AnyQuestions service from National Library

For those of you unfamiliar with the AnyQuestions service we are a **free** online reference service funded by the Ministry of Education, managed by the National Library, and staffed by librarians from libraries around NZ to provide a quality information literacy service for all NZ school students. AnyQuestions is open weekdays  1-6pm. The aim of the service is not to give students the answer, but rather to teach them via live text based chat valuable critical and information literacy skills so they can find the information for themselves. AnyQuestions is designed to supplement and enhance what you're doing in the school and library environment already. For more info on AnyQuestions check out our How it Works page: <https://anyquestions.govt.nz/how-it-works>.

We can provide class demonstrations to your students around information literacy and AnyQuestions if you require them. These have proved very popular in the past several years and are a great way to introduce AnyQuestions to your students. We can do these at any time you like, on anything your students are studying, but we do request you to book these with us (so we can guarantee your students will be assisted).  To book these visit the Classroom Sessions part of the AnyQuestions site:<https://anyquestions.govt.nz/classroom>. We do require a couple of days to organise these, especially sessions outside our normal hours.  If you have had class sessions in the past but not recently (eg in the past year) I would encourage you to consider booking them again for 2019, to both reach new students and remind the others that we exist (and how we work).

To help you promote AnyQuestions in your school I have a supply of the super popular AnyQuestions bookmarks and posters to send out to anyone who would like them. You can view what they look like at the following page: <https://anyquestions.govt.nz/promo>. If you're interested in receiving some for your school or organisation can you please get in touch and let me know the following details:

Your name

School/organisation

Delivery address

Number of bookmarks you would like (we send them out in bundles of 50, 100 or 200)

Number of posters you would like

Please note: you're welcome to request as many as you like however I might adjust numbers sent out depending on the number requested overall. They are likely to be sent to you in early March. Last year many schools had a lot of success by giving out the bookmarks in conjunction with Class Demonstrations so if you are interested in investigating this, please let me know in your email.

Finally here are some of our latest Many Answers entries:

**First Encounters (New Zealand)**<https://anyquestions.govt.nz/many_answers/first-encounters-new-zealand>Entry Level: Senior Primary *SCIS no: 1896614*

**Genetic Modification**<https://anyquestions.govt.nz/many_answers/genetic-modification> Entry Level: Senior Secondary *SCIS no: 1903584*

**Caves (New Zealand)** <https://anyquestions.govt.nz/many_answers/caves-new-zealand> Entry Level: Junior Secondary *SCIS no: 1905041*

**Vanuatu** <https://anyquestions.govt.nz/many_answers/vanuatu> Entry Level: Senior Primary *SCIS no. 1905047*

**Nelson Mandela (1918 - 2013)**<https://anyquestions.govt.nz/many_answers/nelson-mandela-1918-2013>Entry Level: Junior Secondary *SCIS no: 1905046*

We have over 120 entries on Many Answers on a wide range of topics and are adding new content all the time :)

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