



## A puzzle for you to ponder...

*What is the shortest word in the English language that contains the letters: abcdef?*

As you are reaching for your phones to google the answer also think about how technology can assist your learning. This edition provides some interesting sites and information to improve your English confidence and to reinforce what you are learning in the classroom. ICT is not just about researching for essays and assignments. The internet can be your private tutor allowing you to pause, rewind and replay content at times that suit you to learn. What a great way to build on your English language skills too.

By the way, the answer to the puzzle is "feedback". A timely reminder to start seeking feedback and support as you move to the busy end of your semester.

I hope you enjoy this edition which features;

- Khan Academy. "Flipping the Classroom"
- Top tips to improve your English
- Knowing your Student Advisory Service
- IELTS preparation classes

## Student Advisory staff

Hi there, my name is Kylie Rippon and I have recently joined the Student Advisory Service. I bring with me a wealth of knowledge and experience as I have been a student at Federation University for the past four years having completed my Bachelor of Arts: Rural Social Welfare and my Bachelor of Arts: Honours. Throughout this time I have also been involved with Learning and Teaching Committee, Appeals Committee and Student Senate. This has given me a solid foundation and understanding of the issues that students can face and the policy and legislative requirements that make up Federation University.



In my role I assist students deal with the day to day happenings that occur within their student life, whether it is finding out where careers or counselling are located, or supporting students as they go through academic processes such as appeals or grievances. No matter what the query or question the Student Advisory Service is here to assist all students to have the best experience at Federation University.

## MOTHERS DAY SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY

An opportunity to say "thank you" to your mother or mother figure for the important place they hold in your life.



*Thanks Mum*

## May

- 1st ~ International May Day (Workers Day)
- 2nd ~ \* Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha')
- 13th ~ Vesak Day - Buddha's birthday (Buddhist)
- 14th to 16th ~ Sharuot (Jewish)
- 20th ~ Baddha Day (Buddhist)
- 22nd ~ \* Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
- 26th ~ National Day of Healing (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 31st ~ World No-Tobacco Day

## FREE BADMINTON

Every Friday during term

2-4 PM in Brown Gym (P Building)

All players welcome



## Khan Academy- Learn almost anything for free

The Khan Academy aims to provide a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere. All of the resources are completely free forever. The site contains 100's of instructional clips on everything from basic mathematics to economics, finance, computing to science

<http://www.khanacademy.org/#mission-statement>



## 10 ways to use ICT to improve your English

### #1: Find some English radio stations and podcasts in iTunes

Look for ones that interest you and listen to it when it suits you best. You'll train your ear that way!

### #2: Check out the Top Videos on YouTube and watch for at least a few minutes

Many are funny! It will be so worth it. Look at the comments to pick up some words and sentences you aren't familiar with, but be aware that not all comments are appropriate.

### #3: Talk and sing to yourself in English!

Talk or sing a song in English the way it sounds to you, talk about the weather or any other topic. Do this frequently and your pronunciation will drastically improve – guaranteed!

### #4: Do you have an English-speaking idol? Go to YouTube and watch all of his/her interviews in English

It sure won't feel like studying. But it is! It helps you a great deal.

### #5: Sit near people who are speaking English on the bus or in the park. Listen in...

Okay not to close or obvious but see what words you can pick up. How much did you understand? What general topic were they talking about? Did you hear an interesting word you might want to look up after?

### #6: Pay attention to billboards, signs, advertisements, magazine stands and establishment names

Look and think about what these ads mean. How many words do you recognize? Did you see that same word elsewhere? Make up sentences about what you're seeing.

### #7: Love music? Try figuring out the words/lyrics of your favorite songs

Watch video clips with lyrics on YouTube and sing along. Read the translation and build up your vocabulary.

### #8: Watch TV clips, episodes or soap operas in English

It doesn't matter if you don't always understand what they're saying, watch anyway!

### #9: Engage in a conversation on Facebook with friends who post in English

When you have English speakers in your timeline. Your FB friends can be your teachers!

### #10: Speak Speak Speak. No matter how shy you are or how much you don't "get" English, force yourself to speak

After class, talk to your teacher about how things are going and what you need help with in English. When traveling, ask around for directions in English, even if you don't need them! Chat to the shop assistant.

<http://voxy.com/blog/index.php/2012/01/learn-english-easy/>

## Clunes Booktown Festival

3 May 2014-4 May 2014

Once a town built solely on gold, books are the new gold for Clunes as it forges a sustainable future.

The event draws more than 18,000 book lovers to the town to listen to readings and talks from well-known authors, fossick for rare finds, celebrate the beauty of writing and relax amidst an historic setting.

Additional VLine trains will run over the weekend to Clunes

## Fiesta Malaysia!

Fiesta Malaysia is a distinguished event based in Melbourne which aims to promote Malaysia's famous multi-racial culture & society.

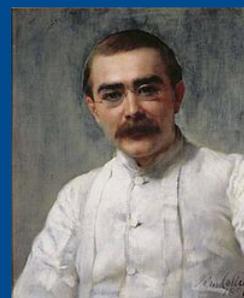
11:00am-5:30pm

25 May 2014

Federation Square

FREE

## Oppps....



"Rudyard Kipling, essayist, poet and author was fired as a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner. His dismissal letter was reported to have said,

'I'm sorry, Mr. Kipling, but you just don't know how to use the English language. This isn't a kindergarten for amateur writers.'"



