

FANS 2026 AGM Minutes

Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 6.30pm
KHPS - Amphitheatre Block O

In attendance:

21 members: Sabrina Angaru, Gabrielle Beckenham, Anne Bentley, Isabelle Dellerba, Jeremy Dupuit, Aurélie Favennec, Geoffrey Gautier, Cécile Janet, Sophie Le Gall, Kimberley Law, Jessica Mineau, Andrew Rowe, Xavier Heyman.

ONLINE : Tamara Hasanefendic, Janos Jersch, Klara Laurent, Mayuri Manraj, Nicholas Morin, Celine Parle, Marie Renaud, Emma Tardif.

2 non-members: Gillian Tegg, Sami Bouakaze.

6.20pm-6.35pm: Attendees registration

6.35pm: Housekeeping and Welcome

Isabelle Dellerba, the FANS Secretary welcomed all attendees to the amphitheatre and shared the meeting agenda. She stated that the meeting would include a review of the association's actions, **activities**, and **finances**, following the approval of the previous year's minutes.

She informed the attendees that as usual, the meeting would conclude with a **Q&A session**, the election of the **new committee**, and an **aperitif** to which everyone was invited. She also expressed her thanks to the Deputy Consul-General, Sami Bouakaze, for his presence.

The Secretary then handed the floor to FANS' President, Jeremy Dupuit.

6.40pm: Welcome from the FANS President, Jeremy Dupuit

Jeremy Dupuit opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending the Annual General Meeting.

He began by expressing his **gratitude to Gillian**, the KHPS principal, for hosting the event in the school's wonderful facilities once again. He also acknowledged and **thanked the vice-consul of France** for joining the meeting.

Before proceeding, Mr. Dupuit **acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land**, paying his respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. He highlighted that as a community organisation built on language, culture, and connection, it is vital to recognise and respect the history and continuing contribution of First Nations peoples.

He stated that it was a privilege to stand before the assembly as president of FANS and to reflect on **another busy and successful year for the organisation**. He noted that this year has been one of evolution for FANS; while remaining focused on delivering outstanding programmes for students and families, the association has continued to explore new ways to strengthen its impact, broaden its partnerships, and prepare for the future.

As would be shown in the upcoming presentation by his fellow committee members and the General Manager, Mr. Dupuit emphasized that FANS continues to play an important role in the French-

speaking community in Sydney, and increasingly across Australia. Thanks to the **strong partnership with Killarney Heights Public School**, the association has once again been able to enrich the children's learning experience through various in-school and inter-school projects, activities, and competitions that foster engagement and enthusiasm for the French language and Francophone cultures.

These opportunities continue to grow through **collaboration with partner schools and organisations** that share a common commitment to bilingual education. Mr. Dupuit explained that FANS has also continued its efforts to promote the unique bilingual programme delivered at KHPS through its communications, partnerships with French institutions and members of Team France, and growing connections across the wider Francophone community. Together, these efforts have successfully raised the profile of the programme well beyond the local community, with a key highlight being the opportunity to welcome a **French TV crew** to the school to showcase the programme.

He also praised the long-standing tradition of **bringing people together through community events**. Whether gathering around food at the French market, celebrating music at the Eurovision night or World Music Day (Fête de la Musique), or launching the new FANS Ed Talk series, these events have significantly strengthened community connections.

Finally, he noted that the audience would hear about the important **work happening behind the scenes**. He commended a small group of dedicated volunteers on the committee who have continued to invest significant time and energy into strengthening governance, ensuring FANS has the sustainable foundation it needs for the future.

In closing, Mr. Dupuit stated that none of this would be possible without **the support of the members, volunteers, teaching and admin staff, partners, and the KHPS school leadership and community as a whole**. On behalf of the committee, he thanked everyone for their continued support and attendance, before handing over the floor to Gillian.

6.45pm: A word from KHPS Principal, Mrs Gillian Tegg

Gillian Tegg thanked Jeremy and extended her congratulations to him, the committee, and the administration teams for the success of the association, noting that it was always lovely to join them and share in that success.

