



# NEWSLETTER

## St Justin's Parish School

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*Bulletin No 40*

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

*Dear Families and Friends,*

### **Advent**

*The rose candle will be lit this Sunday, (Gaudete Sunday,) when Father Andrew will also wear rose vestments at Mass. It symbolises a day of rejoicing because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent and anticipate Christmas.*

*This Sunday's Scripture reminds us that God has not held back one thing in His love for us. By becoming one with us in our flesh, God has done everything He can to assure us of His saving love. He has shown us how to live lives of sacrifice, justice and love to transform our world.*

*In the Gospel, the disciples want to know what they can do to earn God's love. Through prayer, we know we can communicate our needs, confident that God has heard our words and so sent love itself in Jesus Christ*



### **Thank you**

*It's hard to believe that another year is almost over and it certainly feels great to be part of St Justin's community, made easier by a number of people. A huge thank you to Fr Andrew and all the staff at St Justin's – they are committed professionals who aim to provide the very best in education. It is them who help our students grow, leading by example, pushing with encouragement or walking beside with support. I thank them for the care, guidance and support that they give to each and every student. I also thank the Parish Education Board, the Parents and Friends Committee, the Maintenance and Development Committee and the various sub committees for the amazing work they do in helping to support such a wonderful community. Your dedication, encouragement and hard work is appreciated by all.*

*Thank you also to the families leaving our school, some after a very long and happy association with St Justin's Primary School. We wish them well and thank them for their contributions. Remember, you are still a valued member of the St Justin's Parish and the door is always open.*

*Thanks everyone for your prayers and encouragement throughout the year. St Justin's is certainly more than buildings, curriculum, meetings, fundraising and working bees. It is a community rich in love, support and a genuine concern for others.*

*We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a safe summer holiday.*

### **End of Year break up**

*School will conclude for 2018 on **Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm**. Please join us to **celebrate another great year at our End of Year Mass at 9.15am**. We wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.*



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### **Graduation**

Year 6 Graduation will take place on **Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm sharp in the church. This will be followed by a disco for the students and a **supper for the parents of the graduating students only**. We look forward to seeing you all there.



### **Altar Servers Thank you Lunch**

Yesterday Father Andrew with the assistance of Mrs Milena De Lillo, Mrs Mary Cedro and Mrs Gina Cristiano organised a pizza thank you lunch for all the altar servers who assisted Father Andrew for the year. It was a wonderful day for our students to enjoy lunch and converse with Father. Altar Server letters will be sent out to all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 next year. We thank you for your support.



### **Christmas Cheer**

Christmas has always been a time of sharing and our children certainly enter into the spirit. It's not unusual for students at St Justin's to hand out Christmas cards, not just to their friends, but to all class members. Often attached to the envelopes and/or cards, are candy canes, a simple but effective way of wishing friends a "Merry Christmas". Unfortunately, many candy canes contain traces of food colouring and/or nuts that many of our children are highly allergic too. Whilst we don't want to be considered the "Christmas Grouch", in the safety of all students at our school, we ask you to consider an alternative "gift". We will ask that Christmas canes be eaten at home.



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### ***Farewell Assembly***

*On Wednesday we had an assembly to farewell Mrs Ferguson, Ms Butler, Mrs Banjac (nee Miss E) and Mrs De La Haye. This was an opportunity for the students and community to farewell these wonderful staff members who have contributed to our school community.*



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## ***St Justin's Parish School, Wheelers Hill***

### ***Dates Ahead***

#### **Term 4**

*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December*

*Assembly @ 9:00 am – farewelling Mrs Chalkley, Mrs Neil, Mrs Dimopoulos and Ms Meadows*

*Year 6 Graduation Mass 6pm*

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December*

*End of Year Mass: 9:15 am*

*Term 4 concludes @ 1pm*

#### **2019**

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January*

*Staff commence school*

*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January*

*Students commence school*

*Preps finish at 1:00 pm*

*Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January*

*Preps finish at 1:00 pm*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February*

*Preps finish at 1:00 pm*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February*

*Year 1-6 Information Night*

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February*

*Get to Know You Chats: 3:45 pm – 5:30 pm*

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February*

*Get to Know You Chats: 3:45 pm – 5:30 pm*

*No Preps at School*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February*

*Beginning of the School Year Mass*

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February*

*Prep Family BBQ: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm*

*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February*

*No Preps*

*Year 5/6 Camp*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February*

*Year 5/6 Camp*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February*

*Year 5/6 Camp*

### ***Altar Servers***

*Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm*

*Lauren G, Thomas F*

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 8.30am*

*Nathan V, Mitchell B*

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am*

*Nicholas M, Volunteer Needed*



**Altar Servers**

### ***Christmas Mass Schedule***

- *Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December –*
  - *Family Mass @ 6pm*
  - *Midnight Mass: Carols at 11.30pm-followed by Midnight Mass*
- *Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day*
  - *Mass @ 10am*
- *Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December - Boxing Day*
  - *Mass @ 10am*
- *Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 - New Year*
  - *Mass @ 10am*



