



APESA Newsletter

October 11th, 2007

From the director



Dear All,

So – *that* was a 'Rentrée.....To my (growing) list of things that can only be described as 'uniquely French' – the incredible number of cheeses, the physical warmth of the daily greeting, the 'ecole' that can be both 'normale' and 'supérieure' at the same time, *France Telecom* (to whom the twenty-first century came as an unexpected surprise) – I can now add.....the *Rentrée.....*

That said, we have been quickly 'up and running' this year, with staff working with their customary efficiency and commitment to get all pupils settled into their new routines, classes and work. Against a background of considerable change – new Proviseur, new Head of Section, new school hours etc. - the sense of purpose and focus already achieved by all classes in the Section has been most impressive.

We welcome two new additions to the staff this year – Alison Pattinson in Primary and Carrie Jack in *collège/lycée*. We also have two members of staff looking forward to their *own* 'new additions' – and we extend our very best wishes to Celia Roque and Anne Noyé over the next few months.

This is a particularly busy – though somewhat 'functional' – time of the year. As a result, there is little to report in the way of trips and events etc. In terms of Section and educational matters, we are in the middle of a round of meetings and forums – for new parents, for year group parents and, of course, the APESA Annual General Meeting – so I will not bore you here by repeating all the things I am reporting on at these sessions.

Hoping to see as many of you as possible at these various meetings.....

Best wishes

John Cadden

From the APESA BOARD

Dear parents,

**We will be holding the annual general assembly of the APESA
on Monday October 15th at 6:15 p.m. at the CSI.**

This is at the same time

- a formal event (required by French law),
- a unique opportunity to have an overall view of the Anglophone section and
- a social event, as after the formal meeting a cocktail will follow.

Please participate in this annual event. Some of the important issues our association will have to deal with will be presented and discussed then.

Formally, the AGM will elect the Board of parents who will be supervising the functioning of the association. The Board is composed of twelve elected members and it is renewed by half every year. At the AGM you will be asked to vote to fill 6 Board positions.

The twelve elected members will then meet to appoint the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-Secretary.

The Board typically meets eight times per year. We welcome parents to volunteer for board member. We are also looking for volunteers for other activities. Please do not hesitate to invest some of your time in this important organization.

See you next Monday.

Edouard Marienbach
President

To all parents/friends,

Whilst waiting to be able to thank people individually, I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all those who participated so generously in offering me a trip to the destination of my choice - I guess you really were trying to get rid of me ! Anyway, I am having great fun imagining all the possible places I could go and will definitely send you greetings from wherever and whenever that is.

Thinking of you and missing you all!

Donna (former Head of Section)



Primary News

There's been a great deal of hard work going on in primary since the beginning of the year. The children have been busy working on improving their reading, writing and spelling and we are already seeing results.

Homework is given regularly and all parents should have been notified of the days this is to be handed out and returned. **Library** visits began on 1st October and by the end of this week, all children will have had at least one visit. Books should be returned on library day so that more books can be borrowed. There is a box in each classroom so books can be returned on any day before this. We are very grateful to the Mums who come in and help us with this activity; in particular Alison Plummer, who has taken over from Jill Kirby, as the person responsible for organising the visits and getting the books on the shelves. **Lunch-time activities** have also begun and these range from art and craft to musical activities and needlework.



We are currently participating in a **whole school music project**. Up until December, the CPs and CE1s are learning and sharing action songs with the other children in their year group. In addition, the sections have been twinned to teach each other their songs. We are working closely with the Polish Section – wish us luck trying to learn Polish! The aim is to produce a CD of these songs as well as songs created by the French classes. From January onwards, it will be the turn of the older classes to participate. As this project may involve presentations to school and possibly parents, we have decided not to organise an Anglophone show this year.

One effect of the increased number of children in the primary school is that the lunch-time has been extended. The canteen has a limited capacity and it would be impossible for all children to eat comfortably in only one and a half hours. On days when the children do not have language lessons, their lunch-time begins at 11.30 and finishes at 13.00. These new arrangements have meant that the first lesson in the morning is longer for us. This is proving to be a positive move as it is a time when children are at their 'working best'.

Last but not least, we welcome two new members of staff this year – Alison Pattinson and Sarah Joannès. Alison has a CE1 and CM1 class and due to Anne Noyé's maternity leave, she is also taking a CM2 group. Similarly, Sarah is taking Anne's CE2 class while she is absent. They have both settled in very well and are proving to be valuable assets to our team.

