Dear parents, children and friends

In this season of often wild, wet and windy weather, we might reflect on Noah and how he managed to stay afloat in the Great Flood. These thoughts are lessons for life.

**The Woodpecker might have to go!**
Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah’s Ark

1. Don’t miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you’re 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don’t listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety’s sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you’re stressed, float for a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm. When you are with God, there’s always a rainbow waiting.

Please use this holiday time to buy the correct type and colour of sports shoes.

I have noticed many children who are wearing brightly coloured shoes. Even their excuse that these shoes make them “run faster” at the Cross Country is not a reason to make our smart uniform look tatty.

It is relatively easy to find white sports shoes. Even “Best and Less” has a white sports shoe. Adidas and Puma also make a good quality white shoe. Ask other parents where they bought their shoes. Please note the correct styles on the attached photo. You’ll notice that all these shoes have white laces too.
Reports are being sent home on Thursday 3rd July. These reports have been carefully written by the teacher; edited by a trusted colleague and then given to me for a final check and for my signature. Human frailty being what it is, we may have missed a small typographical error. We ask for your understanding if this has occurred. We will be very happy to adjust any errors if you bring back the report next term.

THANK YOU to everyone for each valuable minute you spend listening to your children read, sharing reading with them, reading to them and, most of all, encouraging them to LOVE books and reading. It is obvious from the progress your children are making that it is indeed time well spent. Congratulations! You may be interested in the following graphic that demonstrates just how important home reading really is.

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I once read of a teacher who sent home this message to parents at the beginning of the year:-

“If you don’t believe everything your child says about school, I promise not to believe everything he tells me about home!”

Children do often jump in the car full of incredible stories which are based upon what they’ve heard, what they thought they saw or what they believed happened.

Please don’t jump to conclusions or accept the child’s view that they had nothing at all to do with the incident. As the wise saying expresses so well, there are always two sides to every story. Children have a way of slanting things to benefit them, or to make the story interesting, and sometimes this means leaving out important information. If you have a concern about something your child tells you we said or did in class or a playground incident, please ask us about it first. You may be surprised at what actually happened.
What counts for a lot is the timing – when we hear of incidents. Our children know that “if you don’t tell us on the day, it’s too late!” This serves as a reminder to children to let their class teacher know on the day of the incident. There is no point in going home and saying something, but saying nothing at school. Knowing on the day puts teachers in the best position possible to get both sides of the story. A parent/guardian coming in a day or two later with a concern about something that they have been told has happened, means that gathering of information is dependent on the recollections of children, which become more vague the longer times goes by.

Please also remember that it is NEVER acceptable for an adult to confront a child and tell them off for something that has supposedly happened to your child. Just consider the age of even the oldest child here and use the Golden Rule before you rush in blaming madly. Would you like it if another adult yelled at your child? Of course not! Working as a team, we can all teach our children how to respond in an appropriate way to life and living.

On Tuesday 1st July the Interschool Dance Team participated in the Dancezone Ballroom Competition. The Year 4 – 6 students competed in various dances such as the Cha Cha, Slow Rhythm, Jive and Square Rumba. The children had to compete in heats with the selected partners coming back to dance in the final. After all 32 events were completed, St Jerome’s came out on top by one point. Congratulations to all dancers involved and especially those who won medals on the day. All students were extremely well behaved and displayed excellent sportsmanship and a positive attitude.

Enjoy your holidays. Look forward to seeing you all back in Term 3.

Helen O’Toole
Principal
Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data. This data is about the number of students that we provide some form of adjustment for in the classroom or playground. Please do not be misled by the title, which refers specifically to Students with Disabilities. Within our school this will include any child with a Medical Plan, Health Care Plan eg. (asthma, anaphylaxis,) Individual Education Plan, Behaviour Management Plan or Curriculum Adjustment Plan. Students participating in Multi-Lit, Mini-Lit or Reading Recovery Programs will be included.

We have approximately 18 children across our school with a diagnosed disability. For the purposes of this data collection we will be contacting just over 120 families of children that staff have identified as receiving some form of support or adjustment. Let me stress again, this is not just about students with disabilities, so please do not get caught up with the title.

The name of the school and the names of the students will not be reported. Information about the different types of needs and the programs, resources and adjustments the school uses to support students will be collected.

We think it is important to contribute to this collection as it will assist Governments and Catholic Education to make better policies and to understand the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all of our students.

If you would like to read more about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability you can visit this website www.deewr.gov.au/students-disability.

If you do not want your child/ren to be included please email the school at the following email address, roper.joanna@cathednet.wa.edu.au explaining why you do not want your child/ren’s data included, by Wednesday 23rd July, 2014.

