Dear parents, children and friends

While St Valentine's Feast Day may no longer be on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar, he remains one of the world's most well-known saints and is commemorated by Christians and non-Christians alike as the patron Saint of engaged couples and romantic love within marriage. Happy St Valentine's Day to everyone. Here is a special prayer just for you.

A Valentine Prayer
I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above

to fill your heart and bless your soul
with the precious gift of love.
I asked Him for sincere love
the kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
you give to those you touch each day.
I prayed for love from family
and from every cherished friend

Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

Parking, drop off and drive through

I believe that if you did a quick check of any school newsletter right throughout Australia, you would discover that issues around parking and driving come up more than any other topic. Here at St Jerome's, we are definitely not an exception to that rule. So here I go again, encouraging everyone to be particularly courteous, careful and cautious as you use the school car park.

Tragically, a child died outside a Queensland school last year as a result of inattention by a parent. We all want our children to be safe. Too often I hear from parents about "near misses" in our car park. So please slow down and try and be less frantic in your need to rush off to the next item on your super busy day. Our teachers are here on car park duty till 3.30pm. Children without younger siblings are perfectly fine waiting under the shade sails until then.

This week we have noticed parents’ cars parked right along the laneway behind the hall and church. This creates an issue for our delivery trucks that cannot access the staff carpark. Please do not park behind the parish hall, in front of the church or on the lawn.

On a separate issue a City of Cockburn parking inspector has approached the school and has advised that they will start to enforce $100 fines for anyone whose vehicle is parked on footpaths around the school.
I would also like to encourage as many parents as possible to genuinely consider the need to park and come in with your child in the morning. Obviously, Pre Kindy, Kindy and Pre Primary students MUST be taken to the door and also collected by a responsible adult in the afternoons.

But our children need to develop their independence and resilience. Even some year ones are perfectly able to demonstrate these qualities by walking from the “Kiss and drive” to their room at 8.30am.

If you are staying to hear reading in any of the classes, then obviously we welcome you with open arms. Or you may need to visit the Uniform Shop. But I do have concerns when I see parents escorting Year 4, 5 and 6 students into the classrooms. Please try and encourage your child’s ability to cope without your close presence.

Library News
Our Library is now open every morning from 8.30am for Kindy and Pre Kindy parents to come in and share a book while you are waiting for school to begin. This is a perfect way to enjoy some special quiet times with your little person.

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT REMINDER**

Wednesday 19 February

Session 1: 6.00pm – 6.40pm
Session 2: 6.45 – 7.25pm

ATTITUDE AND YOUTH

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind. It is the freshness of the deeper springs of life.

Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. Whether 60 or 16, every human being may experience wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing, childlike appetite for the future, the joy in living. For you are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your despair.

As long as your heart receives messages of beauty hope, cheer, courage, and power from God and from your fellow human beings, you are young.

From *A Canopy of Stars: Some Reflections for the Journey* by Fr Christopher Gleeson SJ [David Lovell Publishing 2003]
### Religious Education News

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### Confirmation

- **Teaching Mass**: Thursday 1 May 7-8pm
- **Parent workshop**: Wednesday 14 May 3:30 or 5:30pm
- **Retreat day**: 28 May. Youth Impact Team. Venue: St Jerome's Hall
- **Family reconciliation**: 4/5 June 7pm

### Catholic Traditions

Catholics are not very different from anyone else in the community but we do hold certain beliefs which affect the way we think about ourselves, about other people and about the world around us. A Catholic upbringing has a strong influence on the way we lead our lives, even if we no longer go to church. Catholics are not very different from anyone in the community but we do hold certain beliefs which affect the way we think about ourselves, about other people and about the world around us. A Catholic upbringing has a strong influence on the way we lead our lives, even if we no longer go to church.

Catholic tradition comes out of a long and colourful history which has picked up stories and traditions, a wide range of religious practices and diverse ways of celebrating those stories from every race and nation on the planet. (Taken from "So you’re sending your child to a Catholic School" by Tony Doherty).

