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- 4th February 2012: "La Galette des Rois, see Invitation.
- 2^{5th} February 2012, 10:00am: First Café-Conversation of the Year 2012, hosted by Jacques Fayolle, at the ANZ Mobile Lending Bureau – 139 Nicklin Way Warana
- 24th March 2012, 10:00am: Café Conversation at the Beerwah Library
- 27th - 29th April 2012: Travelling French Film Festival, more details closer to event
- 14th July 2012 Bastille Day Celebration

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The Alliance Française would like to thank the Beerwah Library for their hospitality during our last Conversation. It was great to see new faces and we had such a great time. Join us for the next event. You don't need to be fluent in French to participate. It is so much fun! You don't know what you are missing....

Click [HERE](#) for a bigger version of the invite

French Classes 2012

Adults: Beginner, Elementary 1, Elementary 2 & Intermediate.

First term: 01/02/2012 – 05/04/2012

2012 Fees: \$260 for members & \$285 for non-members.

Second term: 25/04/2012 – 28/06/2012

Third term: 18/07/2012 – 20/09/2012

Fourth term: 10/10/2012-13/12/2012.

Enquiries **0413 810 344** or **07 5494 0459**

Classes held at the Italian Schools Committee premises, Suite 9/68

Jessica Boulevard MINYAMA QLD 4575

Classes are in the early evening on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

More details...

It is time to renew your Membership!!!

Membership News:

Memberships now run on a calendar year basis.

Join or renew now and your membership will only expire on 31st December 2012. .

Click [here](#) to download a Membership Application

Click [here](#) to download a Renewal Application

“Get your TV talking French”:

As a member/student of the AF DE LA SUNSHINE COAST you will benefit from a special offer from **LBF Australia**. LBF Australia, subsidiary of Canal Caledonie established in Australia since 2001, offers French Television via satellite reception on a subscription basis.

With 35 Channels and Services including news, cinema, sport, kids programs, discovery, generalist, entertainment and music, LBF’s subscribers can easily stay in touch with France or improve their proficiency in the French language.

More Details...



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Test your knowledge of French:

Practice for the “Test de connaissance du français“ by clicking on www.tv5monde.com/tcf



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Proverbe du mois:

Un mois de janvier sans gelée, n’amène pas une bonne année

Literal Translation: “A month of January without frost does not presage of a good year to come”.



**“La Nouvelle Guerre de Boutons” (The New War of the Buttons)
de Christophe Barratier**

Avec Laetitia Casta, Guillaume Canet, Kad Merad, Gérard Jugnot.

Two rival gangs of kids from different French villages engage in a merciless play war.

March 1944. While the planet is shaken by World War Two, in a quiet corner of the French countryside, a war between kids is going on... The children from the neighboring villages of Longeverne and Velrans have been waging this merciless war as long as anyone can remember. But this time, their war will take an unexpected turn: the buttons of all the little prisoners' clothes are removed so that they head home almost naked, vanquished and humiliated. This conflict henceforth has a name: the "War of the Buttons." The village that collects the most buttons will be declared the winner. Meanwhile, Violette, a young Jewish girl, has caught the eye of Lebrac, the chief of the Longeverne kids. Will Violette's true origins be discovered and denounced?

L'heure Zéro (Towards Zero) de Pascal Thomas

Based on a novel by Agatha Christie

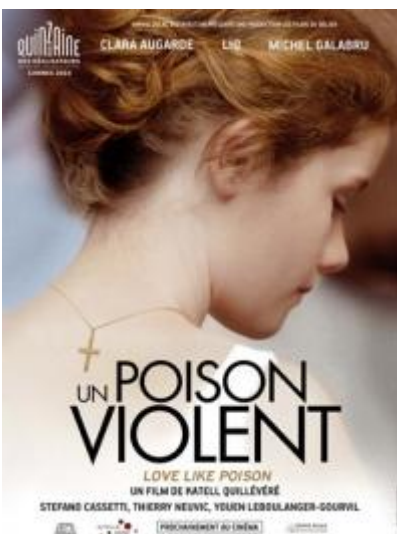
Avec François Morel, Danielle Darrieux, Melvil Poupau & Laura Smet



When Guillaume has the bizarre idea of inviting his ex-wife Aude to a family reunion at the luxurious coastal estate of his wealthy Aunt Camilla, his tempestuous new wife Caroline becomes filled with rage. Guillaume hopes that they'll become friends but the two women despise one another. But things turn ugly when Camilla is found dead in her bedroom - and only the trusty Inspector Bataille can put together the pieces. But as the Inspector untangles her mysterious death, he also begins to unearth dark family secrets, brewing jealousies, and perhaps even a murderer in their midst .

Un poison violent (Love like poison) de Katell Quillévéré

Avec Clara Augarde, Lio et Michel Galabru



Anna a young teenager comes home from her Catholic boarding school for the holidays and discovers her father has left.

