



Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Florence Lyons and I am the Teacher in Charge of French at Matamata College. I am writing to let you know that my year 12 French class and I have the opportunity to take part in an exciting project during Term 1. The project, initiated by Pascale Hyboud-Peron (NZAFT-[www.french.ac.nz](http://www.french.ac.nz) Administrator) and supported by Ruth Bouchier (ILANZ-National Advisor for French), is based on the year 12 students teaching French to your son/daughter's Year 8 class at Matamata Intermediate.

For this project, your son/daughter will be involved in six 30 minute lessons with the help of two qualified French teachers (myself and Pascale Hyboud-Peron). The lessons will be delivered by the Year 12 students, supervised by the two Teachers of French and your son/daughter's Intermediate teacher. This will occur once a week on Tuesdays afternoon between 2.15 pm and 3 pm, starting on February 23rd 2010 and finishing Tuesday 30th 2010.

2010 is the year of the implementation of the new New Zealand Curriculum. The Curriculum document "raises the profile and status of learning a second language". By being part of the project, the year 8 students benefit from gaining exposure to a language other than English. Research shows that "learning a language provides students with the cognitive tools and strategies to learn further languages and to increase their understanding of their own language(s) and culture(s)". The project is tailored as to offer your son/daughter an opportunity to sample language learning in a small group while at the same time providing Year 12 students with an opportunity to think about their own learning and how it can be applied to everyday life.

In order to provide feedback on this project we will be documenting the planning, the delivery and the comments made by both teachers (the Year 12 students) and learners (the Year 8 students). We would appreciate if you would allow your son/daughter to be filmed by signing the form below, to be returned to your son/daughter Intermediate teacher. The pictures will be used for record keeping and potentially for training purposes of other teachers.

Should you wish to know more please do contact Florence Lyons (phone 07 881 9018 or email [ln@matamatacollege.school.nz](mailto:ln@matamatacollege.school.nz))

We thank you for your support in this project.

Kind regards,

Florence Lyons  
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Matamata College

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I ..... allow my son/daughter  
..... to be filmed by Florence Lyons and/or Pascale  
Hyboud-Peron while s/he is involved in the project of learning French with a year 12 French  
class from Matamata College during Term 1 2010.

Signature

Date