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Bring your blanket and a picnic to our special screening of Despicable Me 2.

This is a great opportunity to meet other families at the school while raising funds for our kids. Tickets are only \$5.00 per person. Feel free to bring other friends and family too! Screening starts at sunset (approx. 7.00pm) gates open at 6.00pm. Tickets will be available on the evening, but we encourage everyone to purchase beforehand to ensure quicker entry at the gate. Order forms were sent home last week but are also available from the school office. Popcorn, fairy floss, sno-cones and glow-necklaces will be available to purchase on the evening. This event is being organised by the P&C. We look forward to seeing you on the night. A reminder that all students need to be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Calling all local businesses!!



Looking for an opportunity to expose your business to a captive audience of potential customers? For just \$100.00 you can purchase a 30 second advert that will be shown multiple times before the screening of our movie. Plus you will also be supporting your local school. Contact Erin on 0419 902 493 to book this prime advertising space before it's gone...spaces filling fast!!!!

Scholastic Book Club

Yesterday afternoon, brochures for Issue Two of the Scholastic Book Club would have arrived home. Extra Scholastics brochures are available from the library in the event you require an additional one.

There are four easy ways to pay:

1. The School has opted-in to LOOP, you can order and pay for your Scholastic books and there is no need to fill in the order form or return anything back to school.
2. Cash – please enclose the correct amount of cash with the completed order form and return to school by the advertised closing date.
3. Cheque – please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia and attach cheque to the completed order form and return to school by the advertised closing date.
4. Credit Card – this method can be done via the LOOP or free call to 1800 557 908. With credit card payments done via the 1800 557 908 you will need to record the 11 digit receipt number and return the completed order form to school.

Introducing

Book Clubs LOOP
 for Parents




LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our **NEW iPhone and iPad App from the App Store!**

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to order video, log onto www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.



The LOOP is definitely the preferred method of ordering and payment.

If paying by cash or cheque- please make the cheque payable to Scholastic. All book club orders should be placed in the smaller of the wooden boxes in the office. All cash and cheque orders are due back to school by Friday, 13 March.

Items will be delivered to your child's classroom approximately two weeks after the scheduled closing date. If there is a problem with your order, or if you require any additional information or help, please contact Mrs Miriam Xavier via the school library immediately so she can do her best to address your concern or query. If you are ordering through the LOOP system, your order will arrive with the school bulk order regardless of when you place the order.

Walking School Bus



At the P&C meeting on Wednesday night, the prospect of starting a Walking School Bus at our school was discussed. The Walking School Bus is a fun way for local children to walk to school together regularly - thanks to adult volunteers, usually parents, who take turns to walk with the group.

It's great for social time, exercise, community connections, road safety awareness and perfect for busy parents that struggle to find the time to walk every day.

Click on the following link to the 'Travel Smart to School' website to read more about this initiative and to watch a short video about Kyilla Primary School's Walking School Bus <http://tsts.com.au/WSB?>

A survey will be sent home in the coming week to family representatives to gauge the level of interest and support from the school community.

John Forest Secondary College- Tennis and cricket trial dates

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Many parents/carers may already be aware that John Forest Secondary College is a specialist school for tennis and cricket. As such, I would like to draw to the attention of our school community that the tennis trial day will be taking place on Thursday, 26 March and the Cricket trial day will be taking place on Tuesday, 31 March at the WACA. These trials apply to those students in Year 6 who may wish to try out for one of these specialist programmes.

For details and a registration form please contact Lynn McPherson on 9473 4035 or by email at lynn.mcpherson@education.wa.edu.au

Evening in the Park

Get down to '**Evening in the Park**' this Friday evening and join in the **FREE** family friendly celebrations!

Friday 6 March
Bert Wright Park, King William Street, Bayswater
6:00pm - 9:00pm

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

To include items in the school newsletter contact Selina Millar by email Selina.Millar@education.wa.edu.au

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