### ***Outstanding School Fees***

*As the school's financial year draws to a close, all fees owing need to be paid by **Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you are having difficulties in paying any outstanding fees, please speak with either myself or Fr Andrew next week regarding alternative arrangements.*

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### **Christmas Social Justice Initiative**

*Thank you St Justin's community for generously donating many gifts which have given lots of children joy this Christmas.*

*On Tuesday 11th December, the Social Justice leaders visited St Anthony's Tutoring Club in Noble Park. We delivered a sack of presents to each of the 14 students. When meeting the students we had the opportunity to talk and get to know them. The children at St Anthony's Tutoring club had an abundance of gratitude, which they expressed with many hugs and smiles. The rest of the presents have been given to St. Vincent De Paul Society to assist struggling families who can't afford presents for Christmas.*

*It was rewarding to see all of their faces light up when they heard they were getting a sack of presents each.*

*Together as a group, our highlight was meeting all the children. One thing that stood out was hearing one girl sing, it was beautiful. We are going to the same high school as some of the children there. We made a lovely connection and hope to see them in future.*

*From the Social Justice Team, Mrs Snell and Mrs Ferguson*



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### **SCHOOL FEES 2019**

#### **FAMILY FEE – per family**

Tuition Fee – family with one child	\$1755
Tuition Fee – family with two or more children	\$2325
Building Fee	\$200
Maintenance Fee (refundable by attending 2 working bees during year)	\$100

#### **STUDENT LEVY – per student**

Curriculum Levy (includes stationery)	\$275
Excursion Levy – Prep to Year 5	\$70
Excursion Levy – Year 6	\$100
Technology eLearning Levy – Prep to Year 2	\$50
Technology eLearning Levy - Year 3	\$75
Technology eLearning Levy (includes new Chromebook) – Years 4 & 5	\$225
Technology eLearning Levy (includes Chromebook) – Years 6	\$200
Sport Levy – Year 5	\$50
Sport Levy – Year 6	\$50
Swimming Levy – Prep to Year 4	\$120
Year 6 Camp	\$300
Year 5 Camp	\$280
Years 3 & 4 Camp	\$150

*Fee Statements will be sent out to each family in February 2019*

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### ***Kitchen Garden Baking***

*Some Year 2 students baked Christmas cookies. They rolled out the dough then used cookie cutters to shape them. Decorating them was the most fun - some very festive designs! Thank you Mrs Gina Cristiano!*



### ***The importance of reading for your child***

*Children who thrive in school tend to have one thing in common – they enjoy reading. It doesn't really matter what your child chooses to read, the important thing for primary-school kids is to encourage them to develop the habit of reading a little each day.*

*With summer school holidays just around the corner, now is a good time to stock up on books from your local library that might interest your child.*

*The Department of Education book list: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx> provides a broad range of books from which students can choose appropriate material for their reading pleasure. Books are added to the list regularly by an expert panel which includes teachers and librarians. Let your child choose the books that grab their interest, then help them schedule some reading time each day – away from computers, TV screens and video games.*

### ***Running Club***

*Last Wednesday our Running Club finished the year off with a game of Bubble Soccer – a great morning was had by all. Thanks Mr Johnson for his dedication and commitment throughout the year.*



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### **PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee we wish all our families at St Justin's the very warmest of wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The P&F and its many sub-committees have maintained a steady constant stream of fundraising and community building events. More importantly the P&F has played an integral link in the life of St Justin's, building a strong sense of school and community spirit, something that we should all be proud of.

In 2018 we were fortunate to have 117 generous, active and hardworking parents and friends at St Justin's who donated time, money and energy towards our school and parish community. The P&F was filled with extremely active, enthusiastic members who worked tirelessly throughout the year to put on quality events and fundraisers. We truly thank each and every one of you for your enthusiasm, patience, support and dedication to the school, parish and the P&F.

Did you know that during 2018....

- The P&F hosted our St Justin's Open Day and 2019 Welcome to Prep Parents events
- 55 parents attended a working bee and 80 cubic metres of mulch (equivalent to filling both Prep classrooms floor to ceiling) was spread out into garden beds and playground areas
- The Easter egg raffle and wrapping day, consisted of 3 prizes per class room and 3 major prizes across the whole school
- 350 hot cross buns were eaten on our hot cross buns day
- 396 donuts were donated, which equates to 33 dozen boxes to celebrate St Justin's Day
- Mother's and Father's Day stalls
- Trivia night 169 people attended, 18 of these people were parishioners and 5 out of the 17 tables were Prep classes
- Kiosk Fridays terms 2 and 3 sold over 1500 packets of chips
- Pizza days 1440 slices of Margherita and Hawaiian pizza were ordered, which equates to 180 pizza's
- Hot Dog Days 750 hot dogs and hot dog buns
- Sausage Sizzle Days 840 sausages were turned and approx. 40 loaves of white bread
- Election Sausage Sizzle Day 15 loaves of bread, 20kg sausages and 6kg onions
- Twilight Sports Carnival 650 sausages were turned along with 30 loaves of white bread
- St Justin's P&F Class Reps informed parents of upcoming events, organised parent evenings out, organised birthday gifts, baby gifts, wedding gifts and Christmas gifts for teachers, assisted with the School Production and coordinated stall volunteers for the Fair on the Hill
- Bakers delight fruit mince and lemon Christmas tarts
- The Coles Sports for Schools program enabled more sports equipment to be available in the playground at playtime, as well as during PE lessons
- The uniform shop stocked our complete range of uniform requirements and it modernised its operations with the introduction of CDFPay, an online shopping experience

