



VoRTCS Connect

May, 2015

Introducing our 2015 VoRTCS Committee Members and Training team

Say hello!

New Committee Members include Tina Kelsey, Mike Bartlett, Zoe Wood and Rachel Langford.

They will be assisting with program communications as well as community and volunteer engagement.

Continuing Committee Members Marion McMahon (Chairperson), Rachael Taylor (VP and Tutor Mentor), Sally Stubbington (VP and Tutor Mentor), Lauren Barea (Secretary), Kathleen Ferrero (Treasurer), Peter Richards John Campbell and June Chandler (Vincentian Representatives)

New Trainers include Tina Kelsey, Stephen Solomons, Wei Shih and Madeline Wild

Continuing Trainers Marion McMahon, Rachael Taylor, Katherine Hanna, Mike Bartlett, Don McIvor, Rachel Langford, Kelly Lawson, Zoe Wood and Joanne Zhou

VoRTCS Staff Bianca Nisbet (Program Coordinator) and Rebecca Pefkos (Office and Training Team Support).

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LUMINOUS Lantern Parade

Welcoming New Queenslanders

This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new Queenslanders and show your support for Vinnies by walking with us along Southbank amongst a 'visual feast of mesmerising lanterns.'
It starts at 5.30pm, and concludes at 8.30pm with a free concert of world music to follow. Please wear **blue and white** to show your support for Vinnies, we would love to create a 'sea' of blue and white on the night! It's a beautiful evening - one not to be missed!

See flyer below. Email Sally at salstubb@gmail.com if you are coming along so we can let you know the time and location to meet our group!

Website: <https://mdaltd.org.au/luminous/>

5.30pm - Friday 5 June 2015 - Cultural Forecourt - South Bank Parklands - (Near the Wheel of Brisbane)

National Volunteer Week

11th - 15th May



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give!" - Winston Churchill

VoRTCS would not be the organisation it is today without all of the marvelous work that you all, as volunteers contribute on a daily basis.

You are making such a positive change within the community and you are changing people's lives for the better. This is something to be incredibly proud of.



We cannot thank you enough, each and every individual volunteer, for the hours that you dedicate to making other people's lives better. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!!!

Love the VoRTCS Committee

April Tutor Survey 2015

Your opinion matters!



Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the April Tutor Survey, we are currently working through the responses and considering your feedback in order to present the VoRTCS Committee and Staff with recommendations for program improvements and increased support.

The next tutor survey/report will be sent out in October 2015 however we encourage your feedback throughout the entire year, especially if you and/or your VoRTCS team and family need support, advice, guidance or help resolving issues. Please don't hesitate to contact Bianca Nisbet on 3010 1069 / 0438 127 416 or bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au at any time - she is here to support you!

WELCOMEfest 2015

Don't miss out!

A free and vibrant community event, WELCOMEfest brings Brisbane's diverse cultural communities together to create welcome and celebrate through music, dancing, international food, family fun and sports programs.

The event will be held on **Sunday 14 June** from **9am-5pm** at the **Annerley Soccer Fields**. See flyer attached for more information.

We will **need volunteers** to help out with our Kids Activity Tent on the day, so if they have 2 hours free

Vinnies Kids Camp

VoRTCS Families Invited

We are very excited to let you know that the Vinnies Kids Camp is on again this year! Children in your VoRTCS family aged between 8 and 15 years who are involved in the St Vincent de Paul Society VoRTCS Tutoring Program are invited to participate in this year's Kids Camp on **Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July 2015**.

between 9am-5pm and would be happy to help us out that would be great. Email Sally at salstubb@gmail.com if you can help. Website: <https://mdaltd.org.au/welcomefest/>



Multicultural Community Picnic in July!

A fun day for everyone

North Brisbane you are up, on **Sunday 26 July** VoRTCS will be hosting our second community picnic for 2015 in one of your suburbs. The picnic will be held between **10am-12pm** and all our volunteers, your families and friends and of course our VoRTCS refugee families and their friends are invited to come along, share a meal, play sports, connect through conversation and enjoy a lovely morning together.

Save the date and we will let you know once we have found the perfect location....any suggestions where to have the picnic would be great as well. Email Sally on salstubb@gmail.com with your ideas and/or questions.

Recipe of the Month

Spiced Beef Rice Noodles

Traditional Chinese cuisine

Ingredients

- 250g packet rice stick noodles
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1cm piece ginger, peeled, finely grated
- 550g beef mince
- 2 teaspoons Chinese five spice (see note)
- 1/4 cup kecap manis



The Vinnies Kids Camp is organized and run by staff and volunteer members. Each child is paired with a volunteer buddy throughout the camp to have a chance to develop friendships and the opportunity to connect and grow with other likeminded young people. Please contact VoRTCS staff on 3010 1069 to find out more.

Call for Volunteers

Vinnies Kids Camp



This year's Vinnies Kids camp is closely approaching and we need YOU to help us bring smiles to many little faces!

We need lots of volunteer helpers to come along on the camp from **Friday 10th - Sunday 12th July**, help run activities and be great mentors to children between 8-15 years of age during this 3 day camp. All expenses, including transportation, accommodation and food are paid for by us and you even get to enjoy being 5 minutes away from the beach!

Please contact VoRTCS staff on 3010 1069 to find out more.

Tutor Library

Need some inspiration?

Whilst the VoRTCS library is out of action, we are trying to make as many online resources available as possible. Vivienne who ran our ESL Workshop last Saturday has suggested the resources attached (see bottom of email).



If you are looking for or needing specific resources and tutoring materials please contact Bianca (VoRTCS Staff) on 3010 1069.

VoRTCS Resource Guides

- 1/4 Chinese cabbage (see tip), roughly shredded
- 1 cup coriander leaves

Method

Step 1

Place noodles in a large heatproof bowl and cover with boiling water. Stand for 5 minutes or until just tender. Drain.

Step 2

Heat a wok over medium-high heat until hot. Add oil, garlic and ginger. Stir-fry for 1 minute or until aromatic. Add mince. Stir-fry for 5 minutes or until browned. Add five spice and kecap manis. Stir-fry for 2 to 3 minutes or until thickened slightly.

Step 3

Add cabbage and noodles to wok. Stir-fry for 1 minute or until cabbage is wilted and noodles warmed through. Top with coriander and serve.



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.

Save the Date!

Don't miss out



Exciting events taking place that VoRTCS will be involved in.

Friday 5 June - Lantern Parade, Southbank Parklands

Sunday 14 June - World Refugee Day Festival 2015

Friday 10 - Sunday 12 July - Vinnies Kids Camp, Coolum

Sunday 26 July - Multicultural Community Picnic, TBA

Sunday 6 September - Bridge to Brisbane 2015

Sunday 13 September - Multicultural Community Picnic, TBA

Sunday 22 November - End of Year Volunteer Celebration 4-6pm

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@sudpqld.org.au.

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



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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. 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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