



Save the Children

Messages in a Bottle

Amplifying the voices of tamariki and rangatahi in
New Zealand on climate action.



Tēnā Koe,

As climate change continues to escalate, our young people are leading at the forefront of navigating this change and fighting for a better future for generations to come. We saw 170,000 young people march for climate change here in Aotearoa in 2019, but the weight of the climate crisis and responsibility of this is not on our young people to bear. It is on you, as our leaders to lead us through one of the biggest challenges this generation faces, climate change.

We have gathered messages from children and youth across New Zealand with their messages to you, our decision makers about the climate crisis. These pages are filled with over 150 messages from tamariki and rangatahi as young as 6 through to 22. These messages will also be presented to world leaders at the UN SDG Summit in New York this year alongside children's messages from across the globe.

These messages are filled with both hope and devastation, as we face one of the biggest crises in human history. We ask that you read these messages and make decisions with the tamariki and rangatahi of Aotearoa in mind, they are watching you. In the words of 8-year-old Ted, "Be brave and make strong, wise decisions."

Ngā mihi nui for the work you do every day to make New Zealand a greater place to live in. You will see throughout these messages that your hard work does not go unseen, but also know that our children are counting on you to give them the future they deserve. Together, we can create change.

"Ehara taku toa I te toa taki tahi, engari he toa taki tini."

My strength is not that of one but that of many.



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"Our planet cries out for action, and we entrust you, our leaders, with the power to make a difference. Set aside short-term interests, embrace sustainable solutions, and forge a path towards a greener, cleaner future. Together, let us build a legacy of environmental stewardship, ensuring that the generations to come inherit a world filled with possibilities, not limitations. The time to act is now, and history will remember the choices you make today."

-Lola, 15

"Think of us. Think of our future. Make the change to make our lives better. Let us and the generations after us enjoy what you got to enjoy. You need to face the fact that we will be here after you- what do you want to leave behind for us?"

- Ayla, 16

"We should implement sustainability ratings for businesses and manufacturers. Many businesses out there use an abundance of plastic packaging and non eco friendly methods. Similar to a health star rating, a sustainability rating shows how well a business has used sustainable methods getting their product on a shelf e.g fully biodegradable no plastic packaging. High sustainability rating should be rewarded."

-Aarthi, 16

"Reduce plastic, ask the wider community for help or their opinions."

-Angie, 16

"End climate anxiety. I'm sick of feeling worried about growing up in a world that is broken."

"Give youth a platform to become involved in protecting our future."



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Dear Whoever cares to listen.

We need options. Our world as we know it will be gone, and there is not much the public can do if we don't have options. It's very hard to be able to get access to lower emission every day options. Every day use items are full of plastic and their lower emission counterparts are expensive. We need easy and affordable ways to get to our goal of 0 carbon emissions. What doesn't help is online fast fashion and cheap item websites such as Shein, Temu and Amazon, these online stores are very popular with our youth with being very cheap and easy to access.

I don't think you realise how worried our generation is about our future. Ever since I learnt about climate change I just stopped worrying about what I would do when I grew up, what's the point when we'll all be dead. I can no longer watch climate change documentaries or anything of the sort, for it reminds me of the life I won't have. Please stop thinking about money and profiting off of some of the main causes we are in this situation and listen, please listen and give us the future we deserve.

-Mila



Image and message by Mila, 14

"Dear Government and global leaders,

Before I get into complaining about what you aren't doing, I'm going to thank you for what you are doing. It's hard to be a politician, you have to deal with all the country's problems, and according to most media I've watched, climate change is the main problem. And according to them, you're deliberately failing to deal with it. I don't believe that. For one thing, climate change is a hard issue to tackle, mainly because every human on the planet is responsible for it. Everything we do in everyday life would be almost impossible without the use of greenhouse gasses, and while clean methods of obtaining energy (such as wind, sun, and geothermal energy) are on the rise, they are expensive and may not generate enough power to tackle how much we use everyday. These are problems that are put in your hands, which isn't fair, because we're all responsible and we should all right our wrongs.

As a kid, I loved animals and nature, especially penguins and octopi. However, I have recently learnt that some of these animals are paying the price for our junk addictions. Creatures such as our own Yellow-Eyed Penguin, are endangered, which means that my kids (should I choose to have some) might never see a real one. A possible solution could be more wildlife habitats and the extermination of pests like possums and stoats. We could make more areas of land wildlife reserves. We could have little underwater drones that would scan habitats for rubbish and test ocean acidification levels. Anything so that our beautiful whenua and moana can be enjoyed by every inhabitant of Aotearoa for centuries to come.

