



VoRTCS Connect – June 2013

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Get Ready for Bridge to Brisbane

Following on from the success of the 2012 Bridge to Brisbane fun run, Team VORTCS is once again lacing up the sneakers for the big event on Sunday 2 September. Get involved by sponsoring the team or joining us for the 5km or 10km event (all runners and walkers welcome).

Your support counts! Every week our dedicated volunteers help over 1000 refugees with educational and community support services in the greater Brisbane area. Funds raised will go directly to running our program to help ensure we can continue help refugees most in need in our community.

How to get involved:

You can sponsor the VORTCS team at our [Everyday Hero](#) fundraising website.

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)
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Register to join our team and help raise money for VoRTCS – search team name VORTCS, or team number 27776 on the [Brisbane to Brisbane Registration](#) website.

When: Sunday 2 September

Where: 10 km starts at 6am at Murarrie or 5km starts at 9.40am at Hamilton

Cost: 5km - \$35 or 10 km - \$40

For more information visit www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au or call 1300 55 55 77.

HAVE YOU JOINED US ON Facebook?

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

VoRTCS Celebrates Refugee Week

Refugee Week will be held from Sunday 16 June to Sunday 23 June 2013. With activities throughout the week, it aims to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

VORTCS is proudly supporting Refugee Week with an information stall and a Kids' Activity Tent at the main event

- the World Refugee Day Community Festival on Sunday 23 June.

Visitors can experience traditional and contemporary music, costume and dance, visual arts and craft exhibitions. Watch volleyball and soccer competitions, sample delicious foods from around the world and learn how to create them at cultural cooking demonstrations.

Talk with your family about it and encourage them to join in. And tell your friends.

Details: 9 am-5 pm Annerley Soccer Club Fields, corner Ridge Street and Barnsdale Place, Greenslopes. For more information visit www.mdainc.org.au

For more information about events in Brisbane during Refugee Week visit www.refugeeweek.org.au

Festival volunteers needed

Can you spare some time to help run our Information and Kids' Activity Tents at the World Refugee Day Festival?

We're looking for volunteers to cover 2 hour slots between 10am and 4pm, Sunday 23 June.

Feedback from last year was that volunteers had a great time helping on the VoRTCS activities - working with the children who visit, talking to adults and telling them about VoRTCS, and enjoying a beautiful day at the festival with other tutors. We think that this year will be every bit as good.

Please let us know now if you can be involved and when you're available by emailing to: president@refugeetutoring.org. And thanks to those who've already offered.

Resources to help your family

VoRTCS has a great library with a wide range of materials that tutors can borrow to use in their tutoring sessions. We have English resources such as spelling and phonic workbooks; various types of easy-reading materials; maths workbooks and flash cards; reference materials such as English and bi-lingual picture dictionaries and atlases.

Our volunteer librarian, Rosemary Haworth, has done a great job of developing our catalogue and putting it online so that you can search for suitable material before visiting. Just go to <http://vortcs.svdp.cmeweb.libcode.com.au/index.php>. You can also use the advanced search facility to do website searches.

The attached document has more information on the materials available and how to go about borrowing them.

Take a look and then check out the online catalogue.

Stay in the know

This is a friendly reminder to update the contact details of your tutor team and refugee family, if you haven't done so yet.

It is very important that we know how to contact you so we can keep you updated with important information and ensure we have current details of your family.

Please complete the attached form (only one form required on behalf of your team / family) and email it to vortcs.volunteer@svdpqld.org.au

Refugee Film Festival

On Saturday 22 June, the fifth annual Brisbane Refugee Film Festival will be held at the State Library of Queensland, South Bank. It's a free event that attracted almost 200 people last year.

This year, the program has been extended and runs from 1 to 8pm. You'll have the chance to enjoy talented performances, engage in discussion of refugee issues with a panel of prominent speakers, and be challenged by a selection of international short films, including the work of local talent.

For details, go to: <http://romerocentre.org.au/news/refugee-film-festival-2013-3>

Feedback

We would love to hear your feedback and ideas for stories in future editions. Please email publications@refugeetutoring.org

Also, if any of your team is not getting this newsletter, please ask them to contact us so we can add their name to the list.

Please visit our website at www.vinnies.org.au/vortcs-refugee-tutoring-qld
Donate to our cause [click here](#).