



## VoRTCS Connect – September 2014

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The largest annual Indonesian event in Brisbane returns to celebrate the richness and diversity of Indonesia's culture.

During the day you can enjoy traditional performances, unique art and craft workshops as well as delicious Indonesian cuisine while strolling through a dynamic market atmosphere.

At night, behold the famous Saman Dance (thousand hands dance) and other dances as well as a traditional Indonesian fashion parade.

### Save the Date:

When: Sunday 14 September

Time: 1:30pm-4:30pm

Where: Brisbane Powerhouse

Cost: Day events are free. Evening performance \$20

[VoRTCS Kids Camp!](#)

[Saturday 20 - Monday 22](#)

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For more information and to book, visit [brisbanefestival.com.au](http://brisbanefestival.com.au) or Brisbane Powerhouse Box Office - (07) 3358 8600

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### Celebrate International Peace Day September 21

The 'Right of Peoples to Peace' is this year's theme for the United Nation's International Day of Peace, held annually on 21 September.

[VoRTCS Volunteer Workshop](#)

[Saturday 1 Nov, 9:30am-](#)

[12:30pm at Merivale Street.](#)

The theme marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN's *Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace*, which recognises that the promotion of peace is vital for the full enjoyment of all human rights.

[End of year tutor celebration](#)

[Monday 15 Dec, 6-8pm at](#)

[Merivale Street.](#)

Millions of people from around the world come together on the day to celebrate peace with events, concerts and festivals. At noon in every time zone, a moment of silence is held, sending a "Peace Wave" around the world.

It presents an opportunity for individuals, groups and

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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.

organisations to participate in practical acts of peace on a shared date. It can be as small as lighting a candle or doing a kind deed for someone.

St John's Cathedral in Brisbane is holding a celebration at 7:30pm. This is a FREE multi-faith event with supper included. Enjoy uplifting performances, music and messages of peace.

If you know of any other Peace Day events held in Brisbane, please let Bianca know so we can spread the word.



## Free cooking classes at Communify

OzHarvest is the first perishable food rescue organisation in Australia collecting quality excess food from commercial outlets and delivering it, direct and free of charge, to 500 charities providing much needed assistance to vulnerable men, women and children across Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne and Newcastle. [www.ozharvest.org/what-we-do](http://www.ozharvest.org/what-we-do)

We'd love for you to come along for a few hours and find out ways to eat well for a healthier life!

**N**ice, friendly and fun activity

**E**asy ways to remember what foods are good for you

**S**imple meals that are tasty and easy to make

**T**ips on how to save money on groceries

And the best of all, it's free and fun! We hope to see you there.

When: 5 week program starts Monday 13 Oct - Monday 10 Nov

Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Where: Jubilee Hall, 180 Jubilee Tce, Bardon

Please book by Monday 6 October by contacting Jessie on 3510 2713 or [socialworkstudent@communify.org.au](mailto:socialworkstudent@communify.org.au)



### **The Gap Parish's Multicultural Sunday**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of August, The Gap Parish had a multicultural day and VoRTCS had the opportunity to display a stall inviting new volunteers to come on board. It was an incredibly successful day a very big special thank you must be given to Garry Maynard for organising and running the information stall. He spoke to a wide range of people and hopefully this will bring in some new volunteers for VoRTCS.

THANKS GARRY!!

If anyone knows of any other community multicultural days or initiatives where VoRTCS could feature, please let Bianca know.



### **VoRTCS Volunteer Workshop**

*Donna*, from Experience Wellbeing ([www.experience-wellbeing.com](http://www.experience-wellbeing.com)), will present basic teaching approaches and

techniques that you can use when working with your VoRTCS family member.

The workshop will be structured around your questions and areas of interest with topics possibly including goal setting, rapport/building relationships, learning styles, lesson planning, problem solving, reward systems and behaviour management.

When: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 9:30am-12:30pm

Where: VoRTCS Merivale Street training room

RSVP: to Bianca at [bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:bianca.nisbet@svdpqld.org.au) before Friday 24 October.

If you have any question or would like to find out more contact Bianca on 3010 1069.



***\*Take note of 'Save the Date' events at the top (left column) of the newsletter, we have many exciting events coming up before the end of the year!***

## **VoRTCS Library Update!**

### **1. Online resources for using games to teach various English skills**

There are quite a few ESL websites that offer free downloads of board games that practice various English skills depending on the level of your student.

They mostly can be downloaded and printed on A4 paper and used straight away.

If you find any really great ones do let us know and so we can be download, print, and have laminated for the library resources. We can also pass on the good news to other tutors. Here are just a few. Give them a try!

#### ***Food, Glorious Food! The food board game for ESL***

[http://www.pinigig.co.uk/news/2012/11/food\\_board\\_game\\_for\\_esl/](http://www.pinigig.co.uk/news/2012/11/food_board_game_for_esl/)

***Printable ESL Games Templates*** [scroll down page to printable ESL games template](#)

<http://www.eslgamesworld.com/members/games/templates/index.html>

#### ***Board Game - Follow the Instructions!***

<https://eslresources.files.wordpress.com/2007/04/board-game-follow.pdf>

#### ***Beginner/ Elementary Level ESL Board Games***

<http://www.esl-galaxy.com/board.htm>

***Printable games to practice English vocabulary, grammar and English conversation:***

<http://www.mes-english.com/games.php>

## 2. **Introducing new coding for our resources held in the library.**

To help tutors visiting our library in South Brisbane we will be progressively labelling resources with a coded sticker to help tutors select material that will aid them in helping families develop skills to meet the **first 3 functional level descriptors**. Hopefully this process will be completed by the end of the year.

Please read the attached document to make yourself familiar with the explanation of the levels indicated by red, blue, green, orange and silver stickers.

## 3. **Using the online web catalogue and making reservations.**

Do you know?

You can access our library resources by going to our online catalogue at

<http://vortcs.svdp.cmeweb.libcode.com.au>

You can now also reserve items for collection later.

Please read the attached PowerPoint presentation to find out about searching and reserving items using this online catalogue



# Library Resources

## **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!



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