You have led us well in the past and I'm certain you can do it again. Thank you, for everything.

-Oli, 14



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"Stop all plastic packages."

- Samuel

"I would like to see you putting the environment first!! You tell us that the damage has been done and that there is not much we can do, I believe that with a mindset like this nothing is going to change and is giving the wrong message across to people who believe that they can just keep doing what there doing put our earth at risk!! Enough is enough the first step in stopping this issue is changing the way that we look at it and how the local and global leader are spreading this message."

-Milly,17



Student from Selwyn College

"Banning nuclear power plants."

-Ella, 15

"To be aware of islands like Samoa, Tonga etc."

-Tha Taw Wah,16



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NZ

2/8/23

Dear Politicians

I am writing this letter because rubbish and other things are really bad for the environment.

Some animals are dying because of the rubbish.

Firstly, I would like to tell you about the rubbish. On the roads people are putting rubbish on the ground and sometimes bubble gum and it is disgusting!

So I was thinking maybe you could try getting rid of it, like for example putting some signs that say,

please do not put rubbish on the road or please pick up rubbish and recycle them. Another thing that

is causing some trouble is electricity, because people

are using more electricity than they need, so

maybe you could tell them to use only the

amount of electricity that they need.

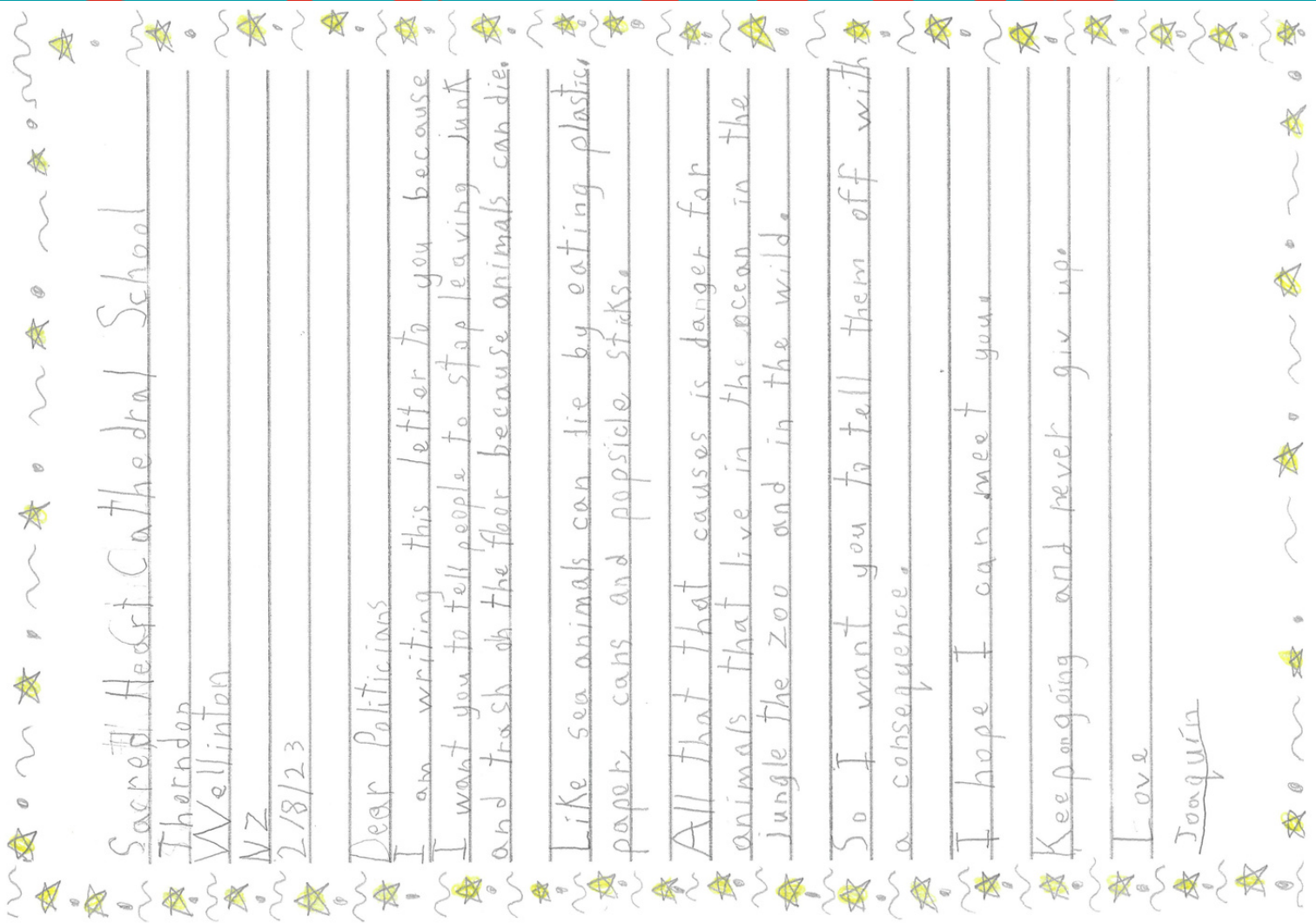
So please make some solutions to the problems

because I would really like it if we could

save our planet. Please don't give up!



