

LENScience Senior Biology Seminar Series Student Update Number 11 – 22nd September 2010

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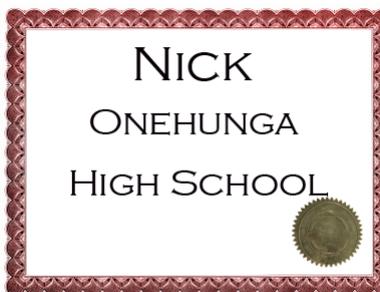
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Best Questions from Seminar 6 and 7

As always we continue to get thoughtful and challenging questions for our presenters.

The best question from Seminar 6 came from Kelly at Rangitoto College with a perceptive question thinking about biocontrol from a cost benefit perspective.

Seminar 7 saw more good questions coming from the live audience, with students from Onehunga High School standing out for their contributions. Nick from Onehunga takes out the prize for best question for Seminar 7. His question showed he was thinking about how what he had heard in the seminar applied to other areas of his learning.

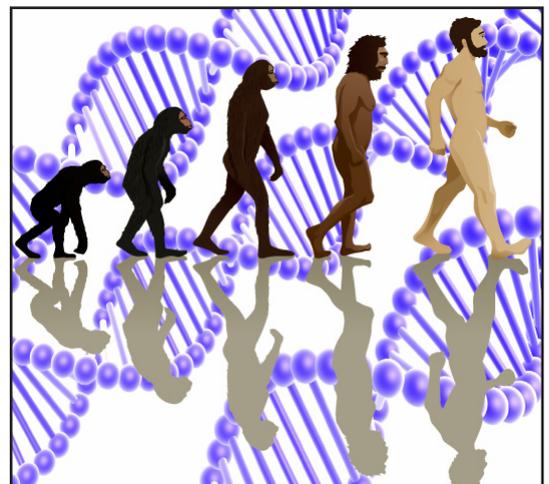


We know many of you had exams last week so you may have had to miss the seminar. Remember a recording of it is available on the [seminar website](#) for you to watch in your own time.

What's going on this week

This week we have an overlap between the final two seminars. As well as working on the post seminar challenge questions from Seminar 7, you will be looking ahead to Seminar 8 which will take place Thursday 14th October (Week 1, Term 4).

Seminar 8 is looking at Human Evolution. It will explore factors such as bipedalism and the development of intelligence that 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.



Seminar Awards

At the beginning of the year we told you about the prizes and awards on offer during the 2010 Seminar Series. Throughout the series there have been prizes each seminar for best question and best contribution to the wiki. In addition to these prizes we also have four major awards:

- 1. Best overall participation by a school.** This is based on ongoing participation by students from that school in the seminar programme, such as asking questions and contributing to the wiki.
- 2. Best participation by a student or students.** For sustained quality contribution to the seminar programme by individual students. Up to two awards may be made here.
- 3. Seminar Chat award.** For the student who made a consistent and constructive contribution to the seminar chat: through asking questions, supporting other students and overall contribution to the discussion.



The winners for these awards will be decided by the LENSscience team and announced during Seminar 8. These decisions will be made on the day of the seminar so 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](#).

4. Best supporting teacher.

The final award is for best supporting teacher. 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>.

The award will be based on your description of what your teacher has done to support you through the year. A teacher can be nominated by more than one student as the more information we have about a teacher will make it easier for us to decide.