She also began by **acknowledging the Traditional Custodians** of this saltwater country, paying her respects to Elders past, present, and emerging, and recognising their ongoing connection to the land, its waters, and its rich cultural heritage.

Mrs. Tegg **highlighted that the bilingual programme is now in its 27th year**. She described the programme as a true benchmark of excellence, achieved through a strong partnership with FANS and the New South Wales Department of Education. She noted that it is **recognised internationally**, drawing diverse families from across Australia and the wider Francophonie. With nearly 85% of students participating in the programme and 40% of kindergarten students enrolled in the Francophone stream, she stated that this is a great testament to its success.

A major highlight from the past year—which Jeremy had previously touched upon—was the **connection forged with sister schools**. Mrs. Tegg mentioned the inaugural camp to visit Camberwell Primary School in Melbourne, where twenty KHPS students connected with their French-speaking peers. The students engaged in bilingual learning in the classrooms and truly embraced this cultural exchange. She emphasized that this immersive experience strengthened their

friendships and built their social and emotional confidence, adding that the school looks to increase that number this year for another successful visit.

Academically, she reported the successful implementation of the **new curricula**, supported by ongoing professional development and close collaboration between the Department of Education and school staff. Furthermore, she announced that **the school recently completed its external validation process**, which occurs every five years. This process highlighted KHPS as 'excelling' in learning culture and teacher development—true hallmarks of a future-focused school, largely due to their connection and collaborative efforts. She also celebrated the fantastic work that Sabrina and Geoffrey as exec teachers do in leading those teams.

As another highlight, Mrs. Tegg shared that she had the privilege of **attending a network day at the Department of Education head office**, where she witnessed KHPS French teachers showcase their expertise in primary languages to peers from across the state. They led one-third of all workshops, promoting innovative teaching of the New South Wales Kindergarten to Year 10 Modern Languages syllabus. She noted that the school is being recognised not only as a benchmark for excellence in French language and bilingual teaching, but also in the overall development and delivery of the **primary languages' curriculum**. She stated that their leadership reflects the quality of the programme and a strong FANS partnership that enriches both staff and student learning.

The bilingual programme has also gained national and international attention. Mrs. Tegg mentioned the documentary film starring the students, as well as the advertisement shown at the beginning of the presentation. She expressed how exciting it was to see it represented when she attended the **French Film Festival**, as it beautifully highlighted the programme's growth, its rich cultural and academic benefits, and KHPS's pivotal role as a hub for the French language and community in Australia. To illustrate their global reach, she shared that she recently received a visit from a family living in Lake Como, Italy, who discovered the school through its website and is looking to enrol for 2027.

Furthermore, she noted that results from **parent and student surveys** remain overwhelmingly positive. Sixty percent of families endorse the bilingual programme as a key strength, and students reported rich opportunities for language, culture, and personal growth. KHPS continues to attract both Francophone and Anglophone families, nurturing an inclusive and culturally vibrant learning environment. Through innovative teaching, active community engagement, and strong leadership, she stated that KHPS is proudly positioned to continue fostering bilingual excellence and preparing students to thrive as global citizens.

In conclusion, Mrs. Tegg affirmed that the school continues to live the vision displayed on its banner: "**Proudly learning French together. Ensemble vers un futur bilingue.**" She praised the highly successful partnership, noting that it is growing stronger and stronger, and expressed confidence that this 27th year will be even better.

Following her speech, she warmly invited the Deputy Consul-General, Sami Bouakaze, to say a few words, stating that the school was very honoured by his presence.

6.50pm: A word from the Deputy Consul-General, Sami Bouakaze

Sami Bouakaze thanked the association for the invitation, noting that this was his second time visiting. He expressed how **deeply impressed** both the French Consulate and he personally were with the programme. He explained that he was quite accustomed to standard French international schools, such as the Lycée Condorcet in Maroubra, which is a system the Consulate knows very well. When he first visited Killarney Heights the previous November for the French Market—having met

Jeremy a couple of weeks prior and heard about the association—he admitted he had expected to find just another typical French school.

Instead, he thoroughly enjoyed the experience, not only for the market but also for discovering that **this programme is entirely unique** and differs from traditional models of French teaching. He was truly impressed by what he found.