Love By: Shenaya



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Dear Politicians

I am writing this letter to you because I want you to tell people to stop leaving junk and trash on the floor because animals can die.

Like sea animals can die by eating plastic, paper, cans and popsicle sticks.

All that that causes is danger for animals that live in the ocean in the jungle the zoo and in the wild.

So I want you to tell them off with a consequence.

I hope I can meet you.

Keep going and never give up.

I love

Joaquin



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Dear Politicians

The problem is that we keep on vaping and smoking. Please make the vaping and smoking boxes more expensive like 200 dollars so people can't afford it. Why is it good? It's actually saving the population. My solution is that can you please tell farmers to stop showering cows and sheep cause they let out gas and gas is carbon dioxide. Gas make floods and thunder storms. It also pollutes the atmosphere. I want you to stop all that is happening right now. Never give up until you're all finished!

Love From Caelum

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Dear Politicians

I am sending you this

letter because we need

to start stopping people

from vaping and smoking.

Also dropping food. you can

do this by finding people

dropping food on the roads

and you can look for people

who are smoking vaping.

and when you find them,

please give them a consequence.

It's not good for the environment.

So please stop it. Keep the good work

sandy

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Dear Politicians

I am writing to you to tell you
there is a lot of rubbish in
the sea and on land. And the animals
are eating it. People are throwing rubbish
on land and in the sea. So I want
you to tell the people to stop throwing
rubbish on the floor because there is
a lot of animals in danger. And keep
doing your job. And never give up.

Love,

Tilamai

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Dear Politicians

Please stop the people from vaping and
smoking because it's bad for the environment.
because it makes gas and the weather
rain, rain and rain and then floods will
come and destroy the world so please make
the price very big so that no one can
afford it.

Thank you very much.

From Catherine

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21/12/23

Dear Politicians

I think Smoking and Vaping is Very bad because it causes pollution in the air.

They can make people get Sick too. It can also make big floods and big Storms. So I think you

Can Stop Making Vaping and Smoking

of Making it be a big, big, big Price. So no one can buy it any more. I want you to

Stop making it and make it a big price

Thank you very much.

From Anna

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2/8/23

Dear Politicians

I'm writing this letter because I want you to

Save the planet because NZ is getting weak

because there is a lot of gas. Animals are not safe, we

can't handle all of the floods and please help

our community and environment. I really, really want

you to take care of the floods by

stopping the green house gas. being made

really want you to make NZ a better

place. best of luck!

Love, By Kiyan

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21/8/23

Dear Politicians!

Please stop the traffic because it's not
great. It's making everyone late to school
but that's why I'm writing this letter
for you because it's important and how
while we are talking my problem is
the weather and the smoking, but so
how you are going to stop it is by
stopping the farmers from making gas
and how to stop the smoking is stop
making them and don't give up
and have a good day.



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21/8/23

Dear Politicians Please stop smoking and
vaping because it's bad for people and
animals. I am still writing to you because
there is another reason, it is polluting the
atmosphere. So if you see someone do it
tell the police. Don't give up! Love from RL

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Dear Politicians

I'm writing a letter to you because I need you to

Save the planet by telling the bad people
to stop smoking. You have to stop them by telling

the people who makes them, to stop. If you stop

them there will be no more smoke. The second

thing I wanted to tell you is that there is too much

gas and we need you to help us by telling farmers

to grow vegetables and not to have cows because

they make gas. The last thing I wanted you to do is that

there is so much rubbish and we can stop
people by showing them and if they do it too
much they will go to Jail. Never stop being

good!
Love From: Cadence

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Dear Politicians

I'm writing about the problem and the solution.
The problem is cows and sheep are making noise.
The solution is you have to plant vegetables so
it's great for the earth. The most important
thing is don't leave rubbish on the floor 10 times
or you will be put in jail. The bad
news is the traffic is worse here.
The good news is the traffic stops at weekends.
So can you get more trains and bikes so there
can be less gas.
Never give up until it's finished.

