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VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP IN JOHNSONVILLE: Tessa Mackay, Angel Beazley, Max Ford, Matthew Hayward, Morgan Sheffield and Michael McLaughlin at the NZ Transport Agency's Smart Motorway Information Site
PHOTO: Fiona Donnellan

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Victoria University is hosting an interesting conference. This time round two-day conference trace emotions in his how they are represented. The History of Em conference will be held September 3-5 and is organized by Victoria University Research Centre for New Zealand Studies and the for Culture and Heritage Professor Lydia Weir. Director of the Stout Research Centre, says New Zealand have been described

Field trip in Johnsonville

By Fiona Donnellan

The idea of the traditional school field trip is being turned on its head by LEARNZ.

Their field trips hope to make learning for the real world up to speed, incorporating video diaries, live audio conferences with schools around the country, tweeting and new technologies throughout.

CORE Education who are behind the LEARNZ field trips want to "push the boundaries of educational possibility, where a student's learning is continuous and can happen anywhere not only in that place we call school."

LEARNZ brought their virtual, accessible and engaging field trip on tour to Johnsonville this week.

CORE Education together with NZ Transport Agency invited students from Raumati South School along to take part in the LEARNZ virtual field trip as they visited Johnsonville Shopping Centre's Smart Motorway Information Site. This was followed by a trip to Traffic Operations Centre, where the students got to see the high-tech command centre and how NZ Transport Agency manage the highways in real time.

The team at LEARNZ chose to focus this field trip on the smart

motorway because of its connection with technology, the idea of transport getting smarter. Max Ford, Morgan Sheffield, Angel Beazley, Tessa Mackay, Michael McLaughlin and Matthew Hayward from Year 7 and 8 had some insightful questions and comments about the smart motorway and impressed their field trip host Andrew Penny, while his LEARNZ team mate Shelley Hersey filmed the trip.

■ For more information on LEARNZ and to catch up with the virtual field trip see www.learnz.org.nz.

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