Consequently, Mr. Bouakaze extended a **warm thank you to the school leadership** for welcoming the French community. He emphasized that it is thanks to their openness that a French bilingual programme exists on Sydney's North Shore, even if it is integrated differently than what the Consulate is traditionally used to.

He stated that every time the programme is discussed at the Consulate to **explore support options**, they are invariably impressed by the work of the Association. He highlighted that despite being a parent-led association, FANS delivers an **extraordinary, high-quality education**. He noted that there is nothing more important than education in today's world, which requires greater global exposure and well-educated citizens—precisely what the association is achieving.

Furthermore, he praised the association for not only doing this for their own children but also for offering this cultural wealth to the **entire school community**. He congratulated FANS on this achievement and on their outstanding results.

In closing, Mr. Bouakaze thanked the school once again for hosting the French community within its premises. Noting that celebrating 27 years is no small feat, he expressed complete confidence that the programme would be here for the next 27 years and well beyond. He also acknowledged the major milestone celebration coming up at the end of the year with the 20th edition of the FANS' French Market.

He concluded by wishing everyone the very best and offering his congratulations to all involved.

7pm: Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 11th of June 2025

The minutes were approved by all members by a show of hands.

7.03pm: Presentation of 2025 financial report by Sophie Le Gall, FANS Treasurer

Sophie Le Gall opened the financial report by stating that, as is the case every year, the association's financial reporting had been fully audited and was now available on the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission) website for review. She noted that the format remained identical to the previous year to ensure it was easy to follow.

Directing attention to the **first figure**, Ms. Le Gall explained that the negative number was due to several exceptional events in 2025 that had impacted costs, leading to a net loss for the financial year. She echoed Gillian's earlier point regarding the need to adapt the NSW curriculum for the second stream, noting that the teachers had to dedicate a significant amount of time to this project, which resulted in necessary overtime. While this immense undertaking led to one-off exceptional costs, she emphasized that it was absolutely essential for the program.

Consequently, **the association closed the year with a small loss of \$32,000**, compared to the prior year (2024) where FANS ended up breaking even. Ms. Le Gall reassured the assembly that this loss was strictly due to exceptional items and did not reflect the association's long-term trend or baseline performance.

Turning to **revenue streams**, the Treasurer reported that **core program revenue** remained stable compared to 2024. The total revenue from French classes increased. DELF classes remained relatively steady overall. The launch of the new “Le Petit Sportif” after-school sports program generated an extra \$18,000 in income.

Fundraising and social activities revenue saw a significant increase. However, Ms. Le Gall pointed out that this impressive figure included several grants, commending the team for successfully securing funding from both the New South Wales Government and the French Embassy. This marked the first time the association had received such a substantial amount from grants, totaling \$48,000. This fundraising category also included FANS' flagship event, the **French Market**, which alone brought in \$124,000 in revenue, proving its ongoing vital importance to the association. This figure also encompassed sponsorship revenue extending beyond the market itself.

In terms of profitability, the French Market achieved a net profit of around \$74,000, matching the 2024 results. Ms. Le Gall described this as an outstanding result for a single-day event, representing an enormous amount of work involving hundreds of people. On behalf of the committee, she expressed immense pride in this achievement, noting its massive positive impact on the bottom line. Other social events, such as the **Couscous night and la Fête de la Musique**, also generated a profit, though she noted these are primarily designed for social connection and community benefit rather than large revenues. Regarding the French Film Festival, she clarified that FANS secures a group discount price for its members, collects the funds, and passes them on directly; FANS does not make any profit from this service.

Reviewing total expenses, Ms. Le Gall noted an 8% increase driven by three key factors: a payroll increase to reward teachers for their hard work, a rise in general operating expenses due to CPI and inflationary pressures, and the incorporation of expenses from the new 'Le Petit Sportif' activity.

This left the association with an **equity balance** of \$312,000. The Treasurer explained that the goal is to bring this closer to \$434,000, which represents the cash reserve required to cover three months of operating expenses. She stated that while FANS is a not-for-profit organisation, governance guidelines dictate the gradual accumulation of this equity to maintain a reliable financial safety net, adding that events like COVID-19 highlighted the crucial need for such a reserve to ensure long-term stability.

