FRENCH FILM EXCURSION

February 2012

Dear Parent / Guardian,

On Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} of March, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the annual French film festival. An excursion has been organised to see “La Fille du Puisatier” (“The well-digger’s daughter”) at the Balwyn Cinemas. I have included the synopsis of the film for your information. It is a wonderful opportunity for the students to hear French for an extended period of time and to relate to French film-making styles. Furthermore, the students will have class discussions and complete a piece of work on this film, as it is part of the WW2 theme, which is a significant area of study in VCE French.

During the French Film Festival, there will be numerous screenings of a wide range of excellent French films at the Palace, Kino and Como cinemas. It would be a wonderful opportunity for students (and parents!) to immerse in French language and culture. Information is available online at the Alliance Française website regarding details of films and times.

To add to the flavour of the day, the students will partake in a three-course French luncheon at the restaurant, “Aux Batifolles” in Fitzroy after the film. It is a renowned restaurant presenting authentic décor, cuisine and service….waiters and chef are French-speaking!). The students are provided a unique opportunity to further indulge in the French language.

The cost of this excursion (approx. $50.00) will be charged to your child’s school account. This includes the cost of the film, lunch and transport by bus. They will return to school at approximately 4.00 p.m.

Students may wear neat, casual attire on this day.

Permission slips need to be returned to Mme Jonas by no later than Friday, 2nd of March.

Many thanks for your support of the French language program.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mme Lilette Jonas

(Head of French Department)
**LA FILLE DU PUISATIER**  THE WELL-DIGGER’S DAUGHTER

**Director:** Daniel Auteuil  
**Cast:** Daniel Auteuil, Kad Merad, Sabine Azéma, Jean-Pierre Darroussin, Astrid Berges-Frisbey, Nicolas Duvauchelle  
**Country:** France  
**Date of Release:** 2010  
**Duration:** 127 mins  
**Rating:** PG  
**Recommended For:** Year 11 and Year 12

Daniel Auteuil makes his directing debut with this remake of Marcel Pagnol’s 1940 film of the same name.

It’s the beginning of the Second World War. Patricia (played by newcomer Astrid Berges-Frisbey) is young, beautiful and the apple of her adoring father’s eye. A chance encounter with Jacques Mazel (Nicolas Duvauchelle), a seductive and handsome pilot from a bourgeois family, leads to a fleeting romance. They meet but twice. No sooner have the pair fallen in love is Jacques sent off to fight in the war, leaving Patricia behind – and pregnant.

A rift erupts between Patricia and her father (Daniel Auteuil) and the Mazels refuse to acknowledge their grandchild, having no desire for their superior genes to intermix with those of a lesser class. But what will happen when Jacques is reported missing? Will compassion triumph in the end?

The classic cinematography evokes the nostalgia of a bygone era, and the enchanting vistas of the south of France are as mesmerizing as the story itself. Auteuil remains true to the original script, transporting viewers to a time where clashing attitudes and class divisions appear irreconcilable in this poignant tale of young love. This is drama at its most beautiful.
HUNTINGTOWER SCHOOL

SCHOOL EXCURSION – PARENT CONSENT FORM

Students (Year level & Curriculum area): VCE French
to take part in the excursion detailed below.

Excursion to: Balwyn Cinema & "Aux Batofolles" Restaurant

Date: 18/3/2012  Transport: Bus
Departure Time: 9:00am  Return Time: 4:00pm

Clothing: School Uniform □  Sports Uniform □  Casual  □
As set out in the Student Planner

Special Requirements:

Meal Arrangements: 3-course Lunches provided

Cost: Activity: $______ Changes to Student's Account $50
Other: $______
Total: $50 To be paid by ______

While outside students should wear a cap and sunscreen to ensure adequate sun protection.

Yours sincerely

Thomas (Mme Thomas)

TEACHER IN CHARGE OF EXCURSION

Staff Attending: Mme Barker

I give permission for my son/daughter ________________________
to attend the ____________________ excursion as set out on the attached sheet.

I enclose $ _______________ (if applicable)

In an emergency I authorize the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent where it is impractical to communicate with me to the child receiving such Christian Science treatment, medical or surgical treatments, as may be deemed necessary, in line with your request on your student's Application for Enrolment form.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ________________________________

Contact Name: ____________________  Contact Numbers: ________________

Emergency Contact Name: ____________________  Contact Numbers: ________________