### Parish Mass Times

**Weekday Mass Timetable:**
- Monday to Friday: 7am and 9am

**Weekend Mass Timetable:**
- Saturday: 9am & 6pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10am and 6pm (Youth Mass)

**Reconciliation:**
- Sat: 9.30am – 10.30am and 5pm – 5.30pm
- Or on request at any time

### Parent Information Evening

These meetings will take place on **Wednesday February 19**. Each meeting will take about forty minutes. Each year level from pre-primary to year 6 will run two sessions. Parents may choose to attend either session.

**Session One**: 6.00pm to 6.40pm  
**Session Two**: 6.45pm to 7.25pm

We hope to see at least one parent attend the information evening. If for some reason you are unable to attend please let your classroom teacher know and make an appointment time with him/her to discuss the information that will be presented. We hope to see you all there!

### NAPLAN 2014

This week all students in Years 3 and 5 received a pamphlet from the government of Western Australia, which gives information about NAPLAN. (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

Please take the time to read this pamphlet as it gives some valuable information about this annual national assessment in particular the dates that the assessments will take place. NAPLAN is a national assessment, and should be accessible to all students to demonstrate their actual skills and knowledge; therefore all students are expected to participate. If you have a student in either Year 3 or Year 5 please do not plan family holidays during this very important time.

Certain students may be exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN but only under certain circumstances. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents in consultation with the principal. If you feel your child falls into this category please see your child’s class teacher in the first instance.

Angie Letizia  
AP Admin & Curriculum

### Absentees

This year the school is using a new system to record attendance - SEQTA. As part of school procedures all students who arrive **after 8.45am must sign in late at the office**.

If your child is going to be **absent** please telephone 9499 9500 or email absent@stjeromes.wa.edu.au by 8.45am, otherwise you will receive a text message.

Please do not email teachers directly regarding absences, use the email address above only.

**“Drive Through”**

A reminder to parents that the drive through opens at 3.15pm. Please do not park in front of the barrier prior to this time.

Thanks for your co-operation.
Canteen News
Phone Number 9499 9510
Roster 2014

Monday 17 February
Julie Randazzo

Tuesday 18 February
Lisa Bacelic
Katia Matic

Wednesday 19 February
Rebecca Verney
Diana Bucat

Thursday 20 February
Lucia Lutzu
Manuela Benino

Friday 21 February
Sandra Perna
Marita Brenzi

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

Interviews for Kindergarten 2015 will begin in March. If your child was born between 1 July, 2010 and 30 June 2011 they are eligible for Kindergarten in 2015. If you know of someone who would like to enrol their child in the St Jerome’s Kindergarten program advise them to do it now. Parents of children with siblings are urged to ensure their applications have been submitted to avoid disappointment.

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

Enrolments are being taken now for 2015. If your child was born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 your child will be able to join the program once they turn three.

Application forms are available from the front office at the school.

For any enquiries please contact:
St Jerome’s Primary School
38 Troode Street, Munster
Email: admin@stjeromes.wa.edu.au
Website: www.stjeromes.wa.edu.au
Phone: 9499 9500

Uniform Shop
Opening Times
Monday 8.15am to 3.30pm
Thursday 8.15am to 3.30pm

Book Club

The first issue of Book Club for this year has been sent home. Please ensure that all orders are returned to the Library by 20 February. If you have paid by credit card and hand your order in late, delivery cannot be guaranteed for that issue, and you may have to wait until the next order.

Thanks
Gail Del Bianco

School Banking

Welcome back to another exciting year of school banking. School Banking resumed this week. Congratulations to 4 Blue who won the classroom award.

School Banking is held in the uniform shop between 8.15am and 8.45am Tuesday mornings.

School banking not only teaches our children smart money management skills, but also rewards good savings behaviour with some fantastic treasures along the way. We have some exciting new rewards this term with a “DEEP SEA SAVERS” theme.

Parent information packs will be coming home this week with students for anyone interested in joining the school banking program.

Please feel free to pop into the uniform shop on Tuesday morning if you didn’t get a pack, or if you have any questions about the program.

For those students still waiting on headphones ordered last term fingers crossed they will be here next week!
School Fees

Annual Statements for school fees have been issued.

