



VoRTCS Connect

September, 2015

VoRTCS Social Dinner

Good food, great company & wonderful conversation!

Every year we look forward to our *volunteer social night* where we all come together for a meal, laugh and a great time. This year we will be going to Mu'ooz, a delicious local restaurant, so bring your family and friends and join us for an incredible cultural culinary experience! The cost is \$27 per person, and R.S.V.P's are due by Friday the 2nd of October, this is an event not to be missed!

See invitation attached for more information.



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ZONTA Club Grant

Call for applications by 12th October

The Zonta club of Brisbane is awarding its Zonta Achievement Grant of \$1000 to three very deserving women. This grant is curated to assist with the costs of learning which can include: child minding, books for research/study and transportation.

If you know an amazing woman who you believe deserves to be recognised for her hard work furthering her education, then please see the attached form for the guidelines in submitting an application. Applications are due by the 12th of October 2015.



VoRTCS Tutor Report, October 2015

It's that time of the year again...Tutor Report Time!

As a volunteer tutor you are required to complete a Tutor Report every 6 months to reflect on your tutoring sessions with the family and identify areas working well and/or needing improvement.

This will help us assess how your VoRTCS family and team are progressing, it can be completed either individually or by a representative of your group. You will receive a hard copy in the mail next week to peruse over before filling out the report online.

Help us to help you and the VoRTCS program, by making sure you answer every question and leave comments, your feedback and progress is important to our continuing success.

The survey link will be made available through a link emailed to you on the morning of Thursday the 1st of October. You will have until Saturday the 31st of October to complete it.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Bianca on 3010 1069 or Bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Online Learning Courses

Want to improve your English skills, learn how to write for higher education or just learn something interesting and new? Future Learn is an online university-based course provider that is not only free, but gives you a certificate at the end proving your success. The courses are a few weeks long, and only require a few hours of your time each week, so check it out and learn something new!

Click here for more information: [Future Learn](#)

Chilli Non-Carne

A delicious vegan/ vegetarian option

Ingredients

Spice Mix

- 2 tsp cumin seeds
- 2 tsp coriander seeds
- 1 tsp fennel seeds (optional)
- 1 tsp chilli flakes
- 1 tsp black peppercorns
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp salt

Chilli

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 medium carrot, diced
- 1 zucchini, diced
- 1 red capsicum, diced
- 1 green capsicum, diced
- 4 large field mushrooms, roughly chopped
- 1 can red kidney beans
- 1 can tomatoes
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1/2 beef stock cube

End-of-Year Celebration

SAVE THE DATE...

Our annual **End-of-Year BBQ** is coming up!

This is our way of saying a massive thank you to all our volunteer tutors, families and staff for their amazing help and dedication throughout the year.

VoRTCS families, friends and loved ones are all welcome to enjoy the free BBQ lunch, games of soccer and fun activities.

So save **Sunday the 22nd of November** in your calendar, and arrive from 10am onwards. An official invitation will be sent out once the location is confirmed, so keep a look out!



The Trading Circle

Helping women trade out of poverty

[The Trading Circle](#) is an incredible program set up to connect women in developing countries with customers for their handicrafts, to help them work and trade their way out of poverty with dignity.

The women receive fair and just wages for their products, which include: home-wares, toys, and jewellery. If you would like to be involved in the organisation or to purchase their wares, click on the above link to go to the website.

Method

1. If you are using whole seeds then first grind all of the spices together in a pestle and mortar or spice grinder.
2. Fry the onion and garlic in a large saucepan until soft.
3. Add the carrot, zucchini, capsicum, mushrooms and continue frying until the vegetables start to soften.
4. Add the spice mixture and cook stirring for a further minute or two to allow spices to release their aroma.
5. Add the canned tomatoes, kidney beans, tomato paste and stock cube.
6. Continue cooking on a low heat (lightly simmering) for about 30 minutes. Taste and add further seasoning if required.

<http://www.veganeasy.org/10-D>

You're important to us!

This newsletter is created 'for you - by you'

We want to hear your feedback and any ideas for future stories. Send your thoughts to info.vortcs@svdpqld.org.au.

If you know any volunteers not receiving this newsletter please let us know as they're missing out on all the info!



Tutor Library

Need Resources??

The VoRTCS Tutor Library is open every week between Monday - Friday office hours (except public holidays).

If you would like to come in during an out of office time please contact Bianca to see the next available date.

You can access our online catalogue to check out what resources are available before coming in and also place some items on hold via: vortcs.svdp.cmeweb.libcode.com.au/index.php



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 which are accessible via our 'Links' tab at www.refugeetutoring.org.

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On Facebook and Instagram

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

Also follow us on **Instagram** using [@vortcs](#)

Please visit our website at www.vinnies.org.au & www.refugeetutoring.org
Donate to our cause [click here](#).



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