



VoRTCS Connect

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Christmas & New Year Break

Over the December period the office will be closed from COB Friday 18th December and resume on Monday 4th January 2016.

Emergency contact during this time is Bianca on 0438 127 416.

We recommend that Tutors also take a break over the Christmas New Year holiday. However, if you have concerns about your family or team please give Bianca a call anytime between now and December 18th.

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VoRTCS End of Year BBQ Celebration

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Nearly sixty people enjoyed an active, enjoyable day beside the Brisbane River on Sunday 22nd November.

The students from Villanova College enthusiastically engaged young soccer players and proved good cooks at the BBQ, artistic beauticians in the nail-salon, "crafty" artists with masks and tissue flowers, and aeronautic engineers with kite flying!

A huge thank you must go to Villanova for all their amazing support and of course the VoRTCS families and their volunteers who came along and enjoyed the day with us.

We look forward to hosting more great days out in 2016.



Family Graduation

A very special achievement for the family & you



At this time of year it is timely to reflect on your family's progress and consider if they may be ready to graduate from the VoRTCS program.

- Are they competent in basic English skills?
- Settled in the community with good support networks?
- Are both the parents and children progressing to a competent standard?
- Are you providing more proof-reading services than assistance to understand the written word?
- Are weekly visits more of a social catch up rather than busy tutoring session?

If you would like to discuss or recommend Graduation for your family please contact Bianca on 3010 1069 or via email who can guide you through to process.

VoRTCS Training Program

What's happening over the 'silly' season?

VoRTCS Tutor Training for the year concluded at the end of November and we are now just waiting for the volunteers to receive their blue cards before being allocated into teams & families.

Understandably the majority of these volunteers may not be able to begin tutoring until the beginning of 2016 due to holidays, etc.

Youth Department on 07 3010 1000 or at youth@svdpqld.org.au.

SENSE - Youth Mentoring Program

This is an adventure Based Learning program providing support, encouragement and positive role models for youth and young adults between the ages of 13- 17 who are disadvantaged,

The Tutor Training program will begin in mid-January next year, with intakes scheduled from Jan-Nov in 2016.

Migration Advice Service (MAS)

This service offers free visa advice to those who cannot afford the professional services of a migration agent/lawyer.

Appointments for a consultation may be made by calling 0487 347 858 between **6pm and 9pm, Monday to Friday**, excluding public holidays.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Buddies Day Program

The St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland operates the Buddies Day program, which aims to give disadvantaged children (aged 8-12 years) a cost-free, safe and enjoyable day out.

The program aims to provide opportunities for self-development for children. Additionally, the program offers respite to families who access the program. For more information please contact the discuss its suggestions with other members of your team.

VoRTCS Resource Guides **Your Ultimate Tutoring Resource**

Many of our VoRTCS families need assistance in areas outside of just English tutoring. Check out our VoRTCS Resource Guides by clicking [HERE](#).

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Please pass this info onto your VoRTCS Family ASAP!

Act now to secure an expression of interest for a member of your refugee family. This program targets disadvantaged Queenslanders and supports individuals through a combination of accredited training, job readiness training and

socially isolated or who have been affected by a significant family, or environmental event.

In pairs, mentors provide the young person with positive role modelling and social support. As a group, the mentors and mentees gather to do group activities to build community, strengthen relationships, to have fun and participate in a Camp once a year. For more information about the Western Brisbane program please contact the Kristie McKean on 07 3716 1207 or at kristie.mckean@svdpqld.org.au.

VoRTCS Tutoring Resource Booklet

A brand new resource just for YOU!

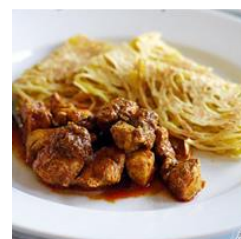
TUTOR'S TOOLBOX OF IDEAS & ACTIVITIES *(doc attached)*



This booklet contains suggestions for developing a toolbox of ideas and resources to use in a variety of tutoring activities. There are practical suggestions and web resources for topics including, but not limited to Education, Health, Housing, Learning English, Money and Transport. An exceptional portal is available from the Adult Migrant English Program. Follow the link below to print your own booklet and

Recipe of the Month

[Roti Chicken \(Trinidad\)](#)



Ingredients

- 4 boneless breast of chicken
- 2 mediums onions chopped in chunks
- 1 green pepper chopped in chunks
- 1 carrot peeled and sliced thinly
- 3 large potatoes peeled and cubed
- 1 can of chicken broth
- 2 cups of water
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 2 tbs. curry powder
- 2-3 tsp Blind Betty Original spice

individual support to enter the work force. Click [HERE](#) to view the list of programs available, specific program information and access Expressions of Interest forms to apply for each program.

For example, **Ready for Work** teaches how to successfully seek, secure and maintain employment; create or refine a resume; address selection criteria; practice interview techniques; learn about employability skills and the Australian workplace culture. It commences in January 2016 for six weeks, full time and the EOI closes on December 4th.

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Our **Facebook** page is continuously growing! Please [click here](#) and Like our page to keep up-to-date with daily news and facts.

You should also follow us on **Instagram** using [@vortcs](#) where we share lots of community information and events.

- salt and pepper
- fresh chopped parsley
- 4 large flour tortillas
- 1 jar. fruit salsa

Method

1. In a large skillet sauté garlic, onion 1-2 minutes. Add chicken and sauté till cooked but still tender add green peppers and carrots. Sauté 1-2 min. Add chicken broth potatoes and as much water needed to cover everything. Simmer till potatoes are very tender and begin to reduce broth. Add all spices and flavouring to taste.
2. Cover and turn off. This can now stand till just before the serving time. It will then thicken a little as it cools. When its dinner time heat the roti mixture to a boil stirring with a spoon. You want a thick curry stew. Reduce more if too runny. Warm tortillas, place on plate, and put portion of roti in center of tortilla. Fold into flat tube with ends folded under.

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