## Student Advisory Service

We help and support students with any difficulties or questions you might have while you are studying at Federation University.

We can help you with really big things (like appealing a grade or exclusion) and little things too (e.g. where to find your lecture theatre!) We can help you help you understand University correspondence (letters & emails) and what actions are required; support you during appeals and complaints; we can ask questions on your behalf and help you write letters to the University.

When do students come to see us? There are many reasons but these are some of them: when they are not sure of their rights; when they have a problem and don't know what to do about it; when they need assistance with University procedures such as an appeal; when they need information about University policies and procedures; when they think they have been treated unfairly; when they think the University has made a mistake; when they would like someone to come to a meeting with them.

**If you are not sure whether we can help, why not drop in and find out?** We are on the first floor of the Albert Coates building Mt Helen campus (just along from the Bookshop)

**Want to make an appointment?**

Call 03 5327 6105 or email: [studentadviser@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:studentadviser@ballarat.edu.au)

Liz Luciani & Kylie Rippon – Student Advisers



## IELTS EXAM Preparation

If you are planning to sit the IELTS Academic Exam, and require assistance, Federation College will be running classes, commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August for 10 weeks.

### Details:

- Each class will be structured on the IELTS Academic Exam, covering:
  - Reading
  - Listening
  - Essay Writing
  - Oral Speaking Exam Practice
- Classes taught by an experienced, qualified ESOL teacher
- Ten classes, starting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 5pm to 8pm, finishing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014
- Cost: \$420, includes IELTS materials

### For further information, contact:

Julie Davies  
Telephone: 5327 6673  
Email: [juliedavies@federation.edu.au](mailto:juliedavies@federation.edu.au)



## GLOBALL PROGRAM

### FREE Footy Trip

GLOBALL is a fantastic joint initiative run by the Essendon Football Club, Cricket Victoria and Netball Victoria. With support from the state government, this program uses sport to introduce international students to Aussie culture.

GLOBALL offers students the opportunity to make new friends, connect with sporting clubs and community sporting activities and to be actively involved in one of Australia's favourite and much loved past times.

The GLOBALL program has kindly given us a limited number of free tickets to an AFL game.

20<sup>th</sup> July @ 3:40pm

Essendon vs Western Bulldogs  
Etihad Stadium, Docklands Victoria

Transport will be provided

To secure yourself a ticket to the game you will need to log on to the GLOBALL website <http://global.com.au/> and click on the **REGISTER NOW** button.

Once you have registered your details for the July 20<sup>th</sup> game please let the Student Support Office know so that we can save you a seat on the bus.

It is sure to be a great bus trip down and a cracka of a game!



# Social Media, Social Change

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
3-5pm  
T203a, Mt Helen



## How can you harness the power of Social Media to make an impact on your community?

In this workshop, you will identify best uses for different channels, establish goals and create a real-life Social Media campaign for a local Not-For-Profit organisation.

For more information or to register, please contact Luke: [L.licely@Federation.edu.au](mailto:L.licely@Federation.edu.au)

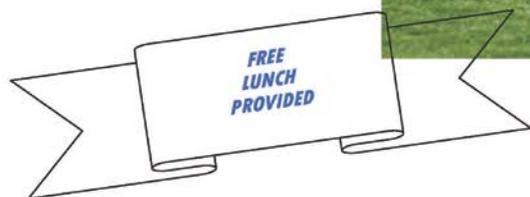
**Football Federation Victoria and FedUni are conducting a FREE super skill clinic /game for interested soccer players.**

## SOCCER SKILLS CLINIC

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

12.00—2pm

Mount Helen Campus Oval



RSVP to International Support Office U117  
or  
Email [international.ss@federation.edu.au](mailto:international.ss@federation.edu.au)



## Leadership Development Workshops May

*Building Sustainable Workplaces*  
7<sup>th</sup> May, 4.30 -6pm  
S303, Mt Helen

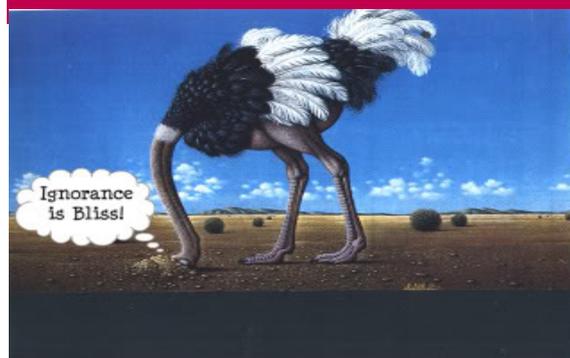
*Social Media for Social Change*  
16<sup>th</sup> May  
3 – 5pm  
T203b, Mt Helen

*Personal Branding*  
22<sup>nd</sup> May  
2 -4 pm  
T203b, Mt Helen

## HAVE YOU RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOUR SCHOOL?

Don't ignore it. It may affect your future study.  
Read it and discuss with your course coordinator

If you have further concerns bring it to the International Student Support office



## Counselling Service

Helps you to meet the daily challenges of student life and to achieve your academic potential in a secure and confidential space.

To make an appointment:  
Call on 5327 9470  
or email [counselling@federation.edu.au](mailto:counselling@federation.edu.au)

If you prefer you can drop in to:  
Health Centre, Building T, Mt Helen