Her mother is devastated and confined in the company of the local priest, who is also a childhood friend. Anna clings to her beloved grandfather. She also grows close to Pierre, a free-spirited teenager who cares little about God.

Anna is preparing for her confirmation, but her budding desire for Pierre shakes her faith. She longs to give herself over, body and soul... but doesn't know if it is to God, or something else?

Les mains en l'air (Hands Up) de Romain Goupil

Avec Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi and Linda Douadaewa



March 22, 2007. At dawn of life, Milana remembers her life, when she was a young Chechen immigrant in Paris, struggling for a better life along with her school friends.

A film that concerns itself with the issue of residents without documentation in France, *Les Mains en l'air* has the good taste not to besiege us with didactic speech-making, and approaches the subject from a thoroughly human angle, through a retrospective account of a touching and melancholy friendship between a twelve-year-old French boy and a girl of Chechen culture who are beginning to understand each other as more than chums. Alternating between insouciance and gravity, play and fear, Romain Goupil's film creates wonders with its scenes of secret meetings of a group of young schoolmates, full of freshness and nostalgia, thanks to well-written dialog and appealing comedy.

This year the Touring French Film Festival organised by the Alliance Française de la Sunshine Coast will take place from the 27th to the 29th of April 2012.

Films will be screened at the Nambour Civic Centre

Please join us for a great experience of French cinema.

Trailers for these movies can be found here:

La Nouvelle Guerre des Boutons : http://www.movieplayer.it/video/trailer-la-nouvelle-guerre-des-boutons_8809/

L'heure Zéro : http://www.allocine.fr/video/player_gen_cmedia=18746173&cfilm=112190.html

Un poison violent : <http://www.cinemagia.ro/trailer/un-poison-violent-6779/>

Les mains en l'air : <http://www.cinemagia.ro/trailer/les-mains-en-lair-6780/>

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For your information...



Paris 26 Gigapixels is a stitching of 2346 single photos showing a very high-resolution panoramic view of the French capital (354159x75570 px). Dive in the image and visit Paris like never before ... Paris 26 Gigapixels is the name of the biggest assembled panoramic image of the world. It shows Paris in a very high definition. A gigapixel is 1 billion pixels! The image is a stitching of more than 2000 individual photos. Everyone can now visit Paris and see on a single image all famous monuments of the French capital, the Eiffel tower, the Louvre, Beaubourg, Notre Dame de Paris, and many more. Thanks to very deep zooming capabilities, the smallest details of Paris monuments are at anyone's reach. What's more, Paris 26 Gigapixels can be printed on a 6500 sq.ft support whilst keeping an excellent quality!

Paris 26 Gigapixels has been shot on September 8th, 2009 and is now available for everyone at <http://www.paris-26-gigapixels.com>

Current Event



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BRISBANE POWERHOUSE PRESENTS
**PLANET: SO FRENCHY SO CHIC
LIVE – DOUBLE BILL: MORIARTY &
ASA**

FRI 20 JAN 2012

So Frenchy So Chic is synonymous with the best sounds of the current French music scene. Just to prove the cool and chic-ness gets cooler and chic-ier, get ready for indie bluegrass band, Moriarty and French-Nigerian songstress Asa to grace the stage in one incredible night of music.

to book,
go online at
www.brisbanepowerhouse.org/events

BRISBANE POWERHOUSE AND MAGGIE GERRAND PRESENT
JANE BIRKIN SINGS SERGE GAINSBOURG

MON 19 MAR 2012

In a powerful homage to her partner and mentor Serge Gainsbourg, the chanteuse, star of film and stage, style icon and darling of the French avant-garde, Jane Birkin, will give one special concert 'Jane Birkin sings Serge Gainsbourg'.

For more than a decade she was muse to the legendary French singer, songwriter and enfant terrible Gainsbourg. He was a cult hero in France and his death of a heart attack on March 2, 1991, warranted something of a national day of mourning. Together they produced six albums and continued to collaborate professionally long after their relationship finished in 1980.

In her long career, Jane Birkin has starred in countless films and released dozens of recordings. "The muse-lover-mentor web of Birkin - Gainsbourg sets her connection to his lyrics apart. Many of his songs were written specifically for her (with that voice in mind) and given that they are mostly about love - love of her and with her - Jane sings them with a very real, if understated, passion.

Possible discount for Members of the Alliance Française, please inquire with the Brisbane Powerhouse upon booking.



BRISBANE POWERHOUSE PRESENTS

PLANET: YANN TIERSEN (FRANCE)

TUE 10 APR 2012

Classical composer, virtuoso performer, street entertainer, rock musician – Genius?!! You'll have to see him to believe the vast scope that this French avant-garde performer has mastered.

Yann Tiersen wrote the soundtrack for the multi awarded film "Amelie". This classically trained multi-instrumentalist will shock even his most fanatical fans with his live performance and transfix even the most unenthused amongst the crowd.

