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President Jacques Chirac survived an assassination attempt on Bastille Day 2002

French for a day

BASTILLE DAY

LOVERS of the red, white and blue might be mourning France's loss in the World Cup final, but they will still take time on Bastille Day to celebrate appropriately.

For The Melbourne French Theatre company (members pictured), rehearsals on their period play *On Purge Bebe* will be put on hold and mad-cap antics on stage will be replaced by mad-cap antics off stage as the French national day is enjoyed in style.

Bastille Day, on July 14, commemorates the 1790 Fete de la Federation, held on the first anniversary of the storming of the Bastille.

On Purge Bebe, starting August 30, will be at The Open Stage in Parkville.

