

# Class Newsletter



Dear Parents,

## **Inquiry Book**

At the end of last term the children brought home their Unit of Inquiry book focusing on the central idea 'Light creates shadows and reflections.' If you have not had a chance to look through this with your child, can you please do so and return by the end of this week.

## **Mini-beasts Unit of Inquiry**

This term we have begun our next unit focusing on the central idea 'Mini-beasts play a role in the environment.'

The students will be inquiring into:

- Different types of mini-beasts
- The role of mini-beasts in the environment
- Our responsibility to care for mini-beasts



Students are invited to bring different examples of mini-beasts into the classroom to share. If possible we would like to keep the mini-beasts for the duration of the term. If you have a live mini-beast which we could borrow and care for during the unit, please let either of us know with a diary note. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could also send to school any resources you have at home relating to mini-beasts. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on the things brought into school. We will take care of them and return them at the conclusion of the unit.

If you have or have had any mini-beasts at home or have an interest in them and would like to come in to talk to the classes about them, please fill in the form on the second page on what you could share and what time would best suit you.

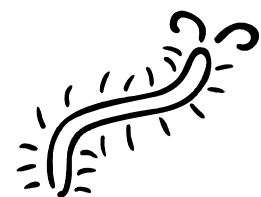
Throughout this unit we will also be focusing on the two attributes of the Learner Profile and two attitudes. It would be beneficial for your child if you could discuss these words at home and focus on them in your daily living.

Knowledgeable: I can remember and use information I have found out.

Caring: I care about others and the environment.

Appreciation: Being grateful for something.

Respect: Being polite and kind to others and the world.



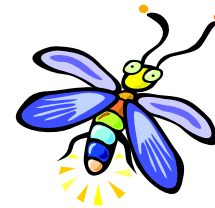
## **Student-led Conferences**

This term we will also be preparing for our Student-led Conferences to share with you the children's work on the Mini-beast Unit of Inquiry. The staff at St John's believe that these conferences between students and their parents/caregivers will give the students more responsibility for their learning and how they report to their parents. Student-led Conferences are an opportunity for students to celebrate their learning with their parents/caregivers. Therefore it is expected that all students and their parents/caregivers will participate and attend the conferences as a part of the reporting process at St John's. Please keep Thursday the 12th of September (week 8) available for these conferences to take place. More information regarding this will be sent home throughout the term.

Yours in Christ,

Kelly Buckby and Carol Hoskins

# Parent Helpers! Guest Speakers



If you're interested in assisting with our Unit of Inquiry by talking about a particular mini-beast, please fill in this form and return it to your child's teacher by Friday the 26th of July (Week 1). E.g. beekeeping, ant farms, worm farms or insects.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mini-beast I would like to talk about \_\_\_\_\_

## Times that suit me: (tick)

Monday 5th of August - 1:30-3:00pm (Week 3)

Wednesday 7th of August - 1:30-3:00pm (Week 3)

Monday 12th of August - 1:30-3:00pm (Week 4)

Wednesday 14th of August - 1:30-3:00pm (Week 4)

Wednesday 21st of August - 1:30-3:00pm (Week 5)

Monday 26th of August - 1:30-3:00pm (Week 6)