Pre Kindy
Please note that any Pre Kindy student attached to a school fee account will only have Term 1 fees included in the annual amount. If you wish to pay for Pre Kindy fees for the full year upfront or include the full year of Pre Kindy fees in your direct debit, please add the following term fees for Pre Kindy:

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The above fees are the same for all Pre Kindy classes for students attending two half day sessions per week.

For parents with another older child at the school, please note that the 5% discount only applies to students in Kindy to Year 6, only on the tuition component for these students and for accounts that are paid in full by the due date. To calculate the total to be paid for the year (by 14 March 2014) please ensure that you use the 'Total annual amount due' total and add the appropriate Pre Kindy fees above. To calculate your direct debit amount, please ensure that you use the 'Total annual fees including brought forward balance' total and not the 'Total annual amount due' total as this includes the discount. Your Term 2, 3 and 4 Pre Kindy fees will need to be added to this amount.

Kindy to Year 6 - 5% Discount & Calculating Direct Debits

The 5% discount only applies to students in Kindy to Year 6, only on the tuition component for these students and for accounts paid in full by the due date. When calculating your direct debit, please ensure that you use the 'Total annual fees including brought forward balance' total and not the 'Total annual amount due' total as this includes the discount.

Please ensure your direct payment amount is sufficient to pay your school fees in total by the end of November 2014. Please allow a one to two week time frame between when you drop the direct payment form into the office and your chosen start date.

Fees not on a direct payment plan are due on Friday 14 March 2014.

Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?

St Jerome’s Classroom Volunteers

The St Jerome’s MAD Volunteers work 1:1 with students or occasionally with a very small group in a separate area to the classroom. The volunteers help the students to consolidate their skills in the area of language through:

- oral activities,
- reading activities,
- reading practice and
- phonics and word games

Parents can choose a Year Group, time frame (30 or 40 minutes) and day of the week. Parents can also let us know if they have a preference for one or two activity styles only, such as oral reading and/or word/sound games.

We encourage you to consider Making A Difference at St Jerome’s this year!

A ‘hands on’ information session will be held next MONDAY 24 February from 1.15 - 3pm in the Discovery Room. We hope you can join us and invite you to complete the attached reply slip indicating your attendance.

EXISTING VOLUNTEERS: A meeting for existing volunteers will be held this coming Monday 17 February at 2.30pm in the Discovery Room. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your preference for MAD sessions for Term 1, 2014.

Joanna Roper
Disability Support Coordinator

MAD Volunteer Notice

I am a new volunteer and can attend the MAD session on Monday 24 February at 1.15pm.

I cannot attend the MAD session next week but would be interested in further information.

NAME____________________________________Ph_____
Child’s Class_______
Welcome back to Term 1 from OSH Club! We have had a fantastic start back to the year at OSH Club with lots of new families and children joining us. It has been exciting to see some of our families return and share in the excitement with children of being a year older at school.

During week one at OSH Club, we celebrated different cultures by exploring and learning about the Chinese New Year. Children made Chinese Cherry Blossom Trees, Chinese Fans and learnt about the Zodiac Animals and that this year is the year of the Horse. Children also learnt traditional Chinese games, including Chinese Ball, Chinese Order, and played a game of Chinese Whispers.

In week two at OSH Club, we are again celebrating cultures by exploring and learning about the Olympics, in particular, the Winter Olympics. The theme for week two at OSH Club is “OSHClub Olympics”.

If you would like to find out more about what we are doing at OSH Club, please feel free to drop in and give us a visit any time.

For general enquiries, please contact us at 0429-068-233 (7-9am, 2.30-6pm Mon-Fri). For account enquiries, please contact 9261 3200.

Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc.

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to take this opportunity to welcome staff, children and parents back to the new school year.

Please bear in mind that when you have your first P&F meeting for the year, if there is any assistance or advice that we can help you with, please call Siobhan Allen (Liaison Officer) on 0409 025 683 or the call the PFFWA office on 9271 5909.

We look forward to a great year working with you, and of course to seeing as many of you as possible at our 60th Annual Anniversary Dinner and Conference on 23/24 May 2014. Please visit our website to keep updated on the conference, or look for us on Facebook. http://pff.wa.edu.au

Dads Raising Teenage Girls –
Thursday 27 February at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle 6.30-9pm $25.00 per person.