2025 KEY FIGURES



\$1,431k

KHPS Program Revenue
+0%



\$135k

French Classes Revenue
+26%



\$192k

**Fundraising and Social
Activities Revenue**
+49%



561

Children enrolled
-17 students



\$1,799k

Total Expenses
+8%



-\$32k

Net Loss
vs loss of \$1k PY



\$312k

Net Equity
versus cash reserve
needed of \$434k



19 Employees

Moving to the **next chart**, Ms. Le Gall explained that ahead of each AGM, **the committee projects finances out over the next few years**, balancing the need to occasionally adjust fees with the desire to fairly reward staff and account for rising operational costs.

In analyzing data from 2018 through to 2026 to understand why the association generated larger profits in the past, the committee realised that although fees have increased slowly year-on-year, operational costs have grown at a faster rate, making it harder to generate a surplus.

The details revealed two main structural shifts. First, following a comprehensive salary review five or six years ago, FANS remains committed to rewarding its staff through annual salary reviews. Second, in 2019, the finance committee decided to significantly strengthen the association's governance by hiring a dedicated accountant, switching to a new audit firm, and implementing a CRM system. While these crucial investments raised baseline operating expenses, Ms. Le Gall emphasized that they cannot and will not be scaled back as they ensure tighter financial control, excellent governance, and smooth operations.

Looking ahead, she announced that the committee will spend the next few months reviewing all expenses to identify efficiencies and cost savings, aiming to manage the cost baseline more effectively and rebuild reserves without relying solely on fee increases.

Concluding with the **final slide**, Ms. Le Gall detailed the **fee structure for 2027**, which is based on a 3.5% increase. The fees will be \$1,780 for the Anglophone stream and \$4,470 for the Francophone stream. The refundable bond for new enrolments is set at \$1,300 for both streams. While the bond covers different periods depending on the stream, the amount remains identical. Standard sibling discounts continue to apply, and the administrative fee will be \$200.

FEES 2027 ALIGNED WITH PLAN

+ 3.5%
increase



25% off for
families of 3 or
more children

Applicable on program
fees from 3rd child

- **\$1,780** per student for the Anglophone stream (\$1,720 if paid upfront)
- **\$4,470** per student for the Francophone stream (\$4,370 if paid upfront)
- Bond fees of **\$1,300** for both Francophone & Anglophone
- Admin fees of **\$200**



Ms. Le Gall thanked the attendees and **opened the floor to questions** and comments from both the room and online participants.

No questions were asked.

Sophie Le Gall thanked the members and handed over to the Secretary, who invited Anne Bentley, General Manager, to present the report on educational programs and operations.

7.25pm: Reports on the educational programs and operations by Anne Bentley, FANS General Manager

General Manager Anne Bentley opened her address by thanking everyone for joining the meeting and stated her intention to walk the members through the operational highlights, milestones, and key initiatives undertaken by FANS during the year.

1. Enrolments and Teaching Staff

Ms. Bentley began with **student enrolment, which remained stable** at 570 students, representing 85% of the total school population. This figure included 245 Francophone and 325 Anglophone students spread across 27 bilingual classes. She noted that the partnership with KHPS allowed to run two Anglophone-only classes alongside the twenty-five classes accommodating the three distinct streams: Francophones, Anglophones, and English First.

To deliver this curriculum, FANS relied on a highly dedicated teaching team. Ms. Bentley expressed her deep gratitude to the **17 French teachers**, acknowledging those present in the room as representatives of the whole team for their remarkable work. She explained that four of these teachers were provided by the Department of Education (DoE) through the Community Language

Program—a long-standing framework justified by the school's high number of Francophone students. The operational team also included one Kindergarten Assistant to support the youngest students navigating both languages, and three administrative staff members working behind the scenes.

While **student** numbers were stable, Ms. Bentley **emphasized that the association's goal remains to increase them**. She echoed previous comments by noting that while fee increases help, growing student numbers is what truly ensures the long-term sustainability of the association. This objective drives all of FANS' communications, social media engagement, and community activities.

