

LENScience Senior Biology Seminar Series Student Update Number 12 – 12th October 2010

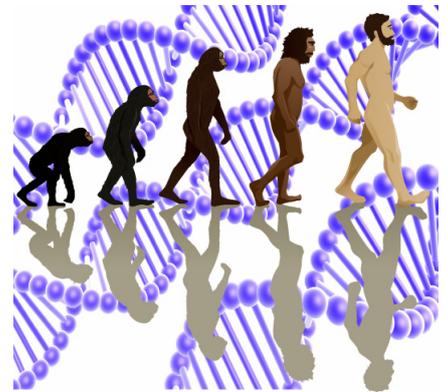
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What's going on this week?

Welcome back to Term 4 - hope you all had a great break, did some study and are getting ready for your final examinations.

This week sees the final seminar in our 2010 Senior Biology Seminar Series. The seminar on Thursday will take you through Human Evolution and help you explore ideas around **why** questions. It will look at why factors such as bipedalism and the development of intelligence have led to the evolutionary success of the human species. This seminar will provide very good revision of many of the concepts that you will have covered in school, which will help you in your preparation for the end of year exams. Why not suggest to some of your classmates to come along and watch it so they too get the benefit of the revision?



Last reminder about the Seminar Awards

This is your last chance to get you, your school or your teacher into the running for the LENScience Seminar Awards. Remember there are 4 major awards to be announced at the end of the seminar on Thursday:

1. **Best overall participation by a school.**
2. **Best participation by a student or students.**
3. **Seminar Chat award.**
4. **Best supporting teacher.**



There is still time to improve you or your school's chances of gaining one of these awards. Have a go at posting an answer to the [Challenge Questions for Seminar 7](#) or contribute a question for [Seminar 8 through the website](#). The award for best supporting teacher is by student nomination. If you think your teacher has done a fantastic job of supporting you through the seminar series and in preparation for Scholarship then nominate them. This can be done online here: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/371493/n921z>.

Auckland Public Lecture: Evolving the city - Using evolutionary theory to understand and improve the human condition

Auckland students, you may be interested in this lecture by visiting Hood Fellow, Professor David Sloan Wilson, from Binghamton University. In this lecture Professor Wilson will show how evolutionary theory can help to solve the problems of everyday life, from the quality of our neighbourhoods to rethinking the fundamentals of economic theory and policy

The lecture is on Thursday 14th October at 6pm (straight after our seminar).

Venue: B10 Lecture Theatre, Library Building 5 Alfred Street.

For those of you out of Auckland we're hoping that the lecture will be recorded and made available for download after the event. If this happens we'll let you know.

[More information>>](#)

Seminar Series Evaluations

We will be posting evaluation packs to selected schools in the next week. If your teachers gives you an evaluation, we would appreciate it if you could complete it and return it to your teacher before you go on study leave. We are working hard on ensuring the continuing success of this programme so your feedback is very important to us.



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