Reflection
“Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their Master’s table!”
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,
“Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”
But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying,
“Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered,
“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him,
Saying, “Lord, help me.”

He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”
She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their
master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done
for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. (Matthew 15:21-28).

The disciples wanted to turn this woman away and Jesus appears to re think his approach
after her response. Are we open to change, prepared to learn from others? How does our
Faith stack up with our actions?

Lord God, help us to be open to new learning and faithful to your word, to treat all people
All of God’s creatures, with dignity and respect. We contemplate the new life that Jesus has opened for us.
As Jesus was challenged to grow by the Canaanite woman, challenge us to grow in
Respect for the dignity of each person we encounter. Like the Canaanite woman, we ask You to lift
Our humanity into the dignity and glory You offer. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Dear Parents/Carer’s

BOOK WEEK – Special Day at school tomorrow:
Each year we celebrate Book Week at school. This year the theme is “Connect to Reading”. This year we are
celebrating all the cultures in our school and, in fact, the world. Our main celebrations are both on Thursday
21st August:

(1) Children dress in the colors of any country – the children can wear casual clothing to school for the
day, combining any colors that represent a country – eg. red, white and blue for France,
orange, green and white for Ireland or red and white for Japan.
(N.B. Children in Year 2/3 are asked to bring their dress-up clothes in a bag and they can
change into them after they return from their Apple Store excursion.)

(2) All families are invited to our CULTURAL DINNER in the evening. This will be held at school
at 6.00pm. We are asking that families bring along some food from their country of origin, so that all
family members can have a very small portion.

FIRST COMMUNION:
On Sunday August 31st, we have 4 children making their First Holy Communion at Annunciation Church at
11:00a.m. Mass. Could I ask all families to keep Michael Paulino, Nancy Galiano, Ethan Donovan and
Emma Griffiths in your prayers as they prepare for a very special day in their lives.
We would love to see other school families in attendance, on the day, to share in the celebration.

YEARS 2-6 INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Tuesday of next week, August 26th, all the children in years 2-6 will be involved in Athletics with
children from a number of local primary schools. A note has already gone home to all the families of these
children. It will be a great day for the children. Hopefully the weather is kind.
Annunciation was opened by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1965 and so in 2015 we have the chance to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the school. There will be a meeting on Wednesday September 10th at 7:00p.m. to gather information and ideas about how we might celebrate this milestone next year.

WHO: Anyone with a connection to Annunciation (Past or Present)
WHEN: Wednesday September 10th at 7:00p.m.
WHERE: Annunciation School – Community Room

Come along with your thoughts, ideas, questions and suggestions. Please also tell others who have a connection to the school, as we need as many interested people at the meeting as we can get.

“DADS AND KIDS NIGHT”
On Friday September 5th, (Father’s Day celebrations) we will again be holding a fun evening for dads (and grand-dads) and kids here at school. We need to start planning what we will be doing this year, so on Monday evening, August 25th at 6:00p.m., there will be a short meeting in the staffroom for any dads who would like to help out. Please come along with your ideas.

WORKING BEE
Saturday morning, August 30th, we will be holding a Working Bee at the school to clean up the grounds and the gardens. The working bee will go from 10a.m. to 12p.m. “Many Hands Make Light Work.” If you are able to come along and help we would appreciate it. Bring along general gardening tools - shovels, rakes, trimmers, edgers, wheelbarrows, pruning saws, etc. We look forward to seeing you here.

INSIGHT S.R.C. SURVEYS
Thank you to all those families that have responded to the Survey that was sent home last week. All families that haven’t yet responded are asked to complete the survey, either on paper or online, by this Friday. Our school is to undergo a major review next year and the information that you feed back to us, informs us of your opinions of the strengths of Annunciation Catholic School and the areas where we need to improve.

SCHOOL FEES
Friendly reminder Term 3 school fees are now due. Could you please bring your accounts up to date as soon as possible? If you wish to discuss any matters about school fees, could you please see either Barry or Connie. Thank you.

UNIFORMS
There have been quite a lot of problems this year with uniform items being misplaced, lost etc. Could you please make sure that you label each item of uniform with your child’s name. You must check on a regular basis that their name is still visible after a few washes. We have also had cases where an item has been labelled but unable to be found anywhere in the school. Could you please check to see if your child has brought home a windcheater/bomber jacket that is not theirs and return to school.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
All monies and/or unsold chocolates should be returned to school by this Friday, please. Thank you to all families who have already returned monies or chocolates.

END OF TERM – PLEASE NOTE!
The children’s last day this term will be on Thursday September 18th. In the evening of that day we invite all families to come to a short dance concert, where each class will demonstrate a couple of the dances that they have learned as part of the Footsteps Dance program that they participate in, at school, each week. The concert will begin at 6:00p.m. and be all over before 7:00p.m.

On Friday September 19th, the staff will be at school participating in professional development around the improved use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN 2015?
Those families that have a child entering school next year are asked to collect an enrolment form from the office and complete it. If anyone knows of another family that wishes to enroll their child, or come and have a look at Annunciation, please encourage them to make contact also. We are always very eager to welcome new families into the Annunciation family.
## Calendar Dates To Note

### Term 3

| Week 6 | Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> | Book Week  
Dress Up Day – Colors of a country.  
Yrs 2/3 to the Apple Store at Highpoint  
Family Cultural Dinner – 6p.m. |
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| Week 7 | Mon 25<sup>th</sup> | 6:00p.m. Meeting for any Dads to plan ‘Dads and Kids’ night (Staffroom)  
7:00p.m. Parents and Friends Meeting  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> | Yrs 2-6 involved in Inter-school Athletics Carnival at Newport  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> | Yrs F/1 to the Apple Store at Highpoint  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> | Working Bee at school (10am-noon)  
Sun 31<sup>st</sup> | First Communion Mass at 11:00a.m. |
| Week 8 | Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> | Father’s Day Stall for children  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> | Footy Finals Fun – Children can wear the colours of their favourite football team to school.  
Dads and Kids Night – 6:00p.m. start  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> | Father’s Day |
| Week 9 | Wed 10th | 7pm Meeting to plan for Annunciation School’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. |
| Week 10 | Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> | 6pm – 7pm Dance concert for all children and families in Community Room.  
**Last day of term 3 for children.**  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> | **Pupil Free Day** - Staff ICT Professional Development Day |

Barry Ennis

Well done to our Music Industry students who produced the College Showcase evening – the staging, lighting, visuals and sound were first-class. Congratulations also to our talented performers – string ensemble, choir, singers, bands, instrumentalists and dancers on the outstanding quality of their performances - the result of many years of hard work and perseverance.

**Emmanuel College Open Day 14th Sept 2014:**

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