

Science & Technology

Spur-legged Stick Insects

Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated *Stick Insect Club* we now have freshly hatched baby spur-legged stick insects looking for new homes. With hundreds of eggs we have quite a few to give away!

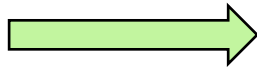
If you are willing and able to take on the care of a new stick insect pet, here is a list of supplies to get you started:

- An enclosure with clear sides and a ventilated or meshed lid (25 x 15 x 15cm minimum size);
- A weekly supply of fresh eucalyptus leaves;
- A jar or plastic container to hold leaves and water;
- Water spray bottle to mist leaves twice a day;
- Plain paper to line the base of enclosure;
- A well-lit spot out of direct sunlight.

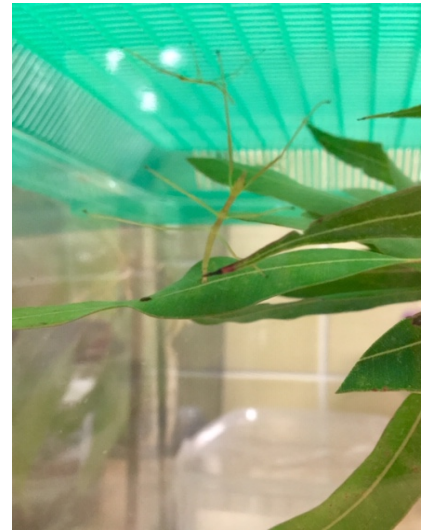
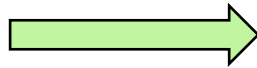


Shazza: The beloved grandmother of our spur-legged stick insects.

Before you make a decision, you can learn more about the care of stick insects via the Australian Museum website by scanning this QR code with your smartphone or device.



Kellyville Pets also has a great stick insect fact sheet available via scanning this QR code.



If you and your family would like to give a young spur-legged stick insect a new home, please print and complete the permission note below and return it to Miss Heazlewood (the K-6 Science and Technology teacher) as soon as possible.

On Thursdays at lunch-time: Please bring your enclosure to the Science and Technology classroom with some fresh eucalyptus leaves in order to collect your new pet to take home.

PLEASE NOTE: As we will not have enough stick insects for each child, we will advise you when the next batch of eggs hatch and are ready to go home.



Pet Stick Insect Permission Note

Please complete and return this note to Miss Heazlewood via the Science and Technology classroom.

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____

to bring a young spur-legged stick insect home to keep as a pet.

Parent/caregiver name: _____

Parent/caregiver signature: _____ Date: _____