Great Start to the Semester

How was the first few weeks of semester for you? We have had a busy start with activities and programs up and running. Have you been able to attend any?

The new students came along to our Cultural Trip to Phillip Island – check out the photos on the next page. Also, our Sun, Swim, Safety at the Beach brought out a bit of sunshine. Well done to Ebrahim and Mehdi who braved the cool water!

Did you Check-in? There have been lots of activites happening on campus during Week 4 for our “Check-in Week”. All of Student Connect along with Student Futures, the Library, Learning Skills, FedUni Living, Maths learning Centre were all in the knuckle. Hope you enjoyed the free muffins.

The Check-in Week picnic was also a great success with free BBQ, snacks and icy poles were on offer on the day. Volleyball and Bocce were played as well.

Freda Webb – Student Engagement
Sun, Swim, Safety at Inverloch Beach

Phillip Island Cultural Trip
Thank you to everyone who attended the ISA Welcome Dinner. We were fortunate to have the Morwell Rotary Club join us for this event. Look out for information on when we will be going to visit them for a dinner coming up!

The next event for ISA is already booked out! The Tarra Bulga National Park & Easter Egg hunt is coming up this weekend. Hope you all have a great time!

Remember to check out the ISA Facebook pages for more events coming up during the semester.

A special celebration was enjoyed by staff and friends from across the Gippsland Campus for the first time this week. The Persian New Year Celebration, named Nowruz, commenced 3,000 years ago in ancient Persia to welcome the arrival of spring time. The spectacular lunch featured Kebabs coated with real saffron grown in Iran.

A traditional New Year's table was also set up, with seven items beginning with the letter S in the Persian alphabet. These items, each symbolising part of life, include dried senjed (similar to dried wild olive), lentil sprouts, vinegar, garlic, sumac, apple, and samanu, a sweet pudding made from wheat germ.
ITS Service Desk extended hours

Information Technology Services (ITS) will be running a pilot over the next three months to measure the student demand for IT support after hours. From 25 February 2015, the ITS Service Desk operating hours will be extended during weekdays and will also include Saturdays.

ITS Service Desk hours (from 25/02/2015)

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 12:00am.
Saturday - 10:00am to 3:00 pm.

ITS Service Desk can be contacted via

Email: servicedesk@federation.edu.au
Phone: (03) 5327 9999
Online: servicedesk.federation.edu.au

OSHC CAMPUS VISITS 2015

Monash University Students
When: Monday, 12pm to 2pm
Where: Outside Student Connect

Week 9, Sem 1 - Monday 4th May
Swot Vac, Sem 1 - Monday 1st June
Mid Semester Break - Monday 6th July
Week 2, Sem 2 - Monday 3rd August
Week 7, Sem 2 - Monday 7th September
Week 10, Sem 2 - Monday 5th October
Exams Week 1 - Monday 2nd November

FOUND!!!!
Is this yours? If so please go to Lost Property at Facilities and Services 3W245

Urgent - Change of address

As part of your student visa conditions, you MUST update your address within 7 days of moving. It has been noted that students have still not updated their addresses since returning from overseas this semester. You must also include emergency contact details. For Monash teach out students please do so via the Web Enrolment System (WES). For Federation University students please do so via your My Student Centre.

ENGLISH LOUNGE
Conversational English Classes

The Centre for Multicultural Youth and Federation University would like to invite you to come along to 8 weeks of on-campus conversational English classes for international students and refugee and migrant students.

Conversational English classes are a great way to improve your spoken, every day English in an informal environment.

EVERY MONDAY, 1PM – 2PM
WEEK 2 – WEEK 10
@ THE i-lounge, 1E 108

CONTACT TORI STRATFORD
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Global Assistance

The International Student Newsletter
federation.edu.au/international | international.ss@federation.edu.au
CRICOS Provider No. 00105D

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Churchill Neighbourhood House

English Conversation for Parents with Isabel Temple

Practice English conversation skills in a relaxed environment where you can bring your children. This class is for parents with English as a second language who don’t have access to childcare.

Wednesdays - Classes starting soon, register your interest

$8 per session
Call out to dancers and singers to perform at the upcoming Multicultural Festival at Immigration Park, Morwell!

The Gippsland Ethnic Communities Council are running their annual Multicultural Festival in May, in partnership with the HYPE youth team at headspace Morwell. We are looking for performers, both individuals and groups, from any cultural background to take part in this community celebration. Don’t miss the chance to showcase your talents, celebrate diversity in Gippsland, and most of all, have fun!! Please register your interest ASAP with Hayley Franklin @headspace.

