Celebrating Community

‘I am the light of the world…’ John 8:12

This mural is designed around the theme ‘Celebrating Community’. St. Damian’s Primary School is a faith filled community who believe and celebrate that Jesus Christ is the light of the world and the centre of their lives.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Ash Wednesday and Lent
Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and as a school we acknowledged the beginning of the Liturgical Season of Lent, by joining our Parish Mass. As we received the ashes we were invited to “Turn to God and Renew your heart.” We thank Father Vincent for celebrating this Mass and we also thank our Religious Education Leader, Aoife McCarthy for her preparation.

Lent is a special time for renewal in many different ways. It is a special time where we are able to reach out to others, to give to others and to make sacrifices. Lent provides a special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life. The prayer below encourages us to think and pray about our actions. It encourages us to find the courage, strength and faith to do better in word and action.

LENT - A REFLECTION

Thoughts for Lent
You asked for my hands
that You might use them for Your purpose.
I gave them for a moment then withdrew them
for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.
I gave You a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life
that you might work through me.
I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.

Lord forgive my calculated efforts to serve You,
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me,
renew me
send me out
as a usable instrument
that I might take seriously
the meaning of Your cross.

Fr. Joe Seremane

New School Mural: Celebrating Community
As you will note on the front of the Newsletter is a photo and brief description of our new school mural. This mural arrived at the conclusion of 2011 and the artist is Mary Jahne, a local person. The mural is displayed in our front foyer and we invite you to come and view it. There is a detailed description provided by Mary Jahne, which is placed on a nearby wall.

Welcome to Pat Cowley
We warmly welcome Pat to St Damian’s as one of our Administration Officers. Pat brings a wealth of experience to our school and we hope that she finds happiness here.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued

Gonski Review
The final report of the Gonski review was released on 20 February. It contains detailed proposals on how schools could be funded in Australia. The report has recommended a new model for schools. At this time the implications in Victoria for Catholic school funding and parent fees are unclear. We will keep you fully informed of any changes that are likely to affect our school. The review called for the injection of an additional $5 billion in school funding. The Australian Government has responded cautiously to this proposal. Prime Minster Gillard has stated that 'indexation will be an element of any new arrangement'. We will wait to see whether this meets the Catholic education position that funding be indexed to keep pace with Government school costs. The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) will work with schools to ensure they are well represented in any government consultations.

Professional Learning Day/ School closure: April 1
Our first professional learning day for 2012 will be held tomorrow, Feb 24. The focus for the day is Mathematics and our facilitator is Doug Clarke. This day has been planned to support our learning relating to contemporary understanding of Mathematics to help us in achieving our “Learning and Teaching” Goal from our School Improvement Plan. Please note that tomorrow is a school closure day and that the children are not expected to attend.

Open Day: March 14
There will be an Open Day on Wednesday, March 14. The main purpose of the Open Day is to provide prospective prep parents with an opportunity to visit our school. However, if you are an existing parent and would like to tour the school, you are welcome to join a tour. Tours will be available at 9.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm and 6.00pm.

North Eastern Zone Annual Principal’s Conference
I will be absent from Tuesday March 6 until Friday, March 9. During that time I will be attending the North Eastern Zone Principals’ Conference. This is being held in Mildura. The focus for our conference is following on from last year’s conference which was focused on: Aboriginal Perspectives and Australian History and it is aligned with the Australian Curriculum. During my absence Marisa Matthys will be Acting Principal and Aoife McCarthy, Acting Deputy. I thank them both for undertaking these roles and please contact them if you require assistance.

Parent Information Evenings
We thank all parents who attended our recent Information Evenings. The teachers planned these very thoroughly, as their objectives were to provide you with relevant information. We hope that you found these sessions valuable and that they will assist you in supporting your children. I thank the teachers for their dedication and time commitment to these evenings.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Thank you for attending our Parent Teacher Interviews I hope that you found it beneficial to have an opportunity to talk to your child’s teacher and to together discuss some goals for the year. If you missed these interviews, the teachers encourage you to make another appointment time, as these early interviews are most important.

Tuckshop Problems
We are making a special request that you do not give your children money to buy other children treats at the Tuckshop. We appreciate that this is a kind gesture, however it is creating problems. Children with allergies and medical conditions are eating items that they are not allowed to eat, and hence there have been ramifications. Please support us in this request.

