

Dear parent/carer

To complement the Science unit 'Schoolyard Safari' that we are working on this term, Years 1 and 2 will be participating in an incursion on **Friday, 13 March 2020**. This will be focussed on the topic of '**Backyard Bugs**' and run by '**Rangers on the Run**' throughout the day. Students will receive a 1 hour talk and interactive session with the bugs.

As part of the incursion, the students will be introduced to the amazing world of minibeasts. The students will explore their features, abilities, where they live, how they grow and the role of bugs in the environment. The show is interactive and allows the children to hold and touch many of the different bugs in a safe and exciting way. The rangers will discuss these attributes with the students and they will be able to be up close to the animals in a controlled setting.

In addition to the incursion, the school will house three minibeast enclosures where students will be able to make close observations of the animals in a natural environment as well as the stages of their lifecycle. The enclosures will be delivered on Monday, 9 March 2020 and stay until Friday, 13 March 2020.

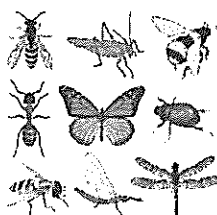
The enclosures will include:

1. Tree Tops Enclosure - This will include animals who call the canopy their home. The students will meet Stick Insects, Spiney Leaf Insects and Katydid.
2. Grasslands Enclosure - This will include animals who call grasslands their home. The students will meet Praying Mantis, Grasshoppers, Crickets and Caterpillars.
3. Logs & Leaf Litter Enclosure - This will include animals who call rotting logs & leaf litter their home. The students will meet Cockroaches, Millipedes, Beetle Larvae and Worms.

The cost of the incursion will be **\$13.00** and this will include the incursion and the week-long enclosures that will be set up in the school. If you would like your child to participate in this incursion, which has been approved by the Principal, please complete and sign the Permission Note below and return with payment to your child's class teacher **by Friday, 6 March 2020**.

Stage One Class Teachers

Shellharbour Public school – 'Rangers on the Run' – 'Backyard Bugs' – Permission Note



I give permission for my child _____ in Class _____ to attend and participate in the '**Backyard Bugs**' incursion on **Friday, 13 March 2020**. I understand that my child may be handling minibeasts under the guidance of the rangers from '**Rangers on the Run**'.

I enclose the sum of \$13.00; being the cost of the incursion. I have made payment online using the Parent Online Payment system and my receipt number is: _____ made on _____ (Date).

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF PAYING BY POP (Parent Online Payment system) THAT YOUR PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE BEFORE 6.00 PM TO RECEIVE IT FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____