Generate extra business while supporting your "Alliance Française de la Sunshine Coast"!

Give AFSC members discount on your goods/services and get a free listing on AFSC Website.

How does it work?

1. You need to be an active member of AFSC
2. Submit your advertisement (maximum 50 words) and link to your website to jacques@masbiz.com.au for approval from the AFSC committee
3. Upon approval both your advertisement and link to your web address will be posted on our AFSC site for a period of 12 months
4. Any invoice/receipt for sales made to our members will need to show "10% discount AFSC Member Nr xxxx" off your list price.

IT Support for Members:

We can offer Computer & IT Support to our Members at very competitive rates via Sunshine Coast Computer Services (Software and Hardware tune-up, upgrade, troubleshoot and repair. PCs/Windows specialist, Macs friendly.... Desktops, Laptops, Networking and Servers, all makes and models).

Contact Robert on 0408 709 845

French Psychologist

Evy Berger, registered with the National Board of Psychologists since 2004, offers counseling services to French speakers and English speakers.

Enquiries: 0411 231 589 or evypsychologist@hotmail.com
Location: Office 1, 12 Duporth avenue, Maroochydore 4558.

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French Tuition for Children:

All Ages / All Levels

Enquiries 0407 070 467

Tuition held at the premises of one of our Committee members or by Skype, during or after school times.
Playgroups Welcome. Tuition follows national curriculum guidelines.

Soon 2012! Do you feel like stepping forward, empowering yourself and starting a new year with enthusiasm, fresh energy and vibrant health? Join me and discover the power of Reiki. Practicing Reiki or receiving a treatment releases and clears energy blocks, increases energy, strength and health and enhances our spiritual connection and enthusiasm for life.

Discover the power of REIKI with Christine Maudy, Living Inspired. BOOK NOW!

REIKI I: January 21 & 22, January 31 and February 7.

REIKI II: February 6 & 13

REIKI & Crystals: February 27

(Christine offers a gift & a \$10 discount on workshops for Alliance Française members)

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Answers to December Quizzes : Expressions

French Idioms – Food

1. Tomber dans les **pommes** (to faint, pass out).
2. Casser du **sucré** sur son dos (to spread lies about someone – to talk behind someone’s back).
3. Tondre des **oeufs**. (to be cheap – a skinflint).
4. Etre haut comme trois **pommes** (to be small/short).
5. Couper la **poire** en deux (to meet halfway).
6. Pédaler dans la **farine** (to become insane, senile)
7. Etre dans le **pétrin** (to be in a jam/ a tight spot / a fix).
8. Appuyer sur le **champignon** (to drive very fast, accelerate)
9. Occupe-toi de tes **oignons** ! (mind your own business).
10. C’est la fin des **haricots**! (that’s the last straw)

French Idioms – Animals

1. Quand les **poules** auront des dents (when pigs fly).
2. Avoir d’autres **chats** à fouetter (to have other fish to fry)
3. Revenir à ses **moutons**(to get back to the subject).
4. Avoir la chair de **poule** (to have goosebumps).
5. Passer du **coq** à l’**âne** (to change subjects quickly)
6. Chercher la petite **bête** (to nitpick)
7. Entre **chien** et **loup** (At dusk, sundown)
8. Avoir une faim de **loup** (to be starving)
9. Courir deux **lièvres** à la fois (to ride two horses at once)
10. Bon **chat**, bon **rat** (tit for tat)

January Quizz:



Portraits Chinois

Si j’étais une fleur, je serais le lys.
Si j’étais une couleur, je serais le blanc.
Si j’étais un château, je serais Versailles.
Si j’étais un chiffre, je serais le 14.

Qui suis-je?

Si j’étais un pays, je serais la France ou l’Algérie.
Si j’étais un sport, je serais le football.
Si j’étais une année, je serais 1998.
Si j’étais un chiffre, je serais le 10.

Qui suis-je?

Si j’étais un livre, je serais une bande dessinée.
Si j’étais un accessoire, je serais une pipe.
Si j’étais un alcool, je serais le whisky.
Si j’étais un château, je serais Moulinsart.

Qui suis-je?



The results of these quizzes will be published in our next newsletter. Bon travail!!!

Photo Gallery

2011 Touring French Film Festival – Courtesy of Jacques Maudy



Festuri 2011 - 09/10/2011 – Courtesy of Margaret Fairhurst



AGM 29/10/2011 – Courtesy of Cécile



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Beaujolais Nouveau 2011 – Courtesy of Jacques Fayolle

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Dear Members,

This space is also yours. If you have any material that you would like to share with our readers, if you know of any French-related event on the coast or nearby or if you simply would like to submit French poetry or French-related writings, please feel free to contact Cécile by email at cplc@ozemail.com.au and we will review it before submission.