School Choir and Band
We are pleased to announce our school choir will be continuing this year. The children have been invited to remain in the choir or to join the choir. We have asked the children who are in the choir to make a commitment to it this year and to be available to sing on special occasions, such as Confirmation. Miss Montessano, Miss Quinn and Mr Moore will be leading the choir and we anticipate that the children will enjoy this activity. As for last year we are offering the students an opportunity to join our school band, which operates under the leadership of Mr Moore.

School Education Board
The first meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20 at 7.30pm. Thank you to those who have nominated for the Board and we will require a vote in Year Two. At this stage we have no nominations for Year Three, Year Five and Year Six. Our staff representative this year is Diane Foley and we extend our thanks to her. Angelo Diez, Tania Micomonaco Marisa Matthys and I will be remaining on the Education Board to ensure continuity and consistency.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL Continued

Parent’s Committee
On Tuesday February 7 we held our first Parents’ Committee Meeting. It was wonderful to welcome back our ongoing members and we were delighted to welcome so many new members. We are delighted to announce that our Chairperson for 2012 is Maddie Galgano, the Vice Chairperson is Nicole Raso our Secretary is Wendy Nagel and our Treasurer is Dilani Landers. We thank them for undertaking these important roles. During the meeting many ideas for fundraising were discussed and the first semester was finalised. In addition we discussed that the Parents’ committee is also a community building and social committee.

Coles Sports for Schools
We express our appreciation to all families who provided us with such a numerous amount of Coles Dockets last year. We are delighted to inform you that we were able to acquire a wide variety of equipment with our accumulated 83,065 points. In fact we were able to procure 82 different items.

Correct Footwear
Please ensure that your children wear their black school shoes on all days except the day they are undertaking their physical education.
When they are wearing their sport’s uniform they are expected to wear proper sports shoes. Proper sports shoes are runners with ankle support and plenty of tread on the soles. Soft canvas runners, without laces and ankle support are not appropriate. We would be appreciative of your support.

Prayers
Condolences to Sharon Russell and Family
This week we especially pray for Sharon Russell and all her family. Sharon’s mother Aleida Molenkamp passed away last Wednesday, Feb 15. Many staff attended the funeral and supported Sharon and family. We pray that they will all be strengthened by God’s love.

Lenten Prayer
“God help us to change.
To change ourselves and to change the world.
To know the need for it.
To deal with the pain of it.
To feel the joy of it.
To undertake the journey without
Understanding the destination.
The art of gentle revolution”
Michael Leunig-A Common Prayer

Helen Hannay
Principal

LENTEN REFLECTION MEETINGS:
Discussion, Prayer and Meditation followed by a cuppa in the Dunlop Room

- Wednesday Mornings: 10.00—11.00am. ‘Towards the Light’
  (22, 29 February, 7, 14, 21 & 28 March)
- Thursday Evenings: 7.30-8.30pm. “Lenten Lectio Divina”
  with Pastorelle Sisters (23 February, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 March)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday Evenings 7.30-8.00pm
24 February; 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March with Legion of Mary

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION (1st Rite)
Saturday evenings 5.00-5.30pm. (Before Vigil Mass)

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (2nd Rite)
Communal preparation and individual confession :Wednesday 21st March 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am
Sport News

Victorian Primary School Sports Team Nominations
Any parents of Year 6 students who feel their child excels in a particular sport may be interested in nominating their child to attend trials for School Sport Victoria State Teams. All 21 represented sports are listed on the School Sport Victoria website: https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/default.aspx

Not all sports are participated in at school so I may be unaware of your child’s talents in one of the listed sport. If you are interested in nominating your child you should contact Mr Tim Watson to discuss possible nomination for the appropriate team. Please remember that you must consider your child to be “elite” in their sport as competition for places is extremely competitive considering teams are chosen from students from right across Victoria.

Swimming Trials and Carnival
Congratulations to all of the students who have been selected to represent St Damian’s at the Bundoora District School Sports Association Swimming Carnival to be held on the 1st of March, 2012. If your child has been selected for this carnival they will have received a letter that needs to be returned by Friday the 24th of March.

