



# JCAS NEWSLETTER

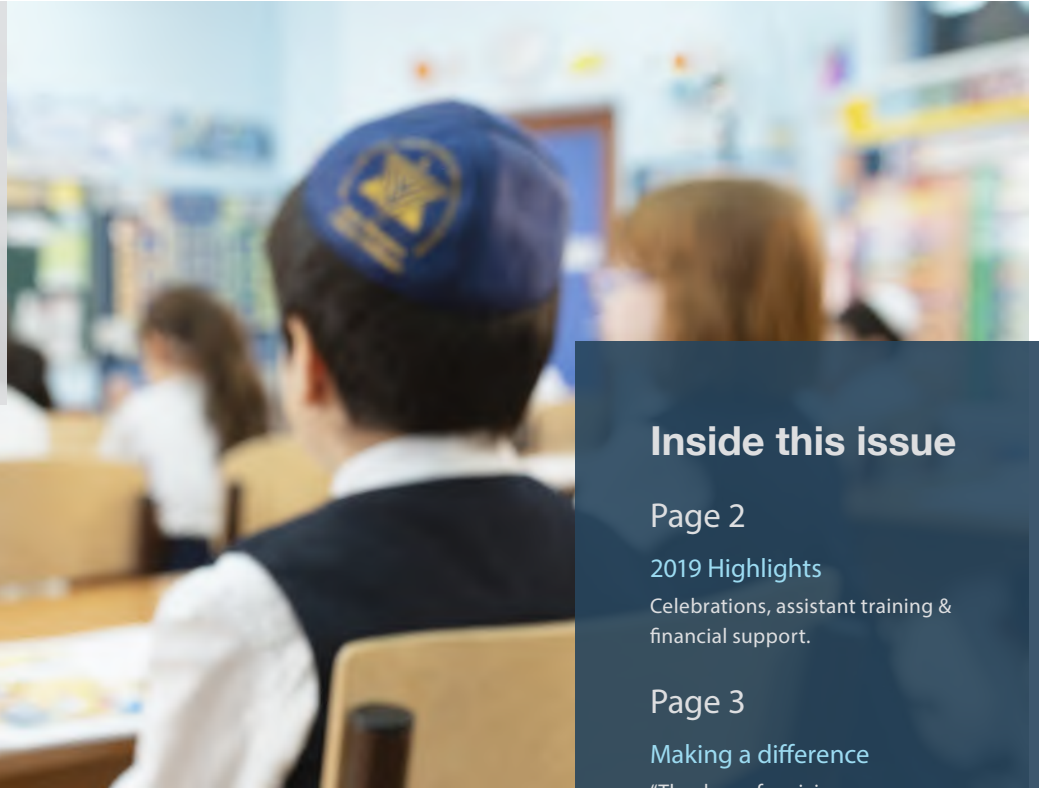
Jewish Children's Aid Society Inc

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Help us so Jewish children with special needs can access a Jewish education

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## Who is JCAS?

JCAS has been caring for children in our community since 1882.



Our mission is to support students with special needs to attend Melbourne Jewish day schools and to ensure that they can participate in mainstream classrooms and school life.

We believe that every Jewish child should benefit from a Jewish education, regardless of their special needs. The whole community benefits when we embrace difference and enable participation by all children.

We are proud that over 99% of funds raised go directly to the cause.



JCAS Values



Education



Inclusion



Belonging



Cheque presentation by JCAS to Melbourne Jewish day schools at home of Sue & Michael Karp on 31 March 2019

# 2019 Highlights

- This year, JCAS will distribute \$625,000 to the Melbourne Jewish day schools, to fund the costs of teachers’ assistants and carers which are not covered by Government subsidies and other sources. We have supported 237 children and their families at 11 Jewish day schools with your generous support.
- JCAS provided training to 114 assistants at all Jewish day schools, in a special project supported by Gandel Philanthropy.
- In March 2019, JCAS welcomed the principals and senior staff of the 11 Melbourne Jewish day schools at a magnificent afternoon tea fundraiser hosted at the home of Sue & Michael Karp.
- In March 2019, JCAS celebrated the 20th birthday of the famous Posh Opp Shoppes and the enormous contribution by Rosalie Silverstein OAM and her team.
- In June 2019, Trevor Cohen’s work with JCAS and other causes was recognised with a Queen’s Birthday Australian Honour.... Member of the Order of Australia (AM).
- 2019 was a year of accomplishments for JCAS. The board of JCAS look forward to continuing and growing the mission of JCAS, enabling children to participate in Jewish school life and embracing difference. Your generous support makes this important work possible.



Posh Opp Shoppes 20th birthday celebrations

# Making a difference

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"Thank you JCAS for your generosity- the money you give changes the lives of children." - Cherylyn Skewes, Principal, Leibler Yavneh College

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"On a happy note, please share the success of one of our current Year 12 students, who has just completed an unscored VCE this year, with a VET certificate in childcare, which she will further in 2020. She was granted JCAS funding from Year 9 through to the end of Year 12. With this funding we were able to assign an aide for 5 periods per fortnight. The relationship that the aide created with the student underpinned the incredible success of the student; transitioning from an extremely unhappy, anxious and isolated student who was unable to understand what was going on in the classroom, to an engaged student who always worked to their potential, interacted with teachers in a positive manner and belonged to a close group of friends. Without a doubt, this student is our greatest success story of VCE 2019. All due to the incredible work of the aide. All due to JCAS funding. Thank you." - Special education teacher, Jewish day school



Posh Opp Shoppe volunteers

## Posh Opp Shoppe

The famous Posh Opp Shoppes at 484 Glenhuntly Road Elsternwick and 1226 Glenhuntly Road Glenhuntly sell high quality-pre-loved merchandise with all net proceeds going to JCAS' mission.



Thanks to the tireless work of Rosalie and her team, the Posh Opp Shoppes have been supporting JCAS for 20 years, while also providing an important service to the community through the recycling of items and vocational training for people with special needs.

Do you have any items you no longer need that are too good to throw out? Have you got any time to spare (even only a few hours) to help out at the Posh Opp Shoppes? We would love to hear from you.

Please call Rosalie on 0438 368 260 or Jason on 0402 317 020 to volunteer or for us to pick up donated goods.

<https://www.facebook.com/poshoppshop/>



## Thank you

Special thanks to the following for their ongoing contribution;

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## Donations

We are so grateful to all our generous donors who make JCAS' important mission possible.

Our members act in a voluntary capacity and we keep costs to a minimum, which means that over 99% of your donation goes to supporting children with special needs.

If you would like to make a donation, or make JCAS the recipient of your bequest or donations for your simcha, please go to our website ([www.jcas.org.au](http://www.jcas.org.au)) or contact Melody Curtis (0418 113 922)

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Again, thank you for your support and interest in JCAS  
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