Ms. Bentley also welcomed the stability within the teaching team. She highlighted this continuity as an invaluable asset, as the teachers knew the program and the children inside out, enabling them to

OPERATIONS 2025-2026

FANS-KHPS BILINGUAL PROGRAM

2025

- 561 students
(85% of the school)
 - 244 Francophones
 - 317 Anglophones

- 27 bilingual classes
 - 24 with Franco & Anglo
 - 3 Anglophone only

2026

- 570 students
(85% of the school)
 - 245 Francophones
 - 325 Anglophones

- 27 bilingual classes
 - 25 with Franco & Anglo
 - 2 Anglophone only



- 17 teachers of French, including 4 from DoE
- 1 Kindy assistant
- 3 Admin staff

navigate recent organizational changes seamlessly.

2. Holistic Bilingual Education & Extracurricular Activities

Moving to the next slide, Ms. Bentley reiterated that the FANS mission is to approach bilingual education holistically by fostering French both inside and outside the classroom.

Regarding the *Études and Intensive French Before school for Anglophone classes* operations continued without major changes. However, she highlighted the success of *Les Petits Sportifs*, a novelty introduced the previous June that combined language learning with sports, which showed strong engagement.

Ms. Bentley then shared the organization's immense pride in their **recent exam results**. For the first time, 100% of the Year 6 cohort—totaling 51 students—sat the DELF Prim exam. Not only did every student pass, but they achieved an outstanding average grade of nearly 83%. She stated this achievement proved the efficacy of the teaching methods for both Anglophone and Francophone students.

3. Competitions, Inter-School Projects, and Camps

The holistic approach also included various **competitions and inter-school projects** run in close collaboration with sister schools, including Camberwell Primary School in Victoria and Taren Point Public School in southern Sydney. Ms. Bentley emphasized that these were inclusive, school-wide initiatives rather than isolated FANS projects.

Key highlights included **pen pal exchanges with Camberwell and participation in the *Leve ta voix* competition**, where two KHPS students (one Anglophone and one Francophone) secured national victories against dedicated French and bilingual schools. Furthermore, involvement with the ***Prix du Civisme*** grew steadily, with preparations starting earlier in the year to spark interest. She reminded the audience that this program focused on community values rather than advanced language proficiency or French citizenship.

In terms of **excursions**, the past year marked the inaugural interstate camp, where twenty Year 6 students travelled to Camberwell Primary School in Melbourne for three days. The Victorian pen pals visited Sydney in November. Ms. Bentley announced that the project had grown by nearly 50% for the upcoming cycle, with 30 students from Years 5 and 6 set to participate.

Additionally, a refreshed format for **Francophonie Week** yielded record engagement, supported by three book sales that successfully raised funds while helping families source French literature.

4. Curriculum Transition and Structural Changes

Ms. Bentley then addressed a major structural shift: the **introduction of the new New South Wales (NSW) syllabus**. Because the syllabus changed entirely, all programs had to be rewritten, resulting in a monumental workload for the staff.

To manage this transition, FANS adjusted its **staffing structure**. Executive Teachers, who previously split their time between two classes, were assigned to a single class to free up time for curriculum development. To cover the remaining classroom gaps, FANS hired an additional teacher. Ms. Bentley explained that this was a necessary financial investment to protect the quality of execution.

While the year proved demanding and dense for the teaching team, Ms. Bentley noted an immediate **benefit for the students**: an increase in weekly French hours. Francophone students reached 35% French immersion, while Anglophone students rose to just over 20%. She expressed confidence that this increased immersion would yield strong results in future benchmarks, such as the Year 6 DELF exams.

5. Secondary School Operations & Future Outlook

On operational updates for older students, Ms. Bentley reported that FANS continued to run **extracurricular French classes for high school students** to preserve their primary school bilingual foundations. The association observed a significant spike in enrolments, growing from 51 students the previous year to 63 students in the first semester.

Furthermore, FANS successfully launched a **weekly Anglophone conversation class for Years 7 to 10**, fulfilling a long-standing community need after reaching the student numbers required to make the class financially viable.