Thank you also to all of the students who tried out for a place on the team. We enjoyed a great day at Thomastown Pool where the children swam their hearts out and cheered each other on in support. The biggest thank you must go to all of the parents who helped out on the day. Without your help we would be unable to run the trials. I know the students appreciated your support on the day.
Good luck to the St Damian’s Swim Team.
Tim Watson (Sports Co-Ordinator)

We are proud to announce that the winners of the 2011 Butterfly Award were Christopher Bogoefski and Isabella Spataro. The Butterfly Award was introduced in memory of a past student who displayed the qualities of hope, courage and bravery. This annual award is presented to Year Six students who we consider have demonstrated those special qualities of hope, courage and bravery throughout their time at St Damian’s.
**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

PLEASE NOTE:
Winter Tunic orders need to be placed ASAP.

The Uniform Shop will be open every Friday morning from 9.00 - 10.00am for personal shopping.

Orders and money can also be sent via your child's classroom message bin. These orders will be filled and returned to your child the same way on a Friday afternoon.

Order forms can be obtained from the School Office.

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**TENNIS LESSONS**

**Learn To Play Tennis At St. Damian's**

Classes are being organised at present. For further queries please contact Mr. Eamon Moore on Ph: 9435-3889 for lessons. Racquets and balls supplied. If interested please complete the tear-off slip below and return ASAP to the School Office. Lessons begin this week from 7th February.

I wish to enrol my child for tennis lessons.

Child's name: __________________________
Grade: ________________________________
Age: _________________________________
Phone No: _____________________________
Parent’s Name(s): ______________________

Please tick
- Beginner
- Experienced

Preferred Days:
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

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**TUCK SHOP NEWS**

Due to popular demand Nachos will be available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thanks
Lisa - Tuckshop ☺

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**An Information Evening** is to be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1 Oldstead Road, Greensborough on Monday, March 19th 2012, 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Ample parking is available at St Saba’s Orthodox Church.

The Speaker is Silvia Kennett speaking on childhood anxiety.

Cost is $15 per person and can be made online at http://Ez.com/infonight

For more information phone: 0424 469 458

Please note, due to venue capacity and parking, seats are strictly limited. Registrations are essential and close on March 12th 2012.
Get ready for 2012 with
Watsonia Heights Junior Soccer Club!
We will have New Clubrooms and New Teams so we need
NEW PLAYERS!
Under 7 to Under 18, Boys and Girls
We’re a family friendly club focussed on fun and player development.

Specialised coaching for Goalkeepers,
Advanced Skills sessions in Summer and Winter,
Mentoring from Senior Players,
Come and try, bring a friend, bring a few!!!
Further info at www.whjsc.org.au

or contact the club on info@whjsc.org.au or 0457 439 152

Home ground details – Corner of Elder and Delta Roads, Greensborough.
Just off the Greensborough Bypass.
BOYS – Under 10, 11’s, 12’s, 13’s & 14’s & GIRLS – Under 11’s, 12’s & 15/16’s Teams
Our club is seeking additional players in these teams.

Please call Ben Farrugia 0437 741 685 or Kim Rawlings 0404 854 504

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

We all do things to enhance our lives; Fitness programs and diets to improve our health; Professional Development programs to improve our job skills. We offer you an opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enhancing your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend. Good marriages need some attention occasionally. Please join us in 2012. Take a look at our website on www.wwme.org.au

Our weekends in 2012 are: 20-22 April, 15-17 June, 10-12 August and 12-14 October.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03)9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au
We currently have vacancies for our 2012 group, so don’t delay, enroll now for a huge year of challenges and excitement for your 3 year old child!

Thursday afternoons 1.30pm-4pm
Friday mornings from 9am– 11.30am
5 hours per week of kinder fun!

Join our exciting kindergarten for a fun, exciting and educational program with a fully qualified teacher!

Thomastown West Kindergarten
127 Edgars road
Thomastown 3074
Tel:9465 4923

Prepare to be amazed!

Twilight Open Day
Thursday 23 February
4.45pm & 6.00 pm
Principal’s Welcome to Explore
5.00pm to 7.00 pm
Tours of the College - See for yourself
Final Tour commences 6.30 pm

7.15 pm: Enrolment Information Evening for Prospective Parents
Closing date for Applications for Year 7, 2012: Friday, 2 March, 2012.

Catholic Ladies’ College
Would you like them to share an incredible journey with fantastic teachers and friends they can keep for life?

