2014 is nearly over. A very big thank you has to go out to all the international students who have been part of our activities and events over the year. We hope you have enjoyed them. Best wishes for your results and to those who are not returning to the Gippsland Campus in 2015 good luck for the next stage in your lives. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2015. Remember we are still here until 22 December so if you have any concerns or questions before then please let us know.

Freda and Leanne
Welcome to our new Chaplain!

Frank has lived and worked in England, Scotland, Kenya and Australia in a wide variety of jobs (e.g. Hospitals, Prisons, Children’s Homes, Charities, and Churches).

He has 30 years of experience in counselling support to a diverse populous, including 16 years of local Pastoral care in a Church based setting.

With working in cross-cultural settings, Frank is aware of some of the needs of students from overseas.

As Chaplain, he is a person to talk to in an informal way with ‘no strings attached’.

Chaplains also help at times of personal crisis, providing support to students and staff and their families.

To find out more, go to www.federation.edu.au/chaplaincy or visit Student Connect in 3N, or email Frank at frank.lees@federation.edu.au

Leanne and Freda were fortunate enough to attend a workshop provided by Latrobe Community Health, United Muslim (Sisters of Latrobe Valley) and The Global Studio to learn about Muslim culture. We learnt the different techniques of tying scarves. We were also treated to some delicious dishes of different cuisines for lunch.

December Important Dates

8th December – Results released.
15th December – Multicultural Youth Forum
21st December – Vadde Sahibzade Martydom (Chamkaur)
23rd December – Last day Gippsland Campus open.
25th December – Christmas Day (Public Holiday)
26th December – Boxing Day (Public Holiday)
26th December – Chhote Sahibzade Martyrdom (Sirhind)
31st December – New Year’s Eve

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The Summer Read 2014-2015

Enjoy summer by dipping into one of our Summer Read titles – all set in Victoria, about Victorians or by Victorian authors.showcasing the cream of Victorian writing for your reading pleasure.

The Summer Read will run across all Latrobe City Libraries - Churchill, Moe, Morwell, and Traralgon. The book lists will be available from 1 December, and the books will be ready for loan by 15 December.

Titles include an exciting mix of recent-release fiction and non-fiction titles which will appeal to a wide range of reading tastes - all set in Victoria, about Victorians or by Victorian authors.

Whet your appetite by visiting The Summer Read website to catch up with the top 20 reading recommendations from last year's Summer Read competition.

The Summer Read is delivered in partnership with the State Library of Victoria and Public Library Victoria Network.
Sending your belongings home?

Consider ways to reduce the baggage you need to take home with you.

Taking all your belongings may be expensive. Before you travel, check the baggage allowance on your airline ticket. Anything over this allowance will be treated as excess baggage which can be costly. Freight services can provide a cheaper alternative for excess baggage. Many companies offer discounts to students. UWA does not endorse any freight or courier companies, but we are aware of several who provide this service. You will find more on the Internet or in the Yellow Pages. It is always a good idea to get quotes from different companies.

• Qantas Courier’s unaccompanied baggage service
• Jetta Express
• Seven Seas Worldwide
• XLI
• Pack and Send Balcatta
• Jupiter Air

Also check Australian Post and what their charges for posting your articles overseas would be. www.auspost.com.au

VMC Multicultural Youth Forums 2014-2015

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Program
The overarching theme for the six multicultural youth forums will be:-
“Strengthening Social Cohesion – Engaging our youth our future”
The key focus areas to be explored related to this theme are as follows:-
Leadership/representation/advocacy;
Employment;
Discrimination in the workplace;
Adolescent ad youth mental health;
Cultural competence of service providers;
An increase in racism or prejudice motivated crime; and
Issues leading to marginalisation.

A series of questions will guide discussion around these key focus areas.
The sessions will be facilitated by the Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY), youth facilitator. The VMC is in regular contact with the CMY in order to advance planning of the youth forums for 2014 and 2015.
The VMC Youth Commissioner, Safa Almarhoun is also assisting with the youth forums.
Spirit of Christmas Morwell traders Sale

Down town Morwell’s Spirit of Christmas Celebration. Skate Park Competition, Jumping Castle, Drumming Circle and Buskers, BBQ’s

Interactive live animal display from venomise: Snakes, lizards, turtles, owls and lots more.

Plus many traders will be offering discounts on the day PLUS the opportunity to win the fantastic prize of $1000 worth of shopping vouchers for shopping in Morwell CBD from the 12th to the 24th December.

Santa will be in town also!

Friday 12th December
4pm – 7pm

iLounge – 1E108/9

We are fortunate at Gippsland to have a lounge specifically for international students to use either to study or relax in. It is important to continue to look after this space and use it in a manner which is respectful for all students.

Please do not leave any articles in the room unattended. Ensure the space is kept clean and that rubbish is disposed of in the bins provided. There is a microwave there for you to use. Please ensure this is kept clean and spills cleaned up.

Look out in Semester 1 next year for the English Lounge Conversation classes which will be held in the iLounge.
Looking for something special for Christmas Dinner? The Traralgon Farmers market can offer you fresh fruit, vegetables, berries, baked goods, bread and a variety of treats guaranteed to impress your hungry hordes.

Come down to the Kay Street Gardens for your holiday food supplies. Santa will attend and there will be a performance from the Traralgon City Band.

**When:** Tuesday 23rd December from 3pm-8pm.

Get there early to ensure you don’t miss out!!

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**Community Christmas Carols by the Lake**

Sunday 07th of December, 2014 at 6:30pm

Kernot Hall Morwell, Princes Drive & Monash Way

Local Artists, School groups and Community Groups will present your favourite Carols for all to enjoy

**Sausage sizzle and Hamburgers - Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks available on the night**

Come enjoy the festivities and Carols as we welcome the festive season to Morwell

**SANTA WILL ARRIVE DURING THE CAROLS**

Free Admission - Bring your own chair and blanket

A community Service Project of

The Rotary Club of Morwell

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**Student Connect services over the summer break...**

Our last day of operation for 2015 will be Tuesday December 23.

Student Connect will be closed from Wednesday December 24 until Friday December 2.

We will re-open on Monday January 5.

Telephone counselling services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including over the University shutdown period on 1300 687 327.
The Magic of Christmas

Featuring over 30 local performers
singing your favourite Carols
with special guest

Lorena Stipani

Sunday 7th December 2pm—4pm

St. Vincents Primary School Hall, Rowell Street, Morwell

$5.00 entry per person or $15.00 family ticket

Proceeds go to Latrobe Regional Hospital

Tickets available from sponsors:

moneytalkplanners
131 Princes Drive, Morwell

A&P Electronics
103 Seymour St, Traralgon

COLLI’S HAIR DESIGN
17 Fowler Street, Moe
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ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP TROPHY TOUR

Monday 22 December 2014 | Traralgon Recreation Reserve @ 11AM
FREE family-friendly cricket activities for all to enjoy.
If you’re a fan of cricket or just want to be part of the action, then there’s only one place to be!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700

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