If you do have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Joanna Roper by phone here at school, or by email roper.joanna@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

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Helen O'Toole
Principal
These photos of Zambian students using our donated desks & chairs will warm your heart. These would have ended up in landfill but for our Finance Office, Vicky Harvey finding about this venture. Even the sea container was used too!
Religious Education News

St Thomas, Apostle
Thursday 3 July

St Thomas was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. He is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection. He was unwilling to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday. St Thomas was given the title of “Doubting Thomas”. Eight days later, on Christ’s second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded – seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails and putting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into His side. At this, St Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and exclaimed: “My Lord and My God,” thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

St Thomas’ Feast Day is July 3rd and he is the patron saint of architects.

(Adapted from www.catholic.org July, 2014)

First Eucharist – Important Dates

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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

School Banking
“Colour in the Dollarmites” Competition

The winners are:-
1st Place: Caitlyn J (3 Red)
2nd Place: Matthew T (2 Blue)

Congratulations!

Instrumental Program

Vocal Lessons
If you interested in vocal lessons, we have two vacancies for Term 3. Please contact Marisa De Vattimo, our vocal tutor, direct on 0404 788 160 to discuss your child’s enrolment.

Uniform Shop

Opening Times

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In Term 3 there will be a change to the opening days for the uniform shop. It will be open on Mondays as usual and then Fridays instead of Thursday. Usual opening hours continue as 8.15am to 3.30pm.

Advanced Notice

Change of Assembly Time

Week 3, Term 3

Please note that the start time of the assembly on Thursday, 7th August (Week 3, Term 3) will be 9.10am, instead of 2.15pm.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: NEW CROSS COUNTRY DATE AND VENUE

Unfortunately the St Jerome’s Year 3-6 Faction Cross Country Carnival was cancelled today due to the heavy rain in the early morning. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused however the forecast was for this weather to persist into the early afternoon. The carnival will take now take place on Wednesday 23rd July on the school grounds.

This is a compulsory event for all children in Years 3-6. Please encourage your child to participate to the best of their ability. Long distance racing provides valuable learning opportunities in regards to perseverance and will power, as well as the health importance of cardiovascular endurance. Children should not be permitted to stay home simply because they do not like cross country.

The competition will take place from approximately 9.00 to 11.00am. Your child will require a drink bottle, hat and any medication they might need. This event will only be cancelled again in the occurrence of extreme weather conditions. Now that the event will be held on school grounds the option exists to simply delay the start time. Please still consider sending your child to school with their formal uniform or a spare sports uniform to change into in the event they do get wet.

Approximate Times of Races:
Year 3: 9.10-9.30am
Year 4: 9.30-10.00am
Year 5: 10.00-10.30am
Year 6: 10.30-11.00am

Presentations will be in the school undercover area at 2.40. Certificates will be presented to the students who place 1st-4th as well as medallions to the champion and runner up champions from each race.

Uniform: Sports uniform (this can be worn all day).
Requirements: Suitable running shoes (not spikes), school hat, water bottle and any medication they may require.
Permission: As this event will now be held on school grounds, written permission is no longer required.

Regards
Taryn Kalat
Physical Education Teacher

P & F Quiz Night News

St Jerome’s P & F would like to thank the Bianchini Family and Cooling Brothers Glass Company for donating the glass picture below to our Quiz Night.

The dimensions for this are approximately 1800mm x 1800mm and the glass picture is worth $1700. Should you be interested or know of anybody who may be interested in making an offer or bidding for this picture please contact Tonia Wilson on 0407434955 or email Tonia.Wilson11@gmail.com

Please refer to the Donors’ Page at the back of this newsletter..
2014 PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Each year the Catholic Education Office facilitates a Performing Arts Festival. The Performing Arts Festival for Catholic Schools and Colleges is not a competition but a forum where young people can gain experience performing before a public or semi-public audience to the very best of their ability. The Festival also provides opportunities for students to share their gifts with the wider community.

This year, a number of students from St. Jerome’s Primary School have been entered in the Instrumental Solo/Duet Sections. Performance details for students entered in the Instrumental Solo/Duet Sections were sent home with students last week.

Our St. Jerome’s Liturgical Dance Group has once again been entered in the Christian Dance Section of the Festival. The Liturgical Dance Group is scheduled to perform on Thursday 7th August (Week 3, Term 3) at the Chapel of St. Brigid, Mercy College (Beach Road, Koondoola). The performance session is from 11.30 – 12.30 p.m. There will also be a rehearsal for the Liturgical Dance Group at the venue on Tuesday 5th August (Week 3, Term 3). A huge ‘THANK YOU’ to Mrs McKinnon and Mrs Phipps for preparing our Liturgical Dance Group for the Performing Arts Festival! We are so fortunate to have people with your expertise here on staff at St. Jerome’s Primary School!

