

# ASEICA NEWSLETTER

Association pour le Soutien de l'Enseignement International sur la Côte d'Azur



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## Guidance

The guidance Office said goodbye to Ms. Scales at the end of December, and we hope she continues to enjoy her well-deserved retirement after 11 years of hard work!

Our team of three counselors, Mrs. Weatherly, Mr. Mitcham and Mrs. Workman, came back in January to one of our busiest times of the year. By the 15<sup>th</sup> January, we had sent off 90 applications to UCAS for British universities, a figure which remains much the same as previous years.

Many students are also applying to universities in Canada, Holland, Ireland and the US. Students who sent their applications off in good time last term have already begun to hear back from universities. We have students who have received conditional offers and now need to consider carefully where they want to go. We are also very proud of our two candidates who have received offers from Cambridge. (...)

Dear members,

As you know our association functions with a Board of volunteers. Thanks to this commitment we can keep the fees as low as possible.

**We need your active support in two areas: in finance and in IT as soon as possible.**

Several Board members will soon leave the Board. You value the education your children receive in the section? Support the association that runs it!

**Lead by example, get involved!**

For more details on how we function, see last newsletter for more information & contact us: [board@aseica.org](mailto:board@aseica.org)

## International Day Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> | 11.00 to 16.00 at CIV Agora

"It takes a whole village to educate a child" Nigerian proverb. All the funds received on the day will go towards the Gabatcha Project supported by the Lycée students. This project supports renovation of schools in Madagascar. Funds go towards buying material and then the villagers help build the school.

Contact us to participate: suggest an activity, hold a stand, make a donation for the raffle, bring delicious dishes... And remember that education in the section is more than hours in class for a student.



## Guidance

During the first two months of 2017, we ran two information sessions for 1er and 2nd students and parents, letting them know about the many options that are available for our students, as well as practical issues such as cost. Now that the UCAS deadline has passed we are inviting 1er students to make an appointment with us to discuss their options and start preparing. If students would like to study medicine, dentistry, veterinary studies or apply to Oxford or Cambridge, they should come to see us as early as possible as the deadlines are earlier and there is a lot of preparation to do.

We will be running small workshops over the next few months for students who are interested in specific areas such as Medicine and Law, and particular countries such as the US, Holland and Canada. The workshops for the US and Holland have already taken place. If you missed these, please contact us so we can send you the information. The dates for the other workshops will be announced shortly.

We are looking forward to hearing from our 1er students. To schedule an appointment with us, please send us an email at [guidance@aseica.org](mailto:guidance@aseica.org), letting us know when you are available and which areas of study/countries you are interested in finding out more about. ■

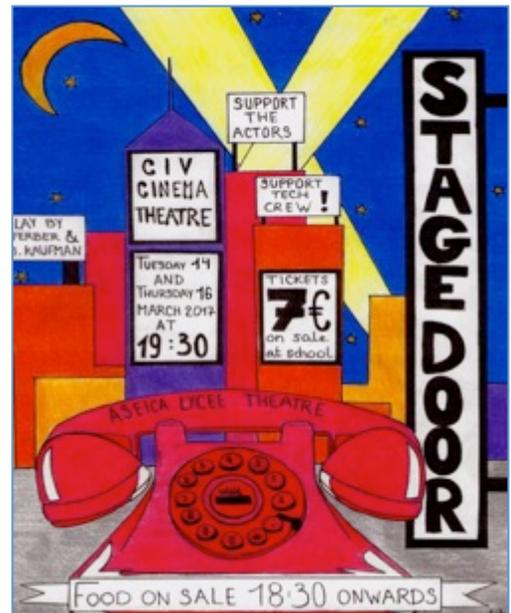
Hope to see you soon,  
Mrs Weatherly, Mr Mitcham and Mrs Workman

## Lycée Show

This poster advertises our next Lycée show - our annual play, this year called, "Stage Door", written in the 1930s and set in New York at that time. It is an American play exploring the lives of young actors who are trying to make a living on the professional stage.

