

LENScience Senior Biology Seminar Series

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**Welcome to Week 3 of the
LENScience Senior Biology
Seminar Programme.**

This week you should be
running in-school workshops
on the post seminar questions.

Seminar 1 Feedback

Congratulations to all schools that took part in Seminar 1. We have had great feedback from many of you – if you have any comments please do email these through.

If you did not use the seminar chat – do try it next time. We had about 16 schools very active on the chat and they had a lively and constructive discussion throughout. There were many excellent interactions around the seminar topic, with the students answering each others' questions and posting some thoughtful questions for Deb Sloboda. The prize for the best question in Seminar 1 went to Leroy from Tamaki College.

Over the next few days we will be uploading the questions from the seminar and the seminar chat onto the webpage and posting the answers. These will be found on the [Seminar 1 Question page](#) later this week.

Seminar 1 Post-seminar Discussion

This week you are holding your in-school workshops to discuss the [post-seminar Challenge questions](#). Congratulations to Sacred Heart College (Auckland) and Dilworth School whose students have already posted answers to the Challenge questions. Could all teachers please encourage your students to post their ideas and discussions – one contribution from each school will create a good discussion and help students to feel more confident about participating. Remember if you are from a large school – your contribution will support those students in schools with fewer students who do not have so many peers to discuss ideas with. Instructions on how to post to the wiki can be found [here](#).

Student Registrations

We now have nearly 300 students registered from 48 schools. But considering we have over 90 schools registered for the seminar series, there are still many schools who don't have any students registered. Please remind them to do so. The link can be found on [this page](#).

We will send the prizes for the winners from our registration draw to you to pass onto the students. The names of the winning students are in [Student Update No. 2](#).

Login Information

The question and discussion pages are protected so that only registered users can edit or write to them. When you or your students want to ask question or write to the discussion – you have to login. Students can use either your school login and password, which was sent to your school liaison teacher when they registered your school (their name can be found on the [school registration page](#)) or use their own login if they asked for this when they registered.

Technical Information

Did you have any problems with the broadcast last Thursday e.g. Sound out of sync with the picture or missing picture/sound? If you did please let us know LENSciencehelp@auckland.ac.nz so we can sort it out before the next seminar.


At the moment we only have two ways for schools to receive the seminars— either via Satellite TV or through the National Education Network. Most schools do not have fast enough internet connections to be able to stream the seminar live over the internet. For more information see the [Technology Information page](#).



Regional Centres / Local School Hubs

Having trouble getting set up? – remember there are regional centres and local school hubs that will welcome neighbouring schools to join for this programme.

[Click here](#) to see whether there is a school near you that has the technology set up. Schools that have offered to host other schools are listed in bold. Please remember that you still have to [register](#) so that we know you are part of the programme.



Next Seminar

Date: Thursday 29th April. 3:45pm

Topic: Biotechnology and Cancer: The impact of advances in biotechnology on understanding and treatment of breast cancer .

Presenters: Dr Jo Perry and Michal Denny

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