



## VoRTCS Connect – May 2014

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### Save the Date:

[Volunteer Trivia Night](#),  
Tuesday 13 May 6-9pm,  
Merivale Street, South  
Brisbane.

[National Volunteer Week](#),  
Monday 12 - Sunday 18 May,  
QLD.

[Kids Camp Info Session 1](#)  
Monday 2 June at 6:30-  
7:30pm, Merivale Street,  
South Brisbane.

[Kids Camp Info Session 2](#)  
Saturday 7 June at 9:30-  
10:30am, Merivale Street,  
South Brisbane.

[World Refugee Day Festival](#),  
Sunday 22 June, Annerley

### We're Celebrating YOU!

#### National Volunteer Week Monday 12- Sunday 18 May 2014

*"Celebrate the power of volunteering" is the theme of the 25th anniversary year of National Volunteer Week (NVW).*

Go to the Volunteer Queensland website to find out about all the fantastic activities and events you can become involved with. It's a week not to be missed.  
<http://www.volunteeringqld.org.au/>.

#### Trivia Night

##### Tuesday 13 May, 6pm Merivale Street Offices

VoRTCS will be celebrating with a fun filled night of trivia! Bring your family, friends and competitive spirit! (*Info attached*)

RSVP by Sunday 11 May to [bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au).



### The VoRTCS Kids Camp is ON!

You have spoken and we've heard...the Kids Camp is going ahead!

All children between 8-15 years old and volunteers are invited to the camp on Saturday 20- Monday 22 September (first week of term 3 holidays). The camp will be located near Brisbane and cost-free for both kids and adults.

Soccer Fields.  
[Mid Year Tutor Social Event](#)  
July, details TBA.  
[Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run,](#)  
Sunday 7 Sep, Brisbane CBD.  
[VoRTCS Kids Camp!](#)  
Saturday 20 - Monday 22  
Sep, location TBA.  
[End of year tutor celebration](#)  
December, details TBA.

If you and the children in your VoRTCS family are interested please attend one of our two information sessions explaining the who, what, when, where and why about the camp & ask any questions you or the family may have. These will be held on:

Monday 2 June, 6:30-7:30pm at Merivale Street, South Brisbane

Saturday 7 June, 9:30-10:30am at Merivale Street, South Brisbane.

Please contact Bianca on 07 3010 1069 or [bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au) to RSVP or make enquiries.

## Quick Links

[Our Website](#)  
[Donate Now](#)  
[Facebook](#)

## Another Great Result!!

We're thrilled to have won \$100 in the April Local Matters competition.

A BIG thank you goes to the Camp Hill Grill'd store!



## HAVE YOU JOINED US ON Facebook?

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

## MDA's Annual Lantern Parade

The Luminous Lantern Parade is an annual candlelight walk and lantern parade that welcomes refugees to the local community. It will be followed by free music and dance performances in the Piazza that celebrates the traditional cultures of refugees living in Australia.

All members of the community are welcome and it's well worth checking out!

<http://www.visitsouthbank.com.au/events/luminous-lantern-parade>

## Supporting You, Our Families & Community



The Committee's overall goal is to ensure the best possible support is provided to YOU our wonderful volunteers, our refugee families and the Brisbane refugee community.

This year we have plenty of new faces, all with a passion to continue helping VoRTCS make a difference.

Introducing...

**Marion McMahon (Committee Chair & Training Team Leader)** - Marion's been involved with VoRTCS for the past 12 months as the training team leader, she was a school principal in Brisbane and China, the current CEO at Speld and is looking forward to the year ahead with VoRTCS.

**Rachael Taylor (Vice President & Tutor Mentor)** - Rachael's been involved with VoRTCS for 6 years, initially volunteering as a refugee family tutor, then becoming a tutor trainer for 3 years and our VoRTCS tutor mentor for the past 12 months.

**Lauren Barea (Secretary)** - Lauren's a very new volunteer having only completed her tutor training in February. She currently studies Law, has 5 years experience as a Project Manager for an IT company until she realised she doesn't like computers. She is very excited about meeting her tutor family next week!

**Kathleen Ferrero (Treasurer)** - Kathleen was the State representative for the Vinnies Youth Council and as a result, has a large amount of experience with kid's camps and working with the less fortunate. She is very excited to get involved with our wonderful program.

The Committee would not be complete without our...

**Communications & Community Engagement Team** - Caitlyn Perkins, Melanie Martin, Alice Cuffe, Dianne McGill and Sally Stubbington are all current or previous volunteer tutors with a passion to create a 'volunteer community'!

**Vincentian Members -**

June Chandler, Peter Richards and Chris Chandler have a wealth of knowledge and experience assisting those less fortunate, particularly refugees, and help ensure our VoRTCS families are supported as best as possible through the Vinnies approach of "a helping hand UP, not just a hand out".

**Vinnies Staff -**

We are few in number, Carolyn Sauvage (Program Manager) and Bianca Nisbet (Program Officer), but we are entirely dedicated to assisting our volunteers and families in every possible aspect.

## **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](mailto: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!

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