We have already seen many of you at the parent information meeting held on 2nd October and hope to see you all at some time during the year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for any reason or problem however small.

Val Tuppen, Julie Mortimer, Alison Pattinson, Sarah Joannès

FROM the WELCOME COMMITTEE

Anglophone Section Families

Are you new to Lyon or to the Cité Scolaire Internationale (CSI)?
The APESA Welcome Committee (Anglophone Section) would be glad to answer any questions you may have about the school.
We also organise regular coffee mornings for you to meet other parents.
Feel free to give us a call!

2007-2008 Welcome Committee

Fabienne Boiron	04 72 86 91 64
Julie Cassidy Pouilly	04 78 24 40 07
Jill Kirby	04 72 19 45 18
Sally Moldan	04 78 44 85 31
Alison Plummer	04 78 54 02 96
Sue Wilson	04 78 53 66 04



Coffee Morning Dates

Friday 23rd November

December Holiday Lunch (date & location to be finalized):

Monday, 28 January; Monday, 31 March; Monday, 26 May

For those of you who are not familiar with the Coffee Mornings, these meetings are *usually* held upstairs in the lycée cafeteria at 9am. However, on occasion, meetings are held at Committee members' homes. Please note, any changes will be announced one week in advance via e-mail and the bulletin boards at the school.

For 2007-2008 dates to note are:

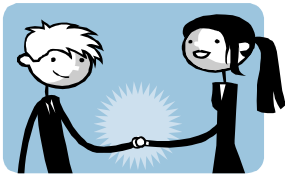
Student's report	End of each term/trimester
Autumn/Fall	27 th October - 7 th November
School re-opens	8 th November
Christmas Holiday	22nd December - 6 th January
School re-opens	7 th January
Winter Holiday	16 th February - 2nd March
School re-opens	3rd March
Spring Holiday	12th April - 27 th April
School re-opens	28 th April
School closes for Primary/Collège	2nd July
School closes for Lycée students	To be determined

WELCOME TO INTERSEC.....A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS !

For newcomers this school can seem huge and complicated.....and with reason. There are over 1700 pupils of nearly 50 different nationalities divided into various sections and eleven different parents associations! The school is also separated into three parts: Primary, College and Lycée which each have their own ways of functioning.

INTERSEC is the eleventh parent association. On our Board we have representatives from all the seven language sections as well as the European and Oriental sections and also the PEEP and FCPE. Our aim is to provide a link between all these different language sections, parents associations and the French administration. Membership is automatic for all parents in the CSI and is completely free.

INTERSEC has three key words: Welcome, Communication and Festivity.



INTERSEC together with the French administration held a welcome meeting in June for the incoming pupils in 6ème and 4ème (European, Oriental and International sections combined). INTERSEC is also available on the first day of term in Primary and College to assist the new non-french speaking parents.

INTERSEC edits a school directory....an essential tool if you need to call a classmate about forgotten homework or even if you just want to find out who lives near you. Your child's name and address will automatically appear in the directory unless you have specifically ticked the box on the school paperwork at the beginning of term asking for this not to happen. The directory costs 6€ and if you haven't yet ordered your copy you can still just about do so by contacting me directly by email at aoste2@orange.fr . The directory will be distributed just after the Toussaint holidays.

INTERSEC has a Commission for Language Exchange Trips. This is entirely independent of any organised school trips. If you feel your child needs extra input in English or another language then please contact Joëlle Pidoux at: joelle.internationale@hotmail.com. If your children have already been on an exchange trip Joëlle would also like to hear from you about the experience.

INTERSEC also helps with the organisation of the school Job Fair in March for the 1ère students and the University Fair in September for the Terminale students (although we sincerely apologise that for various reasons we are unable to organise the University Fair this year)

INTERSEC WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL PARTY FOR PARENTS ON FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.



This is the big INTERSEC social event of the year with a meal, quiz, tombola, and usually a fair amount of spontaneous singing and dancing!! It is a brilliant opportunity to meet parents from the other sections. Look out for the invitation after half-term.

Other INTERSEC activities include a 2-day book fair in April, so put aside your good condition second hand books ready to donate. Don't bring them into school yet! For those who participated last year we sold over 2000 books and made a profit of 1000€!!



Another event was our International Football Tournament for the CSI parents which took place in June. This was won by the APESA following a nailbiting final against the Spanish speaking section. As a result of this tournament parents are now meeting up to play football in the park on a regular basis. If you would be interested in joining them just let me know.