National Youth Week Art Workshop with local indigenous artist, Mick Harding – 14th April, 3-5pm @headspace Morwell (99 Buckley St, Morwell)

Come along and learn from local indigenous artist, Mick Harding, about his culture and art. Experiment with different materials and create your own designs. This workshop is FREE and spots are limited to please book by contacting Hayley at headspace ASAP. See the flier for more details.

HYPE Youth Team

If you are aged between 15-24 are keen to volunteer, gain experience in events management and provide a voice for young people in Gippsland, then the HYPE youth team is for YOU!! Applications are still open to join the HYPE youth team which meets regularly in Morwell and is supported by headspace, Australia’s National Youth Mental Health Foundation.

For further information or to register your interest in any of these events or the HYPE team, please contact Hayley Franklin either via email: Hayley.franklin@gml.org.au or via phone: 0427 208 871.
INVITATION

You are warmly invited to

OZ HOVER 2015!
(the National Rally of the Australian Hovercraft Federation)

This event will be hosted by the Hovercraft Club of Victoria at their club site at Lake Narracan near Moe, Victoria.

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th April 2015

Expect a family friendly event combining favourite aspects of previous rallies together with new ideas to create a weekend to remember! A scrumptious Saturday night dinner is planned complimented by Sunday lunch at a mystery location after arrival by Hovercraft!

If you can only make one rally in 2015 make this the one!

FedUni Store is now online!
Everyone’s favourite place to shop on-campus is now available 24/7 online, stocking a great range of FedUni merchandise, clothing, memorabilia and stationery products delivered right to your door or pick-up in store during business hours.
Visit FedUni Store online at fedunistore.federation.edu.au and start shopping today.

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YOUTH PROGRAM

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2015:
IT STARTS WITH US
AT LATROBE REGIONAL GALLERY

FRIDAY 10 APRIL
5PM-7PM
FREE, RSVP BY THURSDAY 9 APRIL

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SACRED FOOTSTEPS
FROM THE ROOF OF THE WORLD TOUR 2015

TIBETAN MONKS SAND MANDALA PROGRAM
AT LATROBE REGIONAL GALLERY
TUESDAY 14 - SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2015

SACRED FOOTSTEPS
FROM THE ROOF OF THE WORLD TOUR 2015

Latrobe Regional Gallery is proud to announce that we will again be hosting the Gaeong Eral Kar Buddhist Centre touring program Sacred Footsteps from the Roof of the World Tour 2015. During the five day program three monks will produce a Mandala; a floor sand painting that celebrates the life and achievements of Buddha and Tibetan culture.

A large portion of this tour is to raise awareness and much needed funds to support Tibetan Monks, Nuns and Students. To assist with the fundraising efforts, the Sacred Footsteps tour kindly appreciates donations which can be made by purchases from the stall, donations or by participating in paid activities.

DAILY: TUESDAY 14 APRIL - SATURDAY 18 APRIL
9.45am - 10.00am Morning Chanting & Meditation with monks
10.00am - 5.00pm Monks work on mandala
TUESDAY 14 APRIL
9.30am - 9.45am Welcome Ceremony
FRIDAY 17 APRIL
5.00pm - 6.00pm Buddhist Talk - $5.00 per person*
SATURDAY 18 APRIL
10.30am - 11.00am Guided meditation - $5.00 per person*
11.30am - 12.30am Yoga introduction - $5.00 per person*
1.30pm - 3.30pm Personal Mandalas - $5.00 per person*
SUNDAY 19 APRIL
10.30am - 11.00am Guided meditation - $5.00 per person*
12.30pm - 2.00pm Viewing of completed mandala
2.00pm - 3.00pm Dissolution ceremony

*All proceeds are payable by cash only to the Gaeong Eral Kar Buddhist Centre donation box.

All details correct at time of printing. For more information contact the Gallery on 51297500.
Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Term 2 2015 classes & activities

Located at the Churchill & District Community Hub
9 - 11 Philip Parade, Churchill

Computer Courses

With Pauline Garood. In most classes you can bring your own laptop or ipad/tablet, check with us first. Bookings essential! Course manuals are usually an additional $5.

