

LENScience Senior Biology Seminar Series

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Wiki Registration Prize Draw

Congratulations to the following students who have won a prize in our wiki registration prize draw.

Leanne	Ma	Pakuranga college
Megan	Liang	Rangitoto College
Juliet	Mango	Green Bay High School
Ushana	Jayasuriya	Chilton Saint James School
Elyse	Chambers	Christchurch Girls' High School
Emma	Champ	Ellesmere College
Huw	Willis	Rotorua Boy's High School
Kymberly	Mardon	Rangiora High School
Ciara	Thompson	Auckland Girls' Grammar School
Rahul	Sriram	Auckland Grammar School



Your prizes will be sent to you this week via your teacher at school.

Seminar 1 Chat



Thanks to the students from Baradene, Rangitoto, Green Bay, Tāmaki, Auckland Grammar, AGGS, Unlimited, Onehunga, Papanui, Whakatane, and Pukekohe for the wonderful discussion on the seminar chat on Thursday. Your questions were excellent and the discussions about ideas from the seminar were great. We're impressed by how quickly you've grasped the idea of what the seminar chat is for.

On a less positive note, those of you who were on the chat on Thursday will be aware that a very small group of students thought it would be fun to post inappropriate comments. We have identified the students concerned and their school is dealing with them.

Just in case anyone else thinks they might like to try this sort of silly behaviour, be warned. You will be identified and barred from future participation. Also be aware that any messages sent using the Private Message function are visible to us and are read when we download the whole chat afterwards.

[Best question from Seminar 1](#)

The prize for the best question from Seminar 1 goes to Leroy from Tamaki College for the following question: "If you're programmed to start early puberty is there anything you can do to delay it to "normal" timing?" There were lots of really good questions from the seminar chat that we have passed on to Deb to answer. 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. So if your question didn't get answered during the seminar then check on the [Seminar 1 Question page](#) later this week.

[Seminar 1 What's Happening this week?](#)

This week you need to have a go at answering the challenge questions (found in the [Understanding Gene Expression Question paper](#)). Hopefully your teacher will run a post-seminar workshop where you can discuss these questions and share your ideas. If there are things you still don't understand then post a question onto our [Gene Expression Discussion page](#). Remember it's by attempting these challenge questions and then getting feedback on your answers that gives you the best preparation for Merit, Excellence and Scholarship.



If you're not feeling very confident about the challenge questions then how about getting together with some other students from your school and posting an answer to one of the [challenge questions onto the wiki](#)? Michal and Deb will be checking the wiki and responding to your discussion.

Congratulations to these students who have already taken the challenge and posted their answers: Richard, Benjamin, Reubhan & Dominic from Sacred Heart College in Auckland and Himanshu from Dilworth College also in Auckland.

[Login Information—if you don't know how?](#)

The question and discussion pages are protected so that only registered users can write to them. When you want to ask a question or write to the discussion – you have to login. You can either use your school login and password, which your school liaison teacher has, or if you registered you can use the login name that was sent to you by Anna. Instructions on how to post to the wiki can be found [here](#).

Please pass this Update on to any of your friends that haven't registered and remind them to register!

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