Ms. Bentley also deemed the **annual Info Night** held in March with Killarney Heights High School (KHHS) a great success. The event was opened to families from Years 3 to 6 and accessible also online this year. It featured inspiring testimonies from former KHPS alumni now **in Year 12**, who shared how achieving B1 and B2 certificates and continuing French through to the HSC provided significant ATAR scaling benefits and university bonus points.

In summary, Ms. Bentley concluded that the year was defined by key milestones, including the first interstate exchange, the launch of *Les Petits Sportifs*, record participation in Francophonie Week, and a 100% pass rate in the DELF exams.

Looking ahead, she outlined the clear strategic goals for FANS:

- **Expand** immersion and cultural exchange opportunities while carefully balancing human and financial resources.
- **Grow** enrolments across both the primary bilingual program and secondary classes.
- **Support** teachers with targeted resources, professional development, and a strong focus on well-being.
- **Engage** the community of parents, students, and partners on the shared journey toward

OPERATIONS 2025-2026

FANS EXTRACURRICULAR CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Info Night FANS KHHS

Every Term week:

- History workshop
- L'Esprit Critique workshop (started Term 1 2025)
- 4 DELF classes
 - 1 Anglo,
 - 2 Franco B2,
 - 1 Franco B1 - 2 Franco B1 (since Term 1 2026)

New in 2026:

- Anglophone Conversation Class, once a week, from Year 7 to Year 10

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| 2025 | 51 students |
| 2026 | 63 students |



bilingual education.

In closing, Ms. Bentley thanked the parents for their ongoing support and commended the teaching staff, calling on everyone to continue working together. She handed over to the Secretary, who invited Andrew Rowe, the Vice President and Public Officer, to present the report on the Terms and Conditions update.

7.45pm: Report on the Terms and Conditions Update by Andrew Rowe

The Vice President and Public Officer, Andrew Rowe, highlighted the significant amount of work that takes place behind the scenes. He explained that beyond organizing events and providing classroom teaching, the committee has focused heavily over the last few years on **uplifting the association's governance and controls**. He recalled that last year, FANS successfully updated its constitution and reviewed teachers' employment contracts.

This year, Mr. Rowe noted that a key initiative currently in progress is the **review and update of the association's Terms and Conditions**. As indicated on the presentation slide, he stated that this is the next logical step in the governance review to strengthen all of the association's processes and controls.

He explained that some of the planned updates, which members will see in due course, have been directly **driven by questions** received regarding the operation of certain clauses. Specifically,

feedback had been raised around the liability for fees when students leave the programme mid-year. Referencing Sophie's earlier financial report, Mr. Rowe reiterated that mid-year departures have a direct financial impact on the association's operations.

Therefore, the steps currently being taken involve reviewing and refining the Terms and Conditions **to ensure they align perfectly with both the constitution and how the association operates in practice.**

Mr. Rowe informed the assembly that members can expect to see the new set of Terms and Conditions hopefully in **early October**. He assured everyone that they would have the opportunity to review them and ask any relevant questions before they are formally adopted.

Providing a preview of the updates, he clarified that the primary change simply **reinforces the liability for fees** if a student leaves midway through the school year. He emphasized that this change is fundamentally driven by the fact that the association plans and budgets for the entire year ahead. Critical decisions regarding the financing and staffing of the programme are made based on enrolment numbers locked in during the previous year. Consequently, Mr. Rowe concluded that maintaining structured and predictable finances is vital to securing the year ahead for the school programme.

Andrew Rowe handed over to the Secretary, who invited Anne Bentley to present the risk framework.

7.55pm: Presentation of the risk framework by Anne Bentley

Anne Bentley presented an update on the **association's risk management plan**, a major project that has been under development with Ewa Douroux. She announced with pleasure that the framework is now **fully completed**.

Ms. Bentley explained that the project focused heavily on **risk identification**, resulting in a **comprehensive risk register**. This register outlines all potential risks to FANS, whether they are reputational, legal, financial, or related to general safety and child safety. She emphasized that the ultimate goal is for the association to remain proactive by assessing current controls and developing new strategies to effectively mitigate these risks for FANS, its structure, and its members.

She noted that this has been a **collaborative effort** with the committee, reflecting their shared commitment to good governance and ensuring that the association operates in the best interest of its members and the children.