Basic Computer Skills
Scared to turn on a computer, but would like to know how to and where to go from there? This beginner class will help you to gain confidence with Windows as well as email and internet. Use our computers or BYO laptop.
Fridays 10am - 12pm
$86 for 11 weeks

Intermediate Computers
This class covers pads, tablets, mobile phones, internet, genealogy, email, skype, social media and Microsoft Office programs.
Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm or Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm
$86 for 11 weeks

Computers for Employment
Learn to use Microsoft Office 2010 programs: Word, Excel, Publisher, Access, Power Point, Outlook, Windows 8 and QuickBooks. Internet and email can also be covered.
Tuesdays 12:30pm - 2:30pm
$86 for 11 weeks

Photo Editing & Digital Scrapbooking
Using ACDSee photo editor learn how to edit and enhance photos. Create calendars, photo books, greeting cards, and photo DVDs.
Mondays 10am - 12pm or 12:30pm - 2:30pm
$80 for 10 weeks, materials extra

Basic Computer Skills and Fire Safety
Learning about bush and grass fire safety while learning computer skills, this can be incorporated into some of our computer classes, let us know if you are interested in this.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is a not-for-profit organisation. All courses need a minimum of 7 people to go ahead. Bookings are essential.

Health & Wellbeing

Country Kitchen Cooking with Noeline Marchwicki
Learn basic principles of cooking country style using fresh produce. For the more adventurous cook. Contact us for weekly menus.
Tuesdays 10am - 12pm or Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30pm
$132 for 11 weeks or $12 a week

Tai Chi with Julie Lucas
Slow, gentle and tranquil movements which enable harmony in mind and body, improved mobility, suppleness and mental alertness.
Tuesdays 9am - 10am and 6pm - 7pm
Contact 5122 2988 for all enquiries.

Community Garden
Join other local gardeners and share and learn ideas, skills and interests. The focus is on edible produce and other garden types like sensory, cultural, and native gardens. This is an exciting project in the first stages of development, everyone is welcome.
Thursdays 10am - 12pm

Men’s Shed
The Churchill Men’s Shed is a place for all men to spend time working on their own, or on community projects, in woodwork, furniture restoration, metal working or anything else. It is a great chance to meet others and form new friendships.
Mondays 9:30am - 2:30pm
$5 per session

New classes

We are taking expressions of interest for:
- Photography (SLR and point & shoot)
- The world’s great religions
- English conversation (bring your children)
- Brazilian embroidery
- Yoga
- Painting
- Craft circle

Is there another class or activity that you would like do? Or is there a class that you would like to teach? Contact us to talk about it.

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm & Fridays 9am - 1pm
PO Box 21, Churchill VIC 3842
Phone: 5122 2955 or 5122 2988
Email: churchillcc.com
Website: www.churchill.org.au
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Writing & Discussion

English Conversation for Parents
Practice English conversation skills in a relaxed environment where you can bring your children. This class is for parents with English as a second language who don’t have access to childcare.
Wednesdays - Classes starting soon, register your interest with Isabel Temple
$8 per session

Discussion Group with Isabel Temple
Interested in discussing topical issues? Social issues on environment, community and world events are all covered from newspaper articles and documentaries.
Fridays 10am - 12pm
$86 for 11 weeks

Friday Afternoon Discussion with Ebrahim Alvandi
Open to everyone, students and local people, native English speakers and people with English as a second language. Our group invites you to interesting and engaging English conversation sessions that provide you with the opportunity to connect to people, expand your social network, share ideas, improve your communication skills or help people in their English skills.
Fridays 4.30pm-6pm — starting soon, register your interest
Gold coin donation

Creative Writing with Cora Pal
Improve your writing skills, put pen to paper and share your stories. Short stories, poetry, fact and fiction.
Tuesdays 10am - 12pm
$86 for 11 weeks

Book Club with Isabel Temple
Join the Churchill Bookworms, read and discuss a book a month! This is a CAE book club and cost includes the book borrowing. Contact us for the booklist.
Last Friday of the month 10am - 12pm
$130 per year / $62 concession, plus a gold coin donation each week.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is a not-for-profit organisation. All classes need a minimum of 7 people to go ahead. Bookings are essential.

