer results in lower individual workloads, which also spreads the knowledge of running the organisation to a broader base and ensures that the Alliance can continue in the future.

At the present time we are sourcing a suitable meeting venue to ensure the health and safety of our members. Further details will be provided as soon as they are available.



Tour de France 2

This year's Tour de France has taken on a different look thanks to COVID-19. The 107th race began in Nice and toured through spectacular countryside. The tour will finish on 20 September and the only two Australians, Ritchie Porte and Caleb Ewan, are in fine form.

SBS has full coverage of the event and Guillaume Brahimi takes us through France presenting 'Plat du Tour' each evening.

More information is available at letour.fr/en/.

Thank you to our raffle sponsors!

Please support the sponsors of our raffle.

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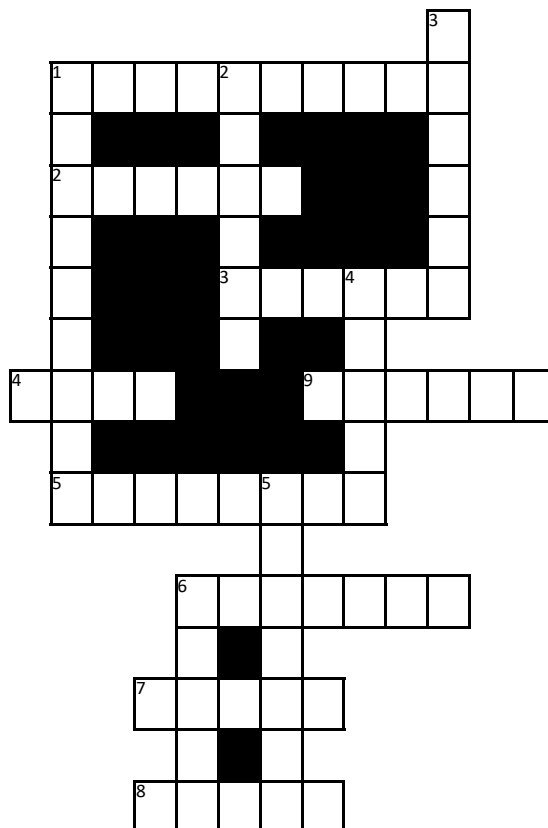
Horizontalement

- Je regarde un film à la
.....
- Le facteur m'apporte une
.....
- Ne cours pas si vite, tu vas
.....
- Ce n'est pas court, c'est
.....
- Nous jouons tous
.....
- Un de fleurs.
- Le chien rentre dans sa
.....
- Quelle est-il?
- Je vais une lettre à mon ami.

Verticalement

- Pour utiliser le je dois composer un numéro.
- Je ne mens pas, je dis la
.....
- A 8 heures et demie, il faut en classe.
- Le jardinier utilise sa pour bêcher le jardin.
- Le vend de la viande.
- J'ai soif, je vais
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The solution will be published in the next newsletter.



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CAFÉ BLA BLA 2020

3 October/7 November/ 5 December

LIBRARY OPENING

15 October 2020

5:30pm - 6:30pm

CLASSES AND TIMES

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

5-11 years

Saturdays, 10:00am-11:00am
AFT Office, 217 Margaret Street
Toowoomba

ONLINE ADULT CLASSES

Beginner A1.1(A)

(new class)

Wednesdays, 5:20pm - 6:50pm

Beginner A1.1(B)

(continuing class)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Beginner A1.1(C)

(continuing class)

Wednesdays, 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Beginner A1.1(D)

(continuing class)

Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Elementary A2.1

(continuing class)

Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Intermediate B1.1

(continuing class)

Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FRANÇAIS SOIRÉE CINÉMA

Currently on hold

60E ANNIVERSAIRE

CELEBRATION

Postponed until 2021

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Lascaux IV

Lascaux is a famous prehistoric site located on the River Vézère near the village of Montignac. The caves and their amazing Palaeolithic paintings were discovered by four boys in 1940. Due to deterioration, the caves have been closed to the public since 1963, however, you can view state of the art replicas of the cave paintings of bulls, high antlered elk, bison and horses at the Lascaux IV Centre International de l'Art Pariétal.

An online guided tour of the caves is available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnT8Vb4S_jDM9KtXs6k59wg/videos. You can find out more about the caves at <https://lascaux.fr/en>.

Helloworld Everywhere Travel Bank



Thinking of holidaying close to home. Book your next holiday through **Helloworld Toowoomba Town Central** and the AFT will earn points for every dollar our members, their friends and family spend. Just tell them you are a member of the Alliance Française de

Toowoomba or quote our code ETB012001. The AFT will receive a reward of up to 2% based on the value of bookings.

Please note that Helloworld Toowoomba Town Central is now located at Shop 7 Range Shopping Centre, 11 James Street, Toowoomba. They can be contacted on 4632 1588 or email toowoombatcentral@helloworld.com.au.