Then look no further!
Come and explore the limitless possibilities, then if you dare, plant the seeds and get ready for your daughter to thrive and grow into a resilient, amazing young woman!
PARKING

ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

PARKING:
Parents are encouraged to park in the shopping centre car park and use the school crossing to and from school. The only designated parking in the school grounds is the bottom car park. In the morning you need to enter before 8.30am and leave after 8.45am. In the afternoon you need to enter before 3.15pm and leave after 3.30pm.

The driveway gates and chain will be closed from 8.30 to 8.45 in the morning and 3.15 to 3.30 in the afternoon. We have this policy for the safety of the many children who walk across the entrance to get to the pedestrian crossing.

The school provides a “kiss & drop” area in the morning. Please utilise this area.

It is illegal to park in front of Catholic Care, Bundoora Extended Care, ABC Child Care Centre or the Veterinary Clinic. These car parks are privately owned and for their own staff and patrons' use only. The Municipality Traffic Officers often visit and give infringement notices for these offences.

PEDESTRIANS - ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE SCHOOL:
For the safety of the children, it is extremely important that the following guidelines are adhered to, when arriving or leaving the school grounds.

Students and parents arriving or leaving from Plenty Road / Grimshaw Street intersection: use walkway.

Students and parents using Settlement Road: use entrance nearest the oval and walk through the middle netball court.

SUN SMART POLICY

Children are expected to wear hats during Terms One and Four. This applies on all days whether it is sunny or not.

Children are encouraged to bring sun block to school with them. Children will be reminded to apply this before recess, lunch or P.E. etc. especially during extreme weather conditions.

On extra hot days an indoor timetable will be implemented.

2012 TERM DATES

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The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:
* be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
* be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2012).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012 for the first instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $230 for primary students and $460 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2012 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2012 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information.

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**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

Just a reminder to parents that you require a Working With Children Check if you wish to participate in school activities, eg. helping with excursions and classroom activities. Applications are available from your local Post Office. Please be aware that applications may take a few weeks to process.

**ST. DAMIAN’S PARISH**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Vincent Le  
**Parish House:** 9467 2797

**Saturday**  
5.30pm

**Sunday**  
8.00am  
10.00am

**Weekdays**  
Tuesday - Friday  
9.15am

**Italian Mass**  
(1st Monday each month)  
9.15am

**ADMIN STAFF**

**PRINCIPAL:** MRS HELEN HANNAY  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** MRS MARISA MATTHYS  
**BURSAR:** MS GLENDA FLETCHER

**School Phone No:** 9467 8566  
**School Fax No:** 9467 7495  
**Email Address:** info@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au  
**Web Site:** www.sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au  

**Before & After School Care Program:** 0434 422 305 (Joanne)
Religious Education News

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During Ash Wednesday Mass ashes are used to mark the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads. This acts as a reminder to us to renew our hearts and turn back towards God. Lent or the ‘Lenten season’ as you might hear it called is the forty days before Easter Sunday. According to the Gospels, Jesus spent forty days in the desert before the beginning of his work in God’s name.

During Lent you might like to do some of the following things as a family:

- Light a candle during your evening meal
- Meditate together for a few minutes in the evening
- Discuss how we can grow to be better people – what sorts of things could you do to help others during Lent? If you give up chocolate, could you give the money you save to a good cause? How would this help others?
- Put a cross on the calendar as each of the forty days pass in the lead up to Easter Sunday

SACRAMENT DATES 2012

Reconciliation
Presentation Masses  17th/18th March (Sat / Sun)
Reconciliation Ceremonies 7:30pm Tuesday 27th March and Wednesday 28th March

Confirmation
Parent/Child workshop Tuesday 17th April 7:30pm
Parish Commitment Mass  5th/6th May (Sat / Sun)
Confirmation Workshop (children only) Wednesday 2nd May
Confirmation ceremony Sunday 20th May 2pm and 4:30pm

Eucharist
Presentation Masses  4th/5th August (Sat / Sun)
Parent / Child Night Tuesday 24th July
Eucharist Workshop (children only) Thursday 19th July
1st Eucharist Group Saturday, 18th August
2nd Eucharist Group Sunday, 19th August
3rd Eucharist Group Saturday, 25th August
4th Eucharist Group Sunday, 26th August

