



VoRTCS Connect – June 2014

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Tuesday 16 June, Albany Creek. Free Event

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

[Mid Year Tutor Social Event](#)
July, details TBA.

[Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run,](#)
Sunday 7 Sep, Brisbane CBD.

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Saturday 20 - Monday 22 Sep, Warrawee.

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December, details TBA.

World Refugee Day Celebrations!!

World Refugee Day will be celebrated in Brisbane with the sixth annual community festival at the Annerley Soccer Club fields on Sunday, 22 June.

All families and tutors are invited to join the festivities. There will be a wonderful array of food, sporting tournaments, live world music, cooking demonstrations, dancing and crafts, as well as a citizenship ceremony.

VoRTCs will again host a children's activity tent, which proved very popular last year. Hundreds of children had fun in the tent painting masks.

The free event runs from 9am till 5pm and is open to all. More than 15,000 people attend the event each year making it Australia's largest refugee festival and a lively, fun experience.

For more information, go to: www.mdaldt.org.au



Register now for The VoRTCS Kids Camp

We are calling on all our volunteers and families to get involved with this great opportunity which will expand your skills as a volunteer and help create meaningful experiences for refugee youths and yourselves.

When? 20 -22 September 2014

Where? YMCA Camp Warrawee, Joyner

Cost? This is a free-of-charge service including transport from local pick up/drop off points, activities, dormitory

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accommodation, and catering

Who? Children aged 8-15 years involved with the VoRTCS and Youth programs as well as Vinnies Youth & VORTCS volunteers

BYO: Bedding and pillow, towels, toiletries, swimmers, enclosed shoes, hat, water bottle

Spaces are limited so please RSVP to tutoring.vortcs@svdpqld.org.au as soon as possible if you would like to get involved!

For more information, please contact Bianca on 07 3010 1069 or email bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au

Refugee Week: Meet David Nyuol Vincent

HAVE YOU JOINED US ON Facebook? Monday 16 June, Albany Creek

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

Hear David's inspiring story as told in "The Boy That Wouldn't Die". As one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, David was trained as a child soldier aged 10. He spent his teens in refugee camps in Africa before arriving in Australia aged 26. Since rebuilding his life in Australia, David has become an advocate for refugees and is committed to achieving peace for his people in Sudan.

Details: Free; 1.30pm; Albany Creek Library, 16 Ferguson Street, Albany Creek; Contact Tina Cavanough on 07 3480 9924 or tina.cavanough@moretonbay.qld.gov.au. RSVP tolibraries@moretonbay.qld.gov.au.

Teen Dental Program - \$1000 Dental for kids

Children in your family are now entitled to up to \$1,000 in basic dental care, over two consecutive years.

Services include examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fillings, root canals and extractions.

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule is available to children who are aged between 2 and 17 years old for at least one day in the calendar year and are eligible for Medicare.

They also need to be part of a family that receives a relevant Australian government payment such as the Family Tax Benefit Part A. The scheme replaces the Medicare Teen Dental Plan.

Families can use the full benefit of \$1,000 for each child in the first year if needed. If the child does not use it all, they can use what is left in the second year if the child is still eligible.

Advise your families to let the dental clinic know they will be using the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. For information about their children's benefits, they can call 132 011 or use a myGov account at my.gov.au.

If eligible, your family would have received a letter about the new Child Dental Benefits Scheme, from the Department of

Health. For further information, go to humanservices.gov.au/childdental



MDA's Annual Lantern Parade

On Queensland Day more than 8,000 people from all walks of life welcomed the state's newest residents at the MDA's Luminous Lantern Parade and concert.

The event featured a parade of colourful and captivating lanterns walking from the Cultural Forecourt,, through the South Bank Parklands before entering The Courier-Mail Piazza for a free concert filled with world music and dancing. The concert featured well renowned artists, Tibetan singer, Tenzin Choegyal, Robert Forster of The Go-Betweens fame and world renowned didgeridoo player, William Barton.

It was wonderful to see some people from St Vinnies walking to show their support - how exciting would it be if VoRTCS had their very own lantern to carry in 2015



Celebrating Africa Day!!

Last month, African communities around the world celebrated Africa Day on May 25. Africa Day is the annual commemoration of the 1963 founding of the Organisation of African Unity, presently recognised as the African Union. The aim of the African Union is to accelerating the process of integration in the continent to enable it play its rightful role in the global economy and to promote unity and solidarity among African States.

In Brisbane, the Qld African Communities Council hosted an Africa Day Festival on May 25-26 in East Brisbane. The Festival showcased African art, clothing, dance, music and food, with many activities for families and children.

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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!

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