We also organised a "Prom" for the students in 3ème to mark the end of their "collège" years and their passage into the lycée.

The money raised by INTERSEC is used to help with school projects and trips etc to benefit the pupils in all the sections.

INTERSEC generally sends you information by email but also via thin slips of paper (photocopying for 1700 pupils is expensive!) which can get lost in the bottom of satchels if not checked from time to time! Some of the INTERSEC meetings are open to all so feel free to come along.

Please use INTERSEC as a central information point..... if you have a problem of any kind related to the school but you're not sure who you should be speaking to then don't hesitate to ask.

Annabel Østergaard
APESA mum (2nde1 and 6ème4)
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INTERSEC Vice President : Rosario Croqueville (APESA) : senora.gomez@hotmail.fr

CINEMA Club for 1ères & Terminales

Mr. Spear is organising a Cinema club with 1ère and terminale students for the second year. The group meets about twice a month, on a Saturday. Dates vary according to the amount of homework the students get...

They usually see an “arthouse” film and talk about its structure and themes over coffee or a pizza on the “berges du Rhône” afterwards.



Interested students can see Mr. Spear at the CSI or contact him by e-mail : spear.jason@googlemail.com

THEATRE Club

The ‘All New (but a bit old as well) Theatre Club’ is up and running again, every **Tuesday from 5.30 to 7pm**. It is always sad to say goodbye to our ‘old stagers’ who move on to pastures new, but great to welcome so many new faces too. Theatre Club is very full this season, with over 30 members. I am delighted to have some new students who are interested in lighting and stage management as well as ‘treading the boards.’



This year’s performance is going to be ‘**Our Day Out**’ by Liverpoolian playwright Willie Russell. It is a play which is on the English curriculum in College, but which has needed to be somewhat ‘adapted’ for such a big cast ! We are hoping to perform in February (room bookings and examination preparation permitting) and we do hope that lots of you will come to support the gallant members of Theatre Club who put in so very many hours of rehearsal time to create something they feel proud of.

Sue March



CRAFT Club

Craft Club is back by popular demand this year.

It is run on Thursday afternoons 3.30 – 4.30 for 6ème & 5ème.

It is currently full, with 28 members. I apologise to all those students who did not get a place. The students are currently making Halloween masks and piñatas. Towards Christmas they will be decorating boxes, photo frames and creating Christmas cards. If you have any unwanted art materials, empty silver/gold tins or unwanted glasses. Please can you bring them in to **Mrs.Lemaitre** or drop them off at the Anglophone book room.



The Video Club allows you to borrow one video or DVD every week , and up to two during the school vacations. Movies are available in several languages : English, German, Italian, Spanish, and Polish (usually sooner than in France, as we order them abroad).

A subscription for members of the international sections and teachers costs € 35,00 (a second subscription in the same family is € 30,00). Parents may also subscribe.

Opening hours : Collège and Lycée : Tuesday from 9h00 to 16h15.
Primary school : a schedule is posted in the Primary School lobby.

The video Club is run without any subsidies - your subscription allows us to renew our DVDs.
For more information, contact : Monika Bataillard 06 61 57 57 28

- CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS — PETITES ANNONCES -

Accommodation needed in Lyon near centre for 3-6 months, possible house swap in Blue Mountains, Sydney, Australia

I have recently moved with my husband and two young children to Lyon from Sydney. My parents would like to come for an extended visit as they love France and miss their grandchildren. Plans are not final but probably for 3 to 6 months from mid November 2007 and I am seeking accommodation for them. They are a retired British couple and are non smoking.

They live on a 40 acre property with 4 bedroom house in the Blue Mountains, 1.5 hours from Sydney. A house swap for someone seeking to visit Australia could be of interest, They could also perform house sitting duties (they like dogs) or we could consider a short term rent of a small furnished apartment with a maximum budget of about **500 euros** per month.

We live in the sixieme so ideally we would like to find something not too far from the centre of Lyon and not too far from us. It needs to be comfortable and convenient for elderly i.e. not too many stairs and not too far from public transport and ideally furnished.

If anyone is interested or knows of something they can contact
Jenny Herz on 06 16 80 47 26 or jennifer.herz@orange.fr

Tutoring available

Collège and Lycée levels
English language, literature, or LV1 – LV2
German LV1 – LV2 – LV3
French FLE

Contact Maud Cooke-Nesme 04 78 72 60 75
(passed OIB June 2007)