The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time. Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter.

Mums Raising Boys - up to the age of 12 yrs
Wednesday 26 February at Fremantle 10 – 12.30 (daytime)
Thursday 1 May at Fremantle; 6.30pm – 9pm.
$25.00 per person

For further information please ring 9489 6322
Do you have room for a foster child?

If you make room in your heart and home for a foster child, you’ll change their life forever. You’ll give them a chance to be safe and nurtured, as every child deserves to be. We need people like you.

Unable to foster but looking to get involved?
As a Wanslea Foster Friend you can support foster families in your area by providing baby-sitting, meals, house duties, transport, mentoring, tutoring or donating clothing, toys or money. We also need your help to find more foster carers to meet the growing demand.

For more information, come to a Foster Care Information Session on Saturday March 15 from 12-2 at Wanslea Cloverdale 311-313 Abernethy Road Cloverdale. To register call 9245 2441 or email: support@wanslea.asn.au www.fosternow.com.au or follow Wanslea Foster Care on Facebook

Great Cocky Count Workshop

Interested in saving an endangered species?
Then come along to the Free Great Cocky Count workshop and presentation to be trained in roost counting methods.

Includes a sunset “bush walk around” to discuss black cockatoo habitat, food plants, cockatutees, and the revegetation throughout Manning Park.

Refreshments will be provided. Please wear long sleeve shirt, trousers and appropriate footwear.

Manning Park
Friday 7th March 5-8pm.
Meeting Point: Dalmatian Club car park
Azela Rd, Spearwood

Register NOW with Environmental Services on 9411 3444 or email customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au

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OPEN MORNING
27 March 2014 9:30am - 11:30am
Please RSVP: admin@iona.wa.edu.au

Iona Presentation College offers a Catholic Education for girls Years 7-12. Find out more about scholarships and opportunities for your daughter at

www.iona.wa.edu.au

2015 Scholarship applications close 8 March 2014

Glow ride
AROUND BIBRA LAKE — SAT 22 FEB

Glow ride is a colourful and fun family friendly event

Riders should bring up their rides and bikes with everything that glows and sparkles

Prizes for the best dressed bikes

Registrations for the event to: cycling@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Bike Doctor will be present to do heath checks on riding bike

Bring a picnic lunch or go afterwards.

Registrations also taken at the playground carpark. 7am on the night.

T: 9411 3444
E: cycling@cockburn.wa.gov.au
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Committed to accessible and inclusive events

Santa Maria College
TOUR DAYS

Santa Maria College extends a warm invitation to you and your family to attend one of our College Tour Days on Friday 4 April or Saturday 5 April 2014.

Tea and coffee will be available in the McDonald Building at 9.00 am, with formal presentations commencing at 9.30 am. This will be followed by a tour of the College grounds.
St Jerome’s Expression of Interest
2014 Season
We Invite New and Existing Players to Join!!

To register your interest please complete the following form and either return to the office in the netball box provided or email kmc@iinet.net.au no later than 28th February 2014.

Child’s Name:...........................................................................................................
(If your child has played before please put their grade for eg JF6)
Date of Birth: ...........................................................................................................
Address: ...................................................................................................................
Parent/Guardian Name: ...........................................................................................
Home Phone: ...........................................................................................................
Mobile Phone: .........................................................................................................
Email Address: ........................................................................................................

UNIFORM:  Shirt Size................................................................................................
Skirt Size.................................................................................................................

(As a guide please use your current sizing for the sports top and shorts being worn)

CLUB INVOLVEMENT:
To ensure your club runs smoothly the club requires the assistance from many volunteers. Please tick the box where you can help the club.

Coaching or Assisting  □
Social Events + Fundraising  □

When the season registration commences in March further details will be sent out.
Any questions or queries please contact:
Kylie 0417 993 216 or Di 0412 519 929
Welcome to an exciting year of making music!
Mrs Searle and I are really looking forward to working with the staff, parents and children here at St. Jerome’s Primary School.