With the review complete and the register finalized, Ms. Bentley shared that the **next step is to update all of the association's policies and procedures**. She pointed out that this risk framework directly impacts daily operational workflows and will heavily inform the development of strategic plans for the coming years.

In closing, she stated that moving forward, the risk management plan will be **reviewed annually** to ensure FANS remains fully aligned with its operations and any changes in the external environment.

Anne Bentley handed over to the Secretary, who invited Kimberley Law and Jeremy Dupuit to present the Events and Community update.

8.05pm: Presentation of events and community by Kimberley Law and Jeremy Dupuit

Kimberley Law presented an update on the association's events, highlighting both the upcoming calendar and celebrating the achievements of the past year.

Upcoming Events

World Music Day (fête de la Musique) & Battle of the Bands. Ms. Law announced that in just about ten days, FANS will host its *Fête de la Musique*, featuring a brand-new initiative: the Battle of the Bands. This event is being organized in close collaboration with the P&C, with a tremendous amount of work happening behind the scenes. She noted that the event received so many submissions that the Northern Beaches Council is actively advertising it. Fantastic judges from the wider community have been secured, and the association hopes to see this event grow significantly. Ms. Law added that volunteers are still needed and encouraged attendees to use the QR code displayed on the screen to sign up.

FANS Ed Talk Series Following the upcoming school holidays, the association will continue its new *Ed Talk* initiative. Ms. Law reported that the inaugural Ed Talk in May was an incredible success. The event featured a panel with Sophie Masson, a bilingual author with a fascinating background spanning Indonesia, France, and Australia. She emphasized that the core mission of these *Ed Talks* is to connect with inspiring individuals who share a bilingual journey similar to that of the KHPS community, allowing families to reflect on the vital importance of bilingual education.

French Market & Thank You BBQ Looking further ahead, Ms. Law highlighted that the biggest event of the year—the **French Market**—is scheduled for **15 November**. Finally, later in the year, FANS will host its traditional **Thank You BBQ** to show deep appreciation for everyone who volunteered throughout the year, offering a fantastic and relaxed opportunity to connect.

Past Events & Year in Review

Ms. Law reviewed the diverse range of events delivered over the past year:

- **Cultural & Dining Events:** The year kicked off with the traditional Couscous Dinner, which followed the previous year's popular Raclette Night.
- **Eurovision Night:** More recently, the association held the European-Aussie Parents Evening. Ms. Law extended a massive thank you to Xavier, who was instrumental in making the night a success. She described it as a wonderfully inclusive event that merged Australia's love for Eurovision with the multicultural backgrounds of the community.
- **Community Welcomes:** At the start of the year, FANS hosted its Sip & Chat Welcome Event, which remains a brilliant way to welcome new families and help them connect.
- **FANS Cinema Soirée & Sustainability Panel:** In partnership with the Alliance Française Film Festival, the association hosted a cinema soirée at the iconic Roseville Cinema. This highly inclusive family event centered around a French film on sustainability. The evening featured a stellar panel, including parents working in the circular economy, a French sustainability expert, and Darcy Lum (?) from *One Teaspoon*, who expressed a strong interest in continuing to work with the school. Given that sustainability is a major component of the curriculum, Ms. Law noted that combining French culture with this vital topic was a perfect match. The event received glowing feedback, and FANS hopes to organize more events at Roseville Cinema in the future.

EVENTS 2026 WHAT'S AHEAD

FANS
WhatsApp group



World Music Day
Volunteer Sign-up



World Music Day - Sunday 21 June
10am - 4pm

- New! Battle of the Bands
1pm - 3pm

Come along with friends & family!

EdTalk: Sophie Masson, Bilingual Author

- Thursday - Thursday 30 July

French Market - Sunday 15 November

- 20th anniversary edition!
frenchmarket@fanssydney.org

- Volunteer thank you BBQ - Sun 5 Dec

In closing, Ms. Law thanked everyone who made these events possible.

Jeremy Dupuit. Community & Outreach Update

Jeremy Dupuit provided an update on the **community and outreach initiatives**, starting with a review of the 19th edition of the **French Market**, which was another highly successful day. He noted that despite the warm weather, the event attracted a wonderful crowd.

