

## LENScience Senior Biology Seminar Series Teacher Update Number 4 – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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### **Seminar 2 Week 1     March 28—April 1**

- Continue to encourage students to enter Seminar 1 Challenge responses on the wiki
- Keep a watch on the wiki to see how your students are participating and the responses they are getting from the science and science education team.
- Download the Seminar 2 resources (available from Monday 28th March)
- Hold a pre-seminar 2 school workshop for your students.

### Seminar 1 Update

The engagement between students, scientists and teachers in Seminar 1 has been extensive. The science team are still working on a couple of the more challenging questions but 95% are answered and up on the [wiki](#).

Where students are formally registered, they can be acknowledged and this has occurred. If you are using one login for all your students, please encourage the students to give their name so that we can acknowledge them.

Students have started to engage with the challenge on the wiki. We had the first response on Saturday 19 March from Auckland Grammar students and a further response later in the week from Newlands College.

We hope to see many more this week. We will put some short comments up at the moment but would like to see more schools attempting the challenge before we make final comments.

### LiveChat

Please continue to encourage your students to use the LiveChat.

We would ask that all teachers take a look at this. There are some excellent interactions going on. Be aware that this is a new environment for many students so you may like to take the time to talk with your classes about the nature of interactions in such Web2.0 environments—courtesy and keeping on task being key.

**Some of the best questions are arising from the interaction between multiple schools on the LiveChat—which is very valuable for the students.**

If you would like to discuss LiveChat before you use it - please call Jacquie Bay 09 9234282.



## Student Registrations

We have 750 students who have individually registered with us.

If you would like a list of registered students from your school please email [LENSciencehelp@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:LENSciencehelp@auckland.ac.nz) to request this.

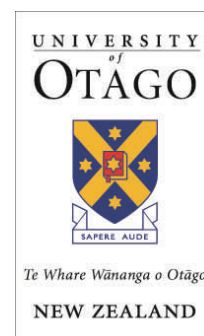
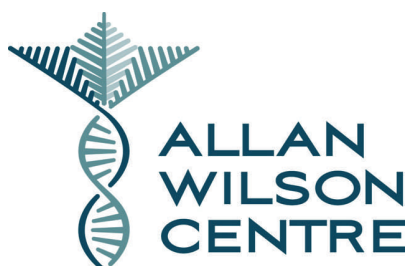
# REGISTER

**Individual student registration reduces your workload—we will communicate seminar updates and reminders directly to your students!**

## Seminar 2: Rethinking Pacific Origins

We welcome the [Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution](#), our science partner for Seminar 2.

The seminar will explore the work of Associate Professor Lisa Matisoo-Smith of the University of Otago, whose work explores understanding migration of humans in the Pacific. This will link to both Human Evolution and Biotechnology concepts.



## Launch of Prime Minister's Science Advisors report on Science Education

"Looking ahead: Science Education for the 21st Century"

4:00pm—5:00pm April 5, 2011 via LENSscience Connect

Thanks to schools that have offered to be a host site for this very important event.

If you are able, it is not too late to offer to host teachers and scientists from your local area to participate with you on April 5. A LiveChat room will enable you to participate in the Q&A session.

Please register for the event at <http://www.pmcsa.org.nz/science-education/>