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PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

2019 promises to bring about more positive change for the P&F, which will be an exciting time and opportunity for St Justin's. We encourage you all to be involved and participate in your own capacity throughout the year. It's never too late to get involved!

### ***Lemon and Christmas Tart Fundraiser***

*A big thank you to all the parents who supported the tart fundraiser. We wish to thank Tony D, Sharon C, and Helen J. We also thank Bakers Delight Wheelers Hill for supporting our school.*



## **Hot Shots Tennis**

### **Gladeswood Reserve Tennis Club**

Maygrove Way - Mulgrave

#### **Dates & Cost :**

**When:**

**Wed 9th - Fri 11th Jan 2019'**

**- 3 day program fee: \$55**

**- Times: 9am to 11am**

**- Enrol: via email or SMS  
with name, age of participants  
& contact number.**

**- Invoice: will be sent via email  
upon registration.**

#### **Program :**

**Age: 6 to 12 Yrs old**

**" Hot Shots Program "**

**- Great: for kids on red,  
orange & green ball level.**

**- 2 hrs: of tennis drills, match  
practice & fun games**

**- BYO: "small snack & drink"**

**- RSVP: Mon 7th Jan 2019'**



**Contact: 0413 569 296**

**Email: mahumada@bigpond.net.au**

**website: tennis.com.au/gladeswood**

**Facebook: Gladeswood**



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### Meet Our Team

There's lots to see and do in OSHC from fun outdoor games, to arts and crafts, science, cooking, building and construction activities and much more.

There's also quiet time for the children in the program to catch-up on some reading, finish off their homework or relax.

**Meet our team:** Coordinator Ann-Maree, Assistant Anita

#### 5 fun facts about our team

1. We always have a laugh at the service.
2. We love to act like kids ourselves.
3. We often can be seen having inside jokes with the Children.
4. We love Uno as much as the children (but don't tell them!)
5. We love hearing the stories of recent events of the families who come into our service!



#### Visits welcome

Please feel free to stop by the program, meet our team and see what happens in our program each school day.

#### Register now for free

To register and book, visit us at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)  
Use the school finder on our homepage to search for your school.

First use free is only for parents who register between the 5<sup>th</sup> of November and the end of Term 4 and it does not include Vacation Care or Pupil Free Day.

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# CHILDREN'S HIP HOP & JAZZ DANCE CLASSES 2019

**TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW!**

No Make-up or Costumes! Just great dancing and lots of fun!! (Dance shoes optional)

**Free Trial Lesson Wed 6.2.19.**

Term 1 Hip Hop (5-7 year olds):  
Start Wednesday 13th of Feb  
Time: 4:00pm-4:45pm  
Term 1 Jazz (5-7 yrs)  
Wednesday 13th of Feb  
Time: 4:45pm-5:30pm  
Term Ends Wed 3.4.19  
Family Night:-Sat 30.3.19  
Come along and enjoy the fun!



## Classes on offer

If your child is looking for a fun dancing class - you're in luck!

Charisma Dance Centre is offering fun Hip Hop and Jazz classes for children aged 5-7 yrs.

We will celebrate the end of term with our wonderful Family Nights. Heaps of fun for everyone

You will be thrilled out what they have learnt and the fun that they have had.

### Classes Offered to you for:

8 weeks of classes per child (Hip Hop or Jazz) + Family Night = \$133

8 weeks of classes per child (Hip Hop or Jazz)

(Family Night not included) = \$108

8 weeks of **both Hip Hop & Jazz** classes, plus Family night = \$241 per child

8 weeks of **both Hip Hop & Jazz** classes

(Family Night not included) = \$216 per child

**Family Nights \$30 per family**

### Book Now!

Ph: 0419 284 919

Email:

[charismadance@bigpond.com](mailto:charismadance@bigpond.com)

Address:

Charisma Dance Centre

1 Queens Parade,

Glen Iris.

### What to Wear:

For our super-fun classes, wear something comfortable that you can move around in!

Term 1 Hip Hop (8-10 year olds):  
Start Thursday 14th of Feb  
Time: 4:00pm-4:45pm  
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