Music is an area that we are passionate about … we absolutely love it and one of our major aims in teaching music is to make it enjoyable, fun and accessible for all children! The following statements are the foundation of our philosophy towards music learning and underline the importance of music as a learning area.

- **Music is fun!**
- **Music is for everyone.**
- **Music is unique as it can develop a person holistically.**
- **Music offers joy, beauty, connection and community.**
- **Music develops creativity and self expression.**
- **Music promotes children’s confidence and self esteem.**
- **Music enriches lives by providing an integrated experience through singing, saying, moving, dancing and playing.**
- **Music crosses language barriers as it is an alternative form of communication.**
- **Music is active as well as passive.**

**Classroom Music Programme**

This year all classes will be involved in Classroom Music Lessons. Mrs Searle will be teaching students in Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1 classes. I will be teaching students in Years 2-6 classes.

The Classroom Music Programme is a programme that aims to develop concepts and skills in the areas of **Rhythm, Melody, Harmony, Form and Expression.**

These concepts will be developed through **singing, playing instruments, guided listening, moving** and **reading and writing music.**

**Liturgical Music Programme**

There will be singing rehearsals for students to prepare for liturgical and sacramental celebrations. Liturgical Singing Sessions will take place – fortnightly - at the following times:
- **Junior Liturgical Singing** – Tuesday afternoons 2.15 – 3.00 p.m.
- **Senior Liturgical Singing** – Wednesday afternoons 2.15 – 3.00 p.m.

**Choral Programme**

**Junior Choirs**

Mrs Searle will be taking Year Level Choir Sessions for Years 1-3 students on Tuesday afternoons.
Senior Choir

Senior Choir is available to students in Years 4, 5 and 6 with rehearsals taking place in the Hall on Thursday afternoons from 1.15 – 2.00 p.m.

I am asking students interested in committing to the Senior Choir to attend our first two rehearsals. After this, students still wanting to participate in the Senior Choir Programme for 2014 will be required, along with their parents/guardians, to sign a contract formalising their decision to be involved. This process should enable students to make an informed decision about their involvement in the Senior Choir and make them aware of the requirement to commit to the year’s work.

Our first Senior Choir rehearsal for the year will be next Thursday 20th February. Prospective choir members are asked to meet Mrs de Kluyver in the Hall at 1.15 p.m.

Instrumental and Vocal Programme

The Instrumental and Vocal Programme is available to students in Years 2-6. Lessons take place during school time. Instrumental Music Enrolment Forms are available from the School Front Office.

Instrumental Ensemble Programme

This year we have two instrumental ensembles available for student involvement - School Band and Guitar Ensemble.

These instrumental ensembles are available to students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have had at least one year’s experience in their chosen instrument and are successful in their audition.

School Band rehearsals will take place in the Music Room on Tuesday afternoons from 1.15 – 2.00 p.m. Guitar Ensemble rehearsals will take place in the Music Room on Wednesday afternoons from 1.15 – 2.00 p.m.

Auditions for student involvement in either the School Band or Guitar Ensemble will take place during Weeks 3 and 4. If students are successful in securing a position, they will be notified by letter. They and their parents/guardians will be required to sign a contract formalising their decision to commit to their nominated programme. This process should enable students to make an informed decision about their involvement in these ensembles and make them aware of the requirement to commit to the year’s work.

Participating in these ensemble situations will enable students to extend their musical skill and ability and provide them with the opportunity to play in a social setting with other musicians.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead ... musically speaking it promises to be a very exciting one!

Carmel Searle and Amanda de Kluyver
Music Specialist Teachers
The P&F invites you to join in our School Fee Raffle. Tickets are $10.00 each and gives you the chance to win the following great prizes off your school account:

1st Prize $1,000 off your school account
2nd Prize $300 off your school account
3rd Prize $100 off your school account

To participate please fill in the form below and return it in an envelope with the correct money to the marked box in the office no later than Wednesday 5th March 2014. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th March 2014.

________________________________________________________________________

**School Fee Raffle Ticket Form**

Name:________________________________________
Eldest Child Name & Year _________________________________
Phone Number:  ____________________________________ _____
I wish to purchase _______ tickets at $10.00 per ticket.
I have enclosed $_____________