What’s happening in the International office...

The International Office was kept busy in the month of May with a visit from the Migration Lawyer, a newly formed Muslim Student Society, our usual (and expanding) Chat Club on Fridays and our International Student Farewell Reception that was held this last week in honour of all finishing FedUni students this semester.

We’re gearing up for a busy couple of months ahead with mid-year orientation and a busy social calendar for Semester 2.

Keep updated with all of the International updates via our Facebook page, Instagram and emails that are sent out weekly. Don’t forget our door is always open – so feel free to pop in any day of the working week!

Cheers,

Bek & Kate

Important dates....

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SEMESTER 2 COMMENCES - 27th JULY

It’s that time of the year again... AFL is back and the GLoBALL footy program are giving away FREE tickets.....

Dates for the FREE games are:
- July 11th
- August 2nd
- August 15th

Please log on to: http://global.com.au/ register your details – pick your game and pick your FREE ticket up at the gate on game day!

Social Soccer

Wednesday and
Friday
6pm
Brown Gym
Heat the house, but don’t cook the budget!

Yep, it’s that time of year again. The cold weather is creeping in and the temptation to crank the heater and enjoy long hot showers increases... as do your energy bills!

Here are 10 great tips for keeping those winter energy bills manageable.

1. Make sure you receive any concessions on your utility bills that you are entitled to. Ring your utility provider to check and quote your concession number
2. Turn off the TV when you’re not watching it!
3. Switch off appliances at the wall e.g. TV, computer, stereo, microwave (not the fridge of course!), and get rid of that second fridge in winter!
4. Check with your utilities provider to find out when their peak times are and avoid unnecessary usage during these times e.g. do your washing, and turn on your dishwasher late at night instead of straight after dinner.
5. Put on some extra clothes and turn the heater down! Close your curtains and any unused rooms to keep the heat in the rooms you want it.
6. Keep your showers quick, not so hot, and lower the water pressure. Turn your hot water temperature down to 50°, there’s no need for it to be hotter than this.
7. When boiling the kettle, fill it with cold water instead of hot. Filling it from the hot means you’re using electricity twice!
8. Using a microwave, slow cooker or electric frypan can be cheaper than using a conventional electric oven and stove. Try cooking in bulk, freezing portions and then reheating with the microwave.
9. Turn off the lights when you leave a room, or consider whether you need to turn them on in the first place!
10. If you are having difficulty paying your gas, electricity or water bills contact your utility company and ask for flexible payments and details of any other assistance programs to make payment more affordable for your current circumstances, or call 5327 9470 to make an appointment to see the Student Financial Support Officer.

CISA Conference

Council of International Students
Australia’s conference

The conference that is representative of international students will run from July 5th – 8th and Fed Uni are looking for 3 international students to go and represent us! Would you like to be part of something BIG? Check out the website for more details...


Jurassic World

11th June Movie Fundraiser for Nepal

Where: Regent Cinemas Bullara
Time: 8.45pm on Thursday, 11th June
Cost: $10

Please arrive promptly at 8.30.

All of the ticket sales will be sent to the Strazza Foundation. Proceeds also raise 100% of all proceeds to help the ongoing need, woman and children in Nepal.

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Exams are here... so what do you need to know and where are you meant to go to find answers? For most students this will be your first exams for the year and we would like to remind you of a few important tips:

1. All official exam information can be found at http://federation.edu.au/exams
2. You must take your official student ID card to every exam.
3. Students from a Non English Speaking Background can take a hard copy bi-lingual dictionary into exams. Make sure you know where the exam venues are and allow extra time for parking and walking to the venue – it might be very busy if it’s a large exam.
4. Make sure you know exactly which materials are allowed in the exam.
5. Students at Fed Uni have allocated seating in the main venues. Mobile phones must be turned off!
6. Listen to all announcements. The Supervisor in Charge of the exam will tell you when you can start writing and when you must stop.
7. Students who want to ask a question should raise their hand and a supervisor will come to assist them.
8. Talking to each other is not allowed; it is a breach of exam rules and the outcome could be very serious for you.
9. If you are found to be in breach of exam rules, you will generally be able to complete your exam. If you are at Mt Helen campus you can request that the Student Advisory Service is contacted and we can provide information and support
10. After your exams remember to check your results, these are published on the 10th July 2015 and are available through My Student Centre.

For more detailed information on these tips please contact the Student Advisory office
Ph: (03) 5327 6105
Email: studentadvisor@federation.edu.au
Or visit the Student Advisory team at the Mount Helen campus – located in the Albert Coates building above the Hub.
We have been listening to your concerns about expensive textbooks and so your Senate members will be running a ‘Pre-Loved Book Exchange’ in the first week back in semester 2. You will be able to sell your old books and buy new ones, so make sure you take a look through your textbooks and work out which ones you don’t need any more and how much you would like to sell them for. We will be accepting books from 10.30am on Tuesday 28 July at both the Mt Helen and Gippsland campuses.

a message from Saad - your International Student Senate Rep...

The Student Senate has been asked to give feedback on the current ‘Special Consideration’ guidelines as it is currently being reviewed; so if you have ever applied for Special Consideration and would like to comment on how the process could be improved, please make sure you send me all suggestions or feedback to student.senate@federation.edu.au
Some of our lovely International students enjoying themselves at Uni Ball on 13th May.

International Student Farewell Reception - June 2nd
The Muslim Students Society is forming and they welcome all Muslim students and interested FedUni students to be a part of this society on campus. The Muslim Students Society aims to organize events for Muslim students on campus like Eid an Iftar and invite non-Muslims to attend these. It aims to promote an atmosphere of engagement between Muslim and non-Muslim students on campus and to, at all times, foster an environment of critical thinking, reasoned discussion and respectful discourse on campus.

The Society also aims to provide information for local and international students with support services available on campus, general information about living in Ballarat as well as information relating to the Muslim community in Ballarat.

The committee is as following;

Faleh Abu Sabah  President
Syed Zohaib  Vice President
Md Rashed ul Islam  Secretariat
Sultan Al Muthari  Treasure

You can find the Muslim Student Society on Facebook or if you would like more information please contact the International Office for more details.

**Muslim Society members; Nakib, Syed (Vice President) and Faleh (President)**

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**Student Careers and Employment**

Are you looking for work? Do you know the best place to look for work? Do you have a current resume? Do you know the importance of networking to gain employment? Knowing how to network and market yourself is a key skill to assist you gaining work that is not advertised.

Check out further information in our resources by logging onto our CareerHub website by following the link https://careerhub.federation.edu.au/students/login

Login is your Novell, or My Student Centre username and password.

For all other questions and queries – phone on (03) 5327 9910 or via email studentcareerhub@federation.edu.au.