Performances will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.  
CIV cinema/theatre space: 19:30

Collège and Lycée students will be receiving publicity during first week after vacation and will be able to purchase tickets at school the following week. Counting actors and our Tech Crew members, 46 Lycée students are involved! ■



## Alumni Evening

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, there were about 100 Alumni students who joined Premiere and Terminale students for the Annual ASEICA Alumni evening. This edition saw a record attendance by Alumni who graduated in 2016 and earlier coming back from countries around the world including France, UK, Switzerland, Canada, Holland and the United States... Premiere and Terminale students discussed their projects, quizzing alumni over their experience for the past years. Thank you to all who attended! Next year will be even better! ASEICA Board



## Galette & Summer Camps 2017

In a constant desire to accompany the families of ASEICA, your association, for new and enriching multicultural experiences, in continuation with the international course, we have offered you the Galette Summer Camps 2017, an event that was renewed for the seventh consecutive year. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Galette Summer Camps event took place at the Agora Forum of the CIV, organized on the initiative of ASEICA and with the support of international sections APRODESI, ASI -China, ASPESIA and APEG. This was an informal encounter around *galettes des rois* for parents and students of the international sections of the CIV (college & lycée), the César, Nikki de Saint Phalle and the Eganaude collèges and the primary . We had invited a broad and differentiated panel of organizations or federations of accredited organizations offering maximum guarantees to parents with a proven international culture, long language courses, long-term camps or long-term exchanges.

\* Provision of brochures



The numerous participants were able to exchange for 2 ½ hours with the organisms present. The event was a success, representatives of the organizations discussed it over with the parents. Participants appreciated the proposed format and the brochures were all distributed.

Many thanks to ASEICA members, especially to Joanne, Irene, Dutchess and Véronique, and to the parent volunteers.

Our intention is to renew this type of event next year.

Dear readers, if you would like to meet a particular organization on this occasion, please contact your association. Brochures are available for members at the ASEICA office.



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## Oceania Trip

It's difficult to put into words, without overusing superlatives, the feedback students have made on the Oceania Exchange 2016-2017 that ended in this past January.

### 'Amazing', 'Superb', 'Incredible'

and, simply, 'Top', are some of the favorites.

The exchange started last year in June, with thirty-four 2nde students heading out for a six-week family stay in New Zealand (Dunedin, Hamilton, Christ Church) or in Australia (Sydney, Brisbane, Mackay). Part Two of the adventure took place in December, with twenty-seven students from Oceania spending six weeks with their French correspondents and their families, and attending the LIV.

The benefits of such an exchange have been multiple -participating students have gained in cultural awareness, acquired greater maturity, improved in language abilities, and learned independence-. As hosts, they've learned to juggle their schedules to accommodate both studying and spending time with their counterparts.

In short, the experience has allowed participants to step out of the world they know and gain a better understanding of who they are.

We are grateful to so many for making this year's edition a success!

First and foremost, the parents, who have chaperoned, accompanied, baked, snapped countless pictures, picnicked, studied bus schedules and stops, worried, attended many meetings and bitten a few fingernails! Your time, patience and commitment to the Exchange have made it the success it has been.

A hearty thank-you is also in order for the many teachers who gave FLE lessons, ran workshops, held conferences, or simply accommodated their classes to the extra students attending their classes.

A special thank you to Nora Syran, who tirelessly and generously gave up several Fridays (and more) to create the booklet of photo-memories that all students, both abroad and at home, will be receiving. ■

**We look forward to Oceania 2017-2018!**

Gina Bethell  
For the Aseica Exchange Committee



## In the words of Marion Bové

I participated to the France - New Zealand exchange in June and July 2016. This experience has been very rich in teachings and surprises. Along with 10 other girls, I have been welcomed in the Southern Island town Dunedin at Columba College. I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the school, all at once pushing the girls towards success and taking care of their well-being. I was firstly surprised by the schooling system, very different from ours, but I finally enjoyed it. During our stay, we had several times the opportunity to help in French classes of all levels, from years 7 to years 13. This has been a very interesting experience as it allowed us to adopt a new perspective on the French language and to interact with the students. A teacher had been appointed to take us visit sites around Dunedin. I particularly enjoyed our visit to a Maori Marae and our hiking day on the Otago Peninsula, which made us discover New Zealand's rich culture and beautiful landscapes. I had the chance to be welcomed by three different families. Before the exchange, I was a little worried about the perspective of sharing the life of a family. Finally, there was nothing to worry about : after a week of adaptation and thanks to their kindness, I began feeling at home.

All of my families brought me a different aspect of the life in New Zealand: the life in Dunedin, then in the countryside around the town and finally in Southland. Thanks to them, I have been able to discover well known spots of South Island such as Queenstown, Wanaka, Te Anau and Milford Sound.

It was very interesting for me on a cultural and human level to share the life of those families, talk about various subjects (from daily issues to the political situation of the country), and then compare them, as it made me discover a wide range of personalities and ways of life.

Welcoming my partner, Ciara, in France was also a very good experience, for both me and my family. I really enjoyed showing her our culture and way of life and, despite our differences, we have become very good friends. This human aspect has been my favorite part of the exchange, and I hope I will be able to keep in touch with everyone.

This exchange has therefore been very positive on all aspects : cultural, human and linguistic. There is no doubt that I would do it again if I had the chance to !

