



STOP PRESS NEWSFLASH

Great news! BEANZ has partnered with Allan Wilson Research at Otago University and we have been successful in our application for funding under the Unlocking Curious Minds project. In the 2016 BEANZ workshops, we shared the **Who is a New Zealander?** project with teachers. We can now expand this to offer 250 teachers a chance to get their own DNA analysed for use in a new project: **Africa to Aotearoa - The Longest Journey**. The new project will involve:

- students sharing their own ancestry and migration stories by creating a short video
- watching a video by Professor Lisa Matisoo-Smith explaining how DNA can be used to explore both recent and ancient migration patterns. (Two versions of this video – Year 10 and Year 13 to address different curriculum needs)
- examining the actual results of DNA analysis of their teacher (and/or that of several other well-known New Zealanders) to explore their ancestry back to Africa. (250 Genographic project kits provided free to one teacher from each participating school).

Teacher notes and suggested lesson plans are available for both junior and senior levels.

Eligible schools will receive an invitation letter **late Term 1** inviting them to apply to be part of the project and to nominate ONE teacher for a DNA kit. Do ensure BEANZ has the name, school address and email of your current teacher in charge of Biology so you don't miss out on your school's chance of a kit; the best way to do this is to check your NZASE subscription is up to date for 2017. We suggest schools hold a ballot amongst interested teachers. It will be first in - first served and strictly ONE kit per school. Watch this space!