Sacramental Evening with Fr. Elio Capra Thursday March 22nd at 7:30pm
Please note that the Sacramental Evening is intended to be for parents only. Fr. Capra will be discussing Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. He will be helping us as parents and educators to better understand the Sacraments so that we can help our children to deepen their understanding of the Sacraments they are about to receive. It is an evening of learning and preparation for us as we begin to help our children grow in faith. All parents of children who are receiving a Sacrament this year are asked to attend. All other parents are more than welcome. Please remember to fill in the reply slip so we can cater for numbers. This was sent out to every family last week. It is due back no later than Monday March 12th.
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Could parents of children who have enrolled their child/ren into outside schools/organisations to learn languages other than English during 2012, please contact the school office IMMEDIATELY to give details of the language being studied. The Education Department requires our school to give them this information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| TERM 1 | 8TH | 24TH SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY—CONTEMPORARY TEACHING & LEARNING MATHEMATICS
| 27TH | 2.30PM—5/6DF | 28TH SCHOOL PHOTOS
| 29TH | FETE COMMITTEE MEETING |
| MARCH | 1ST | SWIMMING CARNIVAL
| 1ST | CLASS MASS 2MS |
| 7TH | PREPS NOW FULL TIME |
| 7TH | PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING—7.30PM |

PARENT SEMINAR SERIES 2012

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL—Monday May 28, 7 - 9pm—St Clement’s, Bulleen
Presenter: Andrew Fuller.

HELPING CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS MAKE & KEEP FRIENDS - Thursday September 6, 7 – 9pm St Charles, Templestowe
Presenter: Murray Evely

HEALTHY SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS—TUESDAY, May 15, 7—9pm—St Anne’s, Kew East
Presenter: Michael Grose

POSITIVE PARENTING—UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH—Tuesday, August 14, 7—9pm Holy Eucharist, Malvern East
Presenter: Terese Sheedy

CYBERSMART OUTREACH—INTERNET SAFETY— Wednesday, June13, 7—9 pm, St Fidelis, Moreland.
Presenter:Greg Gebhart (ACMA)

Registration/further information: Mrs Shirley O’Sullivan on 9464 5225 or shirley@stclaresthomastown.catholic.edu.au
Seminars cost $10 per person to be paid in advance and is non-refundable.
Santa Maria College Year 7 2013/14/15 Information Night

Santa Maria College is a vibrant Catholic community offering a holistic secondary education for girls. We are proud of our Good Samaritan heritage with values steeped in a rich Benedictine tradition of compassion, justice and contemplation. The College is located at 50 Separation St, Northcote. Parking is available at the Northcote Plaza car park opposite the College. Enter via the Separation St gates. **Enrolments for Year 7 2013 close on March 2.** A College tour is also available on February 23. Bookings essential. For further information visit [www.santamaria.vic.edu.au](http://www.santamaria.vic.edu.au) or ring Maggie Trainor on 9489 7644.

**Happy Birthday List**

The following children and staff will be celebrating their birthday during the coming two weeks:

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**ST DAMIAN’S PIETY SHOP**

The Piety Shop has a wide selection of inspirational gifts for all ages. There are plaques and framed prints for the home or office, a variety of book marks, prayer cards and friendship pins. The shop is open after all weekend Masses. Please feel free to come in and browse.

**Year 7, 2013 at Loyola College.**

Families of children in Year 6 are reminded that applications for Year 7 at Loyola College next year 2013, close on **Friday 2 March this year 2012**. Families of children in Year 3-5 are invited to submit applications any time. For more information about Loyola College please visit our website: [www.loyola.vic.edu.au](http://www.loyola.vic.edu.au).
School Banking is Back in 2012 at St Damian’s Primary School.

Don’t forget that TUESDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youth-saver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

From January 2012 when children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Tuesday 28th FEBRUARY

Family photo envelopes available at the office.

PLEASE RETURN BY NOW

St Damian’s Parish Fete and Carols Committee
invites you to join the first meeting to start preparations for the
2012 ST DAMIAN’S FETE
(November 11, 2012)

When: Wednesday 29th February
Time: 7.30pm
Where: Dunlop Room

It would be great to see some new faces with new ideas for our fete for this year. If you are unable to attend but would like to be part of the Fete and Carols Committee please leave your name and details in an envelope marked Fete and Carols Committee at the school or parish offices.