Reflection

The Transfiguration of the Lord
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen
We remember this the lives lost in the scalding light of Hiroshima
Help us Father to be open to the light of your Son in our lives.
‘We were there when he was given honor and glory by God the Father,
when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying
“This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased!”’
We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven, when we were with him on
the holy mountain. So we are even more confident of the message proclaimed by the prophets.
You will do well to pay attention to it, because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place until the
Day dawns and the light of the morning star shines in your hearts.’ (2 Peter 1:17-19)
Illuminating God, in the scalding light of Hiroshima we have seen our power to destroy;
Now show us ourselves in the fullness of your radiant image and will, in the shining face of your son,
Jesus, transfigured on the holy mountain, through whom we pray. Grant that by our living in your Spirit, we
may radiate your love to all. Amen

Dear Parents/Carer’s
Each class has enjoyed a marvelous excursion over the last week or so, in the city of Melbourne. Each of the
main places that we visited would be worth a return visit with the whole family. Parliament House, the State
Library and the MCG have wonderful spaces, displays and history for the whole family to enjoy. We can
strongly recommend each as a terrific way to spend half a day with your family.

This Friday is the feast day of St. Mary of the Cross (Mary McKillop). Mary McKillop is the only
canonised Australian saint. She was born in Melbourne in 1842 and worked in many parts of Australia and
New Zealand. She began the Josephite order, the very same order that opened Annunciation school, back in
1965 – 50 years ago next year. The children in year Foundation to year 3 will be attending Mass at 10a.m.
All family members are invited to join the children at Mass, if you wish.

Next Friday, August the 15th, is the feast of the Assumption, the only Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.
Once again, Mass will be held at 10am and all family members are welcome.

BOOK WEEK – AUGUST 18TH TO 22ND:
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.

(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. (a separate note/invitation will be coming out about
our Cultural Meal in the next few days – please keep the evening free.)

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:
Attached to the newsletter is a notice from ACARA – the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting
Authority, about information they are seeking about families from our school. Please read the letter carefully
and make a judgement about whether you are happy with what they are proposing, or not.
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.

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.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Thank you to everyone who supported the day last Friday. The money raised will support medical research. An amount of $94.60 will be forwarded from the families of Annunciation.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
All monies and/or unsold chocolates should be returned to school on Thursday 7th August. If you are unable to sell your chocolates please return them. We still have more boxes to sell if anyone is interested in taking another one. Please see Connie in the office. Thank you to all families who have already returned monies or chocolates.

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**Week 4**
- Fri 8th: Feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mass at 10a.m.

**Week 5**
- Fri 15th: Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass at 10a.m.

**Week 6**
- Thurs 21st:
  - Book Week
  - Dress Up Day – Colors of a country.
  - Yrs 2/3 to the Apple Store at Highpoint
  - Cultural Dinner for the Family – 6p.m.

**Week 7**
- Mon 25th:
  - 6:00p.m. Meeting for any Dads to Plan ‘Dads and Kids’ night (Staffroom)
  - 7:00p.m. Parents and Friends Meeting
- Tues 26th: Yrs 2-6 involved in Inter-school Athletics Carnival at Newport
- Thurs 28th: Yrs F/1 to the Apple Store at Highpoint
- Sat 30th: Working Bee at school (10am-noon)
- Sun 31st: First Communion Mass at 11:00a.m.

**Week 8**
- Thurs 4th: Father’s Day Stall for children
- Fri 5th: Dads and Kids Night
- Sun 7th: Father’s Day
We are continuing to have congestion and problems with vehicles arriving and leaving school. Please note the sign inside the school car park entrance. This was installed several years ago and, when drivers take notice, the congestion and the associated difficulties are far less. We are very eager to see that people follow directions, so that we don’t end up with an accident, parents in conflict. Could I also ask that able-bodied drivers do not park in the Disabled Space. We do have family members who this space has been designated for and they rightly are very annoyed when others take their space. Thank you,

Barry Ennis