

Salut! Bonjour! Bonsoir!

This term we have investigated how we can use our French language skills within our classroom inquiries.

In ECE classrooms, we have explored old pictures and cards from France. We had to use our knowledge of the days and months in French to figure out what sort of cards we were looking at. We also explored what a French classroom might have looked like in the 1950s. Kinders have also read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

In 3/4 classes, we started to look at *Les Saisons* (the seasons) and how they are different in Australia and France. We used our nature play skills to observe our surroundings and create some big class poems about Spring. Joe and Miles also investigated the Indigenous Weather Knowledge map to give us some additional information about the seasons in Australia. There is no recorded information for Tasmania on the Indigenous Weather Knowledge map at the moment, but the boys did explore Victoria for us.

In 5/6 classes, we have explored how French is a global language. We also discovered *Médecins Sans Frontières* (Doctors Without Borders). We used our codebreaking and translation skills to read some of the information for students they share on their French website.

		
Roo shares his understanding of the seasons in France	Finn and Lachie explore an old postcard	3/4 editing and constructing their poem outside.

Indigenous Weather Knowledge

There are 7 indigenous seasons. Different Aboriginal groups categorized seasons differently. The Gariwerd indigenous people from Victoria had *kooyang* which was late summer in January to March. It was also eel season. It was the hottest and driest time. They had *gwngal moronn* which was autumn in March to May. It was honey bee season. They had *chunnup* which was winter in May to July. It was cockatoo season. They had *larneuk* which was pre spring in July to August. It was nesting bird season. They had *petyan* which was spring from September to November. *Petyan* was wildflower season and it started to warm up. *Ballambar* was November to January and butterfly season there was hot dry weather. By Joe and Miles.