We have also entered our St. Jerome’s Primary School Senior Choir in the Primary Liturgical Choral Music Section of the Festival. The Senior Choir is scheduled to perform on Wednesday 13th August (Week 4, Term 3) at St. Benedict’s Church (Corner of Canning Highway and Ardross Street, Applecross). Our performance session is from 1.15 – 2.30 p.m. The Senior Choir will leave school at about 12:15 p.m. and travel by bus to St. Benedict’s Church. We hope to return to school by 3.10 p.m.

Parents are asked to please note the following important information:

- **TRANSPORT** - Parents or caregivers are responsible for transporting students entered in the Instrumental Solo/Duet Sections of the Festival. All participants must be at their performance venue at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled session time and endeavour to remain until the end of the session. Students involved in the Senior Choir and Liturgical Dance Group will travel to and from their performance venues by bus. This transport will be organised by the school.

- **ITEM INTRODUCTION** - Participants are required to announce their name, school, item and introduce their accompanist (if they have one) immediately prior to their performance.

- **MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTS** - Parents and caregivers are asked to ensure that students come prepared for their performance by bringing the appropriate music and instrument (if required).

- **WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM** – All students participating in the Performing Arts Festival, with the exception of the Liturgical Dance Group, are asked to please wear their full winter school uniform. It is requested that students be well groomed for this occasion – shoes polished, hair brushed, clean and correct uniform.

- **PARENT AND FRIENDS** – Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. To assist in covering costs, admission costs will be: adults $4.00; school age children (not performing) $3.00; children under school age - no charge. A season pass is available for $12.00 per person, and a family pass for $25.00 – available at Festival venues. (Admission charges are GST inclusive.)

Thank you for taking note of this important information and for your continued support.

I am sure that all students involved in this year’s Performing Arts Festival will thoroughly enjoy it and gain valuable experience in many ways.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the Performing Arts Festival, please contact me at school.

Amanda de Kluyver
Music Specialist Teacher
Games without guilt for the school holidays

If you're looking for some fun, educational school holiday games, Splash has you covered. Our close to 200 games take students of all ages from learning about Roman history in Q.E.D, to playing with decimals in Wishball, and learning to rhyme with Words and Pictures. While games are on their minds, remind students to enter our Games from Scratch competition by sending in a 60-second video of a game they've created, for the chance to win a video camera! Entries close 24 July. Just Google Splash ABC or go directly to http://splash.abc.au/games

Holiday Activities
Join your local library!

HERMAN AND ROSIE
Presented by Kaleidoscope Ensemble

Show dates:-
- Wednesday, 09 July, 2014
- Thursday, 10 July, 2014
- Friday, 11 July, 2014
- Saturday, 12 July, 2014

Playing at Subiaco Arts Centre

Booking Information

Storyteller GILLIAN CATLOW
Musicians: LIBBY HAMMER, STEPHANIE NICHOLLS, CHARLES HOERNEMANN, GILLIAN CATLOW, MARK SPROGOWSKI, KARL FLORISSON, BRONTON AINSWORTH

Herman and Rosie - The Kaleidoscope Ensemble’s musical adaptation of Gus Gordon’s award winning picture book.

Australian author/illustrator Gus Gordon’s charming and timeless story of loneliness and belonging in a big city is brought to life by a storyteller and seven-piece jazz combo featuring Perth’s leading jazz vocalist, Libby Hammer.

With the wonderfully whimsical illustrations as a backdrop, the audience will feel the summertime subway breeze and smell the hotdogs as they listen to Rosie singing her heart out and Herman playing his groovy oboe licks. The music, mainly from the 40s and 50s, includes such evergreens as Jeepers Creepers, Things Ain’t What They Used to Be and Lullaby of Broadway.

Kaleidoscope’s production will bring a smile to the heart of anyone who loves a great story and great music.
Community News

Mums Raising Boys - up to the age of 12 years. Wednesday 23rd July at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30-9 $25.00
However well-prepared mothers are logically, the emotional response to having a boy is often still, ‘Wow! This is unknown territory.’ It is true that for many mothers, the idea of raising a son carries its own set of worries. As the primary female role model in a boy’s life, mothers play an important role in the development of their son’s identity including their ability to be nurturing. This in turn affects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women.

Dads Raising Teenage Boys – Wednesday 23rd July at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville. 6.30-9 $25.00
Raising teenage boys can be challenging but there can also be exceptional times of fun and closeness. The Dads Raising Teenage Boys workshop is designed to assist fathers and father figures navigate their way through the teen years so as to help build positive relationships and strong positive young men for the future.

