# Our Primary Industries [1]

## *Our Primary Industries* Newsletter #1 for Teachers

Tēnā koutou Shelley here,

Welcome to *Our Primary Industries.* This Virtual Field Trip gets under way on 6 June 2017. This field trip is supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries [2].

Things to do from this newsletter:

- View the *Our Primary Industries* web site [3] for student preparation
- Listen to a recording of the free teacher-only PLD webinar [4] for this field trip
- Book a web conference [5] by emailing shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [6]
- Email shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [6] with your content requests for this year's *Our Primary Industries* field trip
- Prepare [7] your students for their field trip
- Check out the Resources [8] section with useful links
- Sign up an ambassador [9] to join us on the field trip
- Follow Shelley on Twitter @ShelleyHersey [10] [11] [10]

### Key dates

- Tuesday 6 June - The *Our Primary Industries* Virtual Field Trip gets under way!
- Friday 26 May - Last day for web conference bookings with Shelley - shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [6]
- Thursday 1 June - Web conference questions due with Shelley - shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [6]
- Friday 2 June - Deadline for Ambassadors to arrive at Shelley's home office ($35 payment to be sent to the CORE Education office).

### 1. Free teacher-only PLD webinar

- Listen to the recording of the teacher-only PLD webinar for this field trip at http://www.learnz.org.nz/support/pld-and-webinars [4].
- PLD webinars are designed to help you and your students get the most out of a Virtual Field Trip experience.

### 2. Enrol ALL your classes

- Please enrol **all** the classes you are taking on this field trip through your MyLEARNZ [12] control panel. This enables us to report accurately to our supporters, continue to offer LEARNZ free of charge and it helps us to support you and your students.

## 3. Web conferences

- Personalise the field trip for your students by taking part in a live web conference [5]. During web conferences students will be able to put questions to experts who are on location.
- One web conference will be held each day on 6-8 June, divided into a formal first part and an informal second part.
- Details about connecting to web conferences are in your MyLEARNZ [13] control panel.
- Check the web conference topics on the timetable [5] and book your web conference now by emailing shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [6].
- Running alongside the 15-20 minute formal, structured live web conference is the associated visual support like web cam view, photos and summaries of answers in the LEARNZ Adobe Connect room [14]. This will run for an extra 5-15 minutes after the formal part of the web conference to enable you and your students to spontaneously ask extra questions and have them answered, live. The platform is easy to use and is the same as for the LEARNZ PD sessions [4].

## 4. Your suggestions

- Do you have suggestions for the *Our Primary Industries* field trip website?
- Email shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [6] if you have a request for content such as field trip videos or photos.

## 5. Ambassadors

- Schools are invited to send an ambassador [9] on this field trip.
- Sign up your ambassador through your MyLEARNZ [13] control panel.
- Your ambassador must arrive no later than Friday 2 June.

## 6. Pre-test self-assessment

- The pre-test [15] is an opportunity to find out more about what your students know before the *Our Primary Industries* field trip.
- The link for the post test will be available after the field trip. Email help@learnz.org.nz [16] to request your class results.

## 7. Encouraging Parental Involvement: Home-School partnerships

- Teachers, you can communicate with parents about supporting your students' learning during this field trip. Find out how [17] and get the text for a letter or email home [18].

## 8. Connect with the field trip via Twitter

- Follow Shelley on Twitter @ShelleyHersey [10] #learnztrip for links to new information leading up to the field trip, as well as live updates once the field trip gets under way.
- More on using Twitter with LEARNZ here: http://www.learnz.org.nz/support/twitter [19]

## 9. For teachers who are new to LEARNZ:

- There is no prescribed way of using a LEARNZ virtual field trip.
- Curriculum [20]links are available for you to check and see how the field trip relates to your class programme.
- Use your teacher access login (username and password) if you use the site for planning purposes.
- Give the class login (username and password you set up for them in MyLEARNZ [21]) to your students to use in class and at home.
- For help with registration and login procedures see login explained [22] and/or email help@learnz.org.nz [16].
- There is a **planning sequence** in the Resources [23]section under the heading Contributions. This short term lesson sequence makes use of all field trip components for a 3-day virtual field trip.
- The Prepare Students [24]section of the *Our Primary Industries* site ensures your students are ready when the field trip gets under way.
- The background readings [25] give an overall idea of the topic and can be used to generate further inquiry. The activities consolidate new learning and encourage deeper thinking.
- During the field trip your class can follow the action in my daily diary [26], watch the videos [27], and ask questions or listen during live web conferences [5] with our experts. Combined with the background readings [25] and activities [28], these components are powerful mediums for inquiry learning.

Ka kite anō and I will catch up with you all again soon,

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[3] http://www.learnz.org.nz/primaryindustries172
[4] http://www.learnz.org.nz/support/pld-and-webinars
[5] http://www.learnz.org.nz/primaryindustries172/web-conferences
[6] mailto:shelley.hersey@core-ed.org
[7] http://www.learnz.org.nz/primaryindustries172/prepare-students
[8] http://www.learnz.org.nz/primaryindustries172/resources
[9] http://www.learnz.org.nz/primaryindustries172/ambassadors
[10] https://twitter.com/ShelleyHersey
[11] https://twitter.com/shelleypenny01
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[14] http://www.learnz.org.nz/support/adobe-connect
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