Patchwork & Quilting

Patchwork
Learn patchwork, material choice, techniques and design.
Learn new skills as well as share tips and tricks.
Wednesdays 6.30pm - 9pm with Jean Baudendsel & Anne Bothman
Thursdays 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm with Debbie Hannam
$110 for 11 weeks

Saturday Quilters
Come and join a friendly group of people with varying skills and abilities. We range from beginners to experienced patchworkers who get together to enjoy each other’s company and share knowledge and ideas on an informal basis.
The first Saturday of the month 10am - 2.30pm
Gold coin donation

Quilting Lessons
Long arm quilting machine lessons.
1st Monday of the month 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm
$15 per 2 hour lesson

Volunteering

There are many ways you can volunteer your time at CNC:
• Help in the office
• Join the Churchill Community Gardeners
• Help with events
• Help with fundraising
• Become a volunteer tutor - help others to read and write
• Join the Board of Governance
• Deliver brochures

Contact us to find out more.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government and Latrobe City Council.

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What is ANZAC Day?

ANZAC Day is the solemn day of remembrance of those Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who fought and died at Gallipoli in 1915. It is also a day of remembrance for all soldiers who died while fighting for their country. It is celebrated on 25 April each year, regardless of on which day it falls.

Many memorial services and parades are held around Australia on this day. For details on services in the local area please check the following website for details: http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Whats_On/Events/Events_Calendar
There is a large dawn service and parade held in Melbourne on Anzac Day. For more information go to: http://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-day/ and see the links for the Dawn Service and the National Anzac Day Ceremony.

Migration Lawyer

Student Connect will host a **FREE** session for international students on **Wednesday May 6th** conducted by Aristotle Paipetis (pictured), Principal Solicitor at Visa Lawyers Australia. A Solicitor and Barrister in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the High Court of Australia and a Registered Migration Agent, Aristotle is frequently invited to give presentations at universities and other organisations around Australia and overseas on immigration solutions and strategies.

He has comprehensive and successful experience assisting people from all parts of the world on general skilled migration, changes in the skilled migration law, permanent residence and citizenship questions

**Date:** Wednesday, May 6th 2015  
**Room:** Gippsland Campus - Room 1N206
SOUTHERN UNIGAMES
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ADELAIDE, SA 5 - 9 JULY 2015

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

1. Visit - federation.edu.au/sport
2. Click on the “Uni Games” tab
3. Click on “Register your interest”

Once you have registered your interest the Team Manager for your sport will contact you with further Information regarding trails/training sessions and costs involved.
Sport & Rec Facilities

All Gippsland campus students and staff can access the following facilities for FREE in the times listed below. A valid student or staff card is required upon entry.

Latrobe Leisure Churchill
Stadium & change room facilities
Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm
Sports Available:
Badminton, Basketball & Netball

Synthetic Sports Field
Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm
Sports Available:
Soccer, Hockey, Running, AFL & Cricket

Please note: All space is subject to availability as long as no prior bookings exist.
For more information contact FedUni Sport Gippsland - 5122 6221,
t.sports@federation.edu.au or visit the sports office - 3N 121/122
Equipment to use at the above facilities can be borrowed from the sports office.

Social Badminton

**THURSDAYS**
7:30pm – 9pm

**SUNDAYS**
1pm – 4pm

FREE weekly social badminton for FedUni/Monash students at Latrobe Leisure Centre. Racquets and shuttles provided.

For more information on dates & how to get involved:
Join our facebook group – FedUni Badminton
or visit the Sport & Recreation office – 3N 121/122

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCCER

Join the facebook group for more information - https://www.facebook.com/groups/434202283347473/

Tegan Rosin – Sport & Rec Officer, Office – 3N 121/122,
E: t.rosin@federation.edu.au Ph: 5122 6221

FedUni Walking Group

Get Active! Get Involved!

**Every Monday & Wednesday**

Meet at 12:30pm in the Knuckle level one for a 30min walk.

*Complete 4 walks & receive a free coffee*
On 1 Jan 2015 Federation University Australia became a completely smoke-free environment.

We recognise the adverse effects of smoking, including passive smoking, and the rights of staff and students to work and study in a safe and healthy environment which is smoke-free.

No smoking is permitted on our campuses, or within buildings and facilities. This includes all outdoor areas such as gardens, sporting grounds and car parks. Please help to keep our campuses smoke-free:

- Refrain from smoking on our campuses. Campus boundaries are outlined on these maps - Camp Street, Gippsland, Mt Helen, SMB and Wimmera. Inform visitors that our campuses are smoke-free and seek their co-operation. If you see someone smoking on campus, inform them (politely) that our campuses are smoke-free.