Mr. Dupuit emphasized that an event of this scale is simply impossible to run without the support of volunteers. Once again last year, the association saw over 300 people lending a hand. He pointed out that, as shown in the photos on the screen, there were smiles all around, with the entire community demonstrating great involvement—from managing the stalls to handling the enormous task of setting up and packing down.

Furthermore, he highlighted that the market provided a fantastic platform for the children to showcase their talents. Overall, he described it as a brilliant demonstration of the community's spirit, allowing FANS to welcome guests from well beyond the boundaries of Killarney Heights. He thanked everyone who attended and reminded the assembly that this event remains a vital fundraising opportunity that allows the association to invest directly back into its operational costs. He added that preparations are already underway for the milestone 20th edition later this year.

Elevating the Programme's Profile & Outreach

Beyond their own major events, and as noted in his opening remarks, Mr. Dupuit explained that the committee has done an extensive amount of work to promote the bilingual programme and the wider community. FANS expanded its reach through a number of strategic channels and networks across Sydney:

- **Bastille Day (French Bastille Festival):** The former Consul General of France kindly helped the association secure a stall at Circular Quay, giving them a fantastic opportunity to speak directly to the general public about Killarney Heights and its unique curriculum.
- **Team France & European Events:** FANS participated in the European-Aussie Night as part of 'Team France' to showcase the association's achievements.
- **Community Markets & Embassies:** The association maintained a presence at the Willoughby French Market and attended several events at the French Embassy.
- **Francophonie Week:** Representatives were also privileged to be invited to the Swiss Consulate for their Francophonie celebrations.

In closing this section, Mr. Dupuit stated that all of these engagements are invaluable opportunities to build bridges across the wider Francophone world in Sydney. He concluded that they allow FANS to elevate its profile, showcase what the programme has to offer, and ultimately attract new families and students—an outreach strategy that the association will certainly continue to reinforce and build upon in the coming year.

8.20pm: Q&As

The Secretary invited questions from the floor. Several participants engaged in discussion, raising questions and the FANS team providing clarifications.

A member of the audience asked what specific steps is FANS taking to broaden the reach and visibility of the programme?

Jeremy Dupuit explained that FANS is actively working to expand its reach by leveraging its connections through "Team France", which **brings together key organizations** including the French Embassy, the French Consulate, and various professional associations. FANS is making full use of this **network** to raise awareness of the programme.

Additionally, FANS has reached out to the **Swiss and Canadian consulates**, both of which have responded very positively. Moving forward, the association intends to maximize the use of their networks and newsletters to further promote its activities. As part of this outreach, FANS is exploring participation in the Swiss National Day celebrations this coming August. This would enable the association to move beyond hosting its own events, such as the French Market, and proactively engage with other communities.

Jeremy notes that a great deal of work is taking place across multiple areas. FANS also remains continuously focused on expanding its **social media presence**. This ongoing effort is a collaborative undertaking between the FANS administration team and committee members, all working to support the association's core mission and to further promote the FANS name throughout the Francophone community in Sydney and beyond.

8:25pm: Election of the Committee, presented by Isabelle Dellerba

The Secretary dissolved the current Committee and declared all positions vacant. As only one nomination was received for each position, no vote was required.

With the approval of the audience, the new committee for 2026-2027 is as follows:

Committee

2026 - 2027

All the members of
our COMMITTEE are
parents and
VOLUNTEERS

PRESIDENT ----- JEREMY DUPUIT
VICE-PRESIDENT & PUBLIC OFFICER ----- ANDREW ROWE
TREASURER ----- SOPHIE LE GALL
SECRETARY ----- ISABELLE DELLERBA

GENERAL MEMBER ----- EWA DOUROUX
GENERAL MEMBER ----- XAVIER HEYMAN
GENERAL MEMBER ----- GABRIELLE BECKENHAM
GENERAL MEMBER ----- KIMBERLEY LAW

Isabelle Dellerba closed the meeting and she welcomed everyone to join in sharing a drink, celebrating the community.

8.30pm - End of Annual General Meeting.