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People and Water Newsletter #1 for Teachers

Tēnā koutou Shelley here,

Welcome to *People and Water*. This Virtual Field Trip gets under way on 23 May 2017.

Things to do from this newsletter:

- View the *People and Water* [web site](#) [2] for student preparation
- Take part in the [free PLD webinar](#) [3] for this field trip
- Book a [web conference](#) [4] by emailing shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [5]
- Email shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [5] with your content requests for this year's *People and Water* field trip
- [Prepare](#) [6] your students for their field trip
- Check out the [Resources](#) [7] section with useful links
- Sign up an [ambassador](#) [8] to join us on the field trip
- Follow Shelley on Twitter [@ShelleyHersey](#) [9] [10] [9]

Key dates

- Wednesday 3 May at 3.30pm - free PLD webinar for this field trip <http://www.learnz.org.nz/support/pld-and-webinars> [3]
- Tuesday 23 May - The *People and Water* Virtual Field Trip gets under way!
- Friday 12 May - Last day for web conference bookings with Shelley - shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [5]
- Thursday 18 May - Web conference questions due with Shelley - shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [5]
- Friday 19 May - Deadline for Ambassadors to arrive at Shelley's home office (\$35 payment to be sent to the CORE Education office).

1. Free PLD webinar

- Take part in the free PLD webinar for this field trip at <http://www.learnz.org.nz/support/pld-and-webinars> [3].
- The *People and Water* PLD webinar will take place at 3.30pm on Wednesday 3 May.
- 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](#) [11] 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](#) [4]. 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 23-25 May, divided into a formal first part and an informal second part.
- Details about connecting to web conferences are in your [MyLEARNZ](#) [12] control panel.
- Check the web conference topics on the [timetable](#) [4] and book your web conference now by emailing shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [5].
- 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](#) [13]. 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](#) [3].
- One 20-25 minute [web conference](#) [4] will be held each day on 23-25 May.

4. Your suggestions

- Do you have suggestions for the *People and Water* field trip website?
- Email shelley.hersey@core-ed.org [5] if you have a request for content such as field trip videos or photos.

5. Ambassadors

- Schools are invited to send an [ambassador](#) [8] on this field trip.
- Sign up your ambassador through your [MyLEARNZ](#) [12] control panel.
- Your ambassador must arrive no later than Friday 19 May.

6. Pre-test self-assessment

- The [pre-test](#) [14] is an opportunity to find out more about what your students know before the *People and Water* field trip.
- The link for the post test will be available after the field trip. Email

help@learnz.org.nz [15] 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](#) [16] and get the [text for a letter or email home](#) [17].

8. Connect with the field trip via Twitter

- Follow Shelley on Twitter [@ShelleyHersey](#) [9] #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> [18]

9. For teachers who are new to LEARNZ:

- There is no prescribed way of using a LEARNZ virtual field trip.
- [Curriculum](#) [19] 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](#) [20]) to your students to use in class and at home.
- For help with registration and login procedures see [login explained](#) [21] and/or email help@learnz.org.nz [15].
- There is a **planning sequence** in the [Resources](#) [22] 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](#) [23] section of the *People and Water* site ensures your students are ready when the field trip gets under way.
- The [background readings](#) [24] 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](#) [25], watch the [videos](#) [26], and ask questions or listen during live [web conferences](#) [4] with our experts. Combined with the [background readings](#) [24] and [activities](#) [27], these components are powerful mediums for inquiry learning.

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

Shelley, the LEARNZ Field Trip Teacher

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