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## TOFA NEWS #6 2024

### Mot de la Présidente

Cher(e)s Collègues,

Alors que la conférence approche à grands pas, votre comité TOFA travaille sans relâche pour vous préparer deux jours de rencontres mémorables et enrichissantes. Notre panel d'experts vient de tous les coins d'Australie (et plus loin, encore, du Japon et de Nouvelle-Zélande) afin de vous inspirer et de vous montrer des méthodes d'enseignement nouvelles, efficaces, innovantes et originales. Merci à tous les membres qui nous ont fait confiance et ont acheté leurs billets. Nous avons hâte de tous vous retrouver autour d'un café au University Club de UWA le mois prochain.

Céline Decoux, Présidente de TOFA

In this Newsletter, you will find important information about:

- the TOFA/FATFA conference programme; including information about speakers and workshops.
- booking tickets for the TOFA/FATFA National Conference.
- the next TOFA MEET at the AF Quiz Night on Saturday, November 9.
- nominating a colleague for a Teaching Award.
- the Dana O'Hare Scholarship recipient.
- the current situation regarding the TISC bonus.
- purchasing TOFA Stickers.
- the TOFA resources page on our website and how to unlock it!

## TOFA/FATFA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

We are delighted to share a preview of the full [programme](#) with you.

With less than four weeks to the conference, secure your spot by booking your ticket:

[get ticket](#)

### Nominate a colleague!

Do you know an inspirational French teacher?

There is still time to nominate a colleague for the Marie-Louise Laurent Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Teaching of French in Western Australia.

This award recognises a teacher who excels in innovative and diverse teaching practices, mentors and supports fellow French educators, and has made a significant impact on the profession.

For more information and to access the nomination form, visit [our website](#).

### Dana O'Hare Scholarship

#### **Congratulations to Rhianna Reynolds from Mount Barker Community College!**

Rhianna is the well deserving recipient of the Dana O'Hare Scholarship, to assist with the cost of attending the National Conference in Perth. She is in the beginning stages of setting up a French programme in her school and is the only Languages teacher within a 50km radius. We are sure that the conference will enable Rhianna to connect with teachers, find resources and equip her with the latest research and motivation to build up her programme.

### TISC update on Languages Bonus

I thank you to all the teachers who have submitted a response to TOFA, or TISC directly, to outline their concerns about the removal of the 10% Languages Bonus. Our voices have been heard and TISC has decided to extend the bonus until 2027. During this time, there is a view to form a task force which will review and develop proposals for a more equitable system from 2028.

Read the full response from TISC [here](#).

## New Padlet + password

Following the success of our Paris 2024 Resources Padlet, we invite you to contribute to the new **TOFA Language Teaching Padlet**. You can find it on the 'RESOURCES' page of our website: [Resources – A community of French Teachers in WA](#)

This Padlet is designed to be a **rich source of teaching tools including games, websites, strategies, and apps for use in the classroom**. You can share a variety of resources, such as documents, website links, videos, audio files, PDFs, and more.

To contribute, simply click on the PLUS sign in the top corner and upload your resource.

The Password is: **5Py8asvD**

## 2024 TOFA Stickers: Orders Open!

Sticker sheets can now be ordered via the TOFA website.

<https://www.tofawa.asn.au/stickers-competition/>



## WALRSE looking for families to host male students.

The WA/La Réunion Student Exchange (WALRSE) aims to connect students from Réunion Island and WA. Their réunionnais partner committee, [Tang Koala](#), has had a keen interest from garçons to take part this summer.

The WALRSE committee are actively seeking families to host and/or new students wanting to fully participate in the exchange, who are willing and able to host a réunionnais boy from December 27, 2024 to January 15, 2025 (almost 3 weeks).

WA students of French presently in Years 8-11 (male or female), that are interested in hosting a male student and are able to do so this summer, are encouraged to contact WALRSE as soon as possible. WALRSE currently has a special offer for students who would like to fully participate in this year's exchange (hosting 27 Dec 2024 - 15 Jan 2025 AND traveling in June/July 2025, when in Years 9-12); \$100 off registration!

Contact [patwalrse@gmail.com](mailto:patwalrse@gmail.com) ASAP for more info.

## French Tutor Opportunity

A lovely French-Australian family is looking for a tutor/teacher to give French lessons to their daughter on Tuesday afternoons for 90 mins/week. Location is Lathlain.

Contact [celine.decoux@gmail.com](mailto:celine.decoux@gmail.com) for more information.

2 November: Nominations for MLL Award close

9 November: TOFAMeet @ AF Quiz Night

22-23 November: FATFA/TOFA National French Conference at UWA

Until 9 February 2025: Exhibition “Empress Joséphine’s Garden” at [WA Maritime Museum](#)



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