Kids and Today’s Technology – Tuesday 22nd and 29th July at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30-9 $35.00 per person and $50 per couple.
Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology. Your knowledge of what’s out there, how it’s being used and how you manage it in your home will have a direct impact on your kids’ learning and safety.

Parent Teen Connection – Monday 28th July x 4 weeks at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30-9. $50 per person/ $75 per couple.
We have all come through adolescence – do we remember? It has always been a challenging, sometimes frustrating period of life’s journey. Thankfully, today’s parents are usually more inclined to listen. Living with teenagers can be confusing and even worrying, but also rewarding. This course reduces stress and teaches parents to communicate, negotiate and minimise conflict.

For further information please phone 9489 6322
FOOTBALL WEST presents

GIRLS KICK AND TRY DAY

DATE: Friday 18th July 2014 (School Holidays)
TIME: 10.00am to 12.00noon
WHO: Girls aged 8 to 12 years
WHERE: Gibbon Reserve, Maylands
BRING: Suitable gear to participate in football activities and a small sided soccer game equipment, Injinet, soccer boots or runners, water bottle, referee medication if required. Please dress appropriately for the weather eg; grandma’s shirt and sun jacket if frosty.
RSVP: development@footballwest.com.au by Monday 14th July 2014.

FREE Community Program

The City of Cockburn presents

FROGGY’S FUN ON THE GREEN

Mobile outdoor play sessions for anyone with young children aged 0 - 5 years

Leap into fun with the City of Cockburn’s mobile outdoor play sessions! Offering fun activities for children and a chance for parents, grandparents and carers to connect with others and access information and support.

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY
TERM THREE 2014 - (TUESDAY LOCATION CHANGES EACH TERM)
COMMENCING TUESDAY 22 JULY 2014

• Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am
  Manning Park,
  Acrila Road, Hamilton Hill

• Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am (Indoor Option)
  Cockburn Community Hall
  (Children’s Activity Room/Outdoor playground)
  90 Corinda Ave
  Cockburn

Come see the play sessions. Kids can get hands-on with all activities green and back.

T: 9411 3444
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/froggy

To be held at Davilak Oval Clubrooms on Saturday the 26th of July 2014 from 11.00am to 1.00pm
If you would like to attend please email, call or text with numbers to:
Michelle Alford 0421 215 242 registrar.cockburnjfc@gmail.com

Cockburn Junior Football Club would like to invite all past and present players, coaches and families to our

60TH ANNIVERSARY (1954 - 2014)

Holiday Hoop Time Camp

Who: 5 to 16 year olds (no basketball experience required)
Where: Wally Hagan Basketball Stadium
      Starling Street, Hamilton Hill
When: July 7th - 11th 2014
      9am - 3pm
What: Basketball/Multiple Sports
      Fantastic coaches and a great time
      Canteen: open during camp
Cost: $150x5days /$35x1day (pay before June 30
to receive $15 discount)
      $10 discounts per additional sibling or $10
discount for first time campers.
      Additional sibling & first time camper’s
discounts cannot be used together.
      Contact: development@cockburncougars.com
      or 9339101.

Guest Appearance from
Perth Wildcats & Cougar 3x3 players.
THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

Businesses and families for supporting the 2014 Quiz Night.

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Lottery West
The Cheesecake Shop Spearwood

Jamie’s Italian
Peppermint Grove Jewellers
Joys Kitchen

Mosman’s Restaurant
Massage Club - Success
Natalie Ditullio

Oliveri’s IGA Liquor
Ootong & Lincoln
Pacific Datacom

Pacific Industrial Company
Parties Kids Remember
Peaches Fresh

PB Training
Perth Racing
Perth Royal Show

Pilates Fit
Poolwerx Spearwood
Price Attack Innaloo

Rockingham Wild Encounters
Rosa Lenzo
Troy Lambert

Safety Pro Fire & Safety
Salt on the Beach
Scarvaci’s IGA

Serenitii Gifts
6PR Radio
Select Steel Pty Ltd

South Lakes Leisure Centre
Spearwood 7 Day Pharmacy
Spearwood Furniture

Sumpec Vegetables
The Gate Bar & Bistro
Erceg & Co Pty Ltd

The Hotel Ibis
The Swim Factory
Three Angels Jewellery

Total Alarms & Security
Tropical Twist
Vino Rosso

Viva Photography
Warehouse Fitness
Willow Bags

Human Capital Revolution
Bob’s Shoes
The Tolic Family

Snap Fitness Spearwood
Petko Furniture & Cabinet Works
Shop Now HQ

Sew It Seams
Caravel Gifts & Homewares
Aussie Outdoor Alfresco Café

Europa Sport
Two Feet & A Heart Beat Walking
Blinds

Zubias Threading
G & C Sheetmetal
Make Your Mark Art Café