

LYCEE CONDORCET – THE FRENCH SCHOOL OF SYDNEY

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It is (yet again) back-to-school time! We welcome 20 new students. Please note that we are here to help them and their families in any way we can during their schooling. I rely on the older students to help them get used to our school. **Thank you !** During the holidays, we have made some changes to improve the life of our students : fans installed in the School Library, room 17 and the Computer room.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS. This is to remind you that the French Government may help French Nationals by granting scholarships. Forms may be obtained from the school office or the Consulate and must be handed over to the French Consulate before the 16 March 2001. Please make an appointment with Patricia Hamou at the Consulate. Tel : 9268 2407 before this date.

RAPPEL "The Jeanne d'Arc" in Sydney. The famous school-ship will be in Sydney from 23 to 28 February, accompanied by the frigates "Georges Leygues" and "Vendémiaire". Almost 1200 officers, officer cadets and French sailors will land on Australian soil. Families will be able to visit these ships during "Open-days" which will be held on 24 and 25 February from 2 p.m to 5 p.m.

We have just been informed of the dates of the "Baccalaureat"(Year 11 & 12 Examinations) and the "Brevet or DNB"(Year 9 Examination) :

Baccalaureat EA (Year 11) : **18 and 19 June 2001**
Brevet (DNB) : **19 and 20 June 2001**

We have increased the electrical power supply to enable us to acquire a kiln for the Art room. We have also resurfaced the tennis court and air conditioning has been installed in the preschool. I hope that these improvements will make your school life safer, easier and more comfortable.

Michel Barby

School outings will also be organized.

I know that many sailors would be very happy to share a day's visit of Sydney with families as this will be their first time in Sydney for many of them.

If you are interested to welcome someone for a day, please contact me.

Michel Barby

Baccalaureat Terminale (Year 12) : **from 19 to 26 June 2001**
(in Singapore)

Please make a note on your diaries of the following dates :

Wednesday 14 February at 6 p.m. (one hour) - **Drugs information meeting for parents of secondary classes.**
Thursday 22 February at 6 p.m. - **Info-orientation for Year 8 and 9**
Friday 2 March 2001 - **School and class photos**
Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March - **Teachers' in-service trainings (no school for students)**
Monday 2 April 2001 from 5 p.m. - **Parents-Teachers meetings (Secondary) change of date**

A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING took place on 31 January. You will soon receive two questionnaires : one concerning schooling at the Lycée Condorcet and the other concerning the school timetable. Thank you for answering these surveys as it will help us to know your wishes... and try to answer them.

PARENTS ! Please ask your children to show you their school bags! It contains a correspondence book, corrected exercises, marks, information notes.... Please check also the school website : www.condorcet.com.au, it is a mine of information !

REMINDER : This is to remind you that a surcharge of 10% will apply if school fees are not paid by Friday 9 February.

TEACHERS' IN-SERVICE TRAINING. Every year many of our teachers take part in in-service trainings. This month, Mr Soulard will attend an educational orientation session from the 5th to 8th February, Bernard Bru will attend a scientific approach to teaching for preschool session from the 5th to 9th February, Chantal Rieussec will attend a history-geography teaching session aimed at Year 3, 4 and 5 students. In turn, they will share their trainings with their colleagues during the March in-service training held at school.