Love from Arlo

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Dear Politicians

Our school and the whole world are

wasting food. People are flushing

them in toilets! Sometimes they put

them in the rubbish bin! So please

stop them from wasting food. Also stop

them from smoking with cigarettes

in public. It's polluting the air. Never

give up until you succeed from.

Magnus

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Dear Politicians

I am writing to you about saving the planet in all of the countries around the world. Gas, carbon dioxide, vaping and smoking is bad for the environment. We can stop the weather disasters in the world by you the Politicians stopping the farmers from having to many cows. We must stop the rubbish from getting on the ground. When I go to the school play ground I see rubbish and when I go to the Cannon Creek play ground, near the Cannon Creeks swimming pool, some times I go there and there was rubbish. One day when we ate there was a broken glass in front of my car door. If you see a person littering you better stop them. I hope these ideas will help you for saving the planet and you will not regret it.

Love, Cassie

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Dear Politicians,

We need your help because your the only one who can help us. the problem im most worried about is bubble gum on the ground so please stop selling bubble gum in New Zealand. I see lots of bubble gum sticking on the ground everyday. When i see the bubble gum on the ground i feel worried, keep it up Politicians.

Love from Summer.

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Ngahipoh
Wellington

2/8/23

Dear Politicians

We need to help the planet by
stopping endangering the animals by
stopping pollution. I hope you stop
making dumps because if animals live
there they might eat the plastic.
Please stop people from smoking
because it is killing people.

Love Paxton

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Dear Politicians

In writing this letter because rubbish is bad
for the environment, because rubbish might kill
animals like seals, turtles and dolphins because
rubbish can make some animals' throats hurt.
So we can reduce, reuse and recycle. So we could
save the environment. Please can you figure out
what dumping the trash because an ocean got
turned into a dump so please help the environment
please save the environment because that's the only
planet where there is life and it would take
years to discover a new planet with life

From Lannon

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Dear Politicians,

This letter has been sent to you because you can save the planet by stopping smoking and vaping by taking smoking and vaping out of the shops. Tell people to stop smoking and vaping please. Never stop until it's gone. You should help animals stay alive by telling people to not put trash on the beach because then sea animals will die. Do not put trash in the forest because that way animals will die. Keep up the good work!

Love from Fintan

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Dear Politicians,

I'm writing to you to ask you to help save the world. Please just look around I can see litter on the ground everyday. Even just dropping a little candy wrapper can harm the earth. I am the daughter of an assessor at Sustainability Trust. He picks up any litter he sees. He is awesome.

Maybe you could fine people for littering and if they do it again send them to jail. I want you to help the earth. Keep helping the earth.

Love from: Sophia Mary Grace Wheddon



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Dear Politicians.

I am writing this letter because people are throwing rubbish every where, even bubblegum. They're even throwing cans and smashing glass bottles and also glass is every where, even chip packs, even food, even throwing cloths on the road. When I go to swimming class in Johnsonville it's trashed in there! When I go to the park it is trashed in there too. Please



Call the police when you see someone throwing trash on the grounds.

Call the police.

from Owen.



2/8/23

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2/8/2023

Dear Politicians,

The world has a giant problem

(not kidding) you can be the

leaders. I maybe believe that

you can be the best. The two

problems I'm worried about this

the traffic. You really need to

fix all of this traffic, it's

making me late for school

(sometimes). And the other problem

is the litter, I see litter
everywhere on the ground in

the city. I want to fix it

so the city is clean and

sparkly. And find the people who

are littering. You are always

doing your good work.

From: Marick

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2/8/23

Dear Politicians,

I am writing to you because people

throwing rubbish in the sea. our sea

creatures are in danger because they are

eating the rubbish which they

think are food to eat.

Please tell the people to avoid throwing

rubbish in the sea.

Love, Frankie

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NZ

2/8/2023

Dear Politicians,

New Zealand needs your help. because

some people put rubbish on the road.

so this is why im writing to you. Also

can you please fix the traffic so I can

be early for school. Also never give up

because you guys can save us from

the danger. Also can you clean up all

the rubbish in the sea please so the

animals can live their lives. Also you guys

save the world by doing that.

Also find the people who are

doing it thanks.

by Naomi



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2/08/2023

Dear Politicians,

New Zealand needs your help! There are

lots of problems out there, but I want to tell

you the problems that make me worried

because you are the only ones that can stop them.

If you help us stop those big problems, you will

save us! I really need your help 100%! Here

are my problems:

The animals. The animals are getting hurt.

You can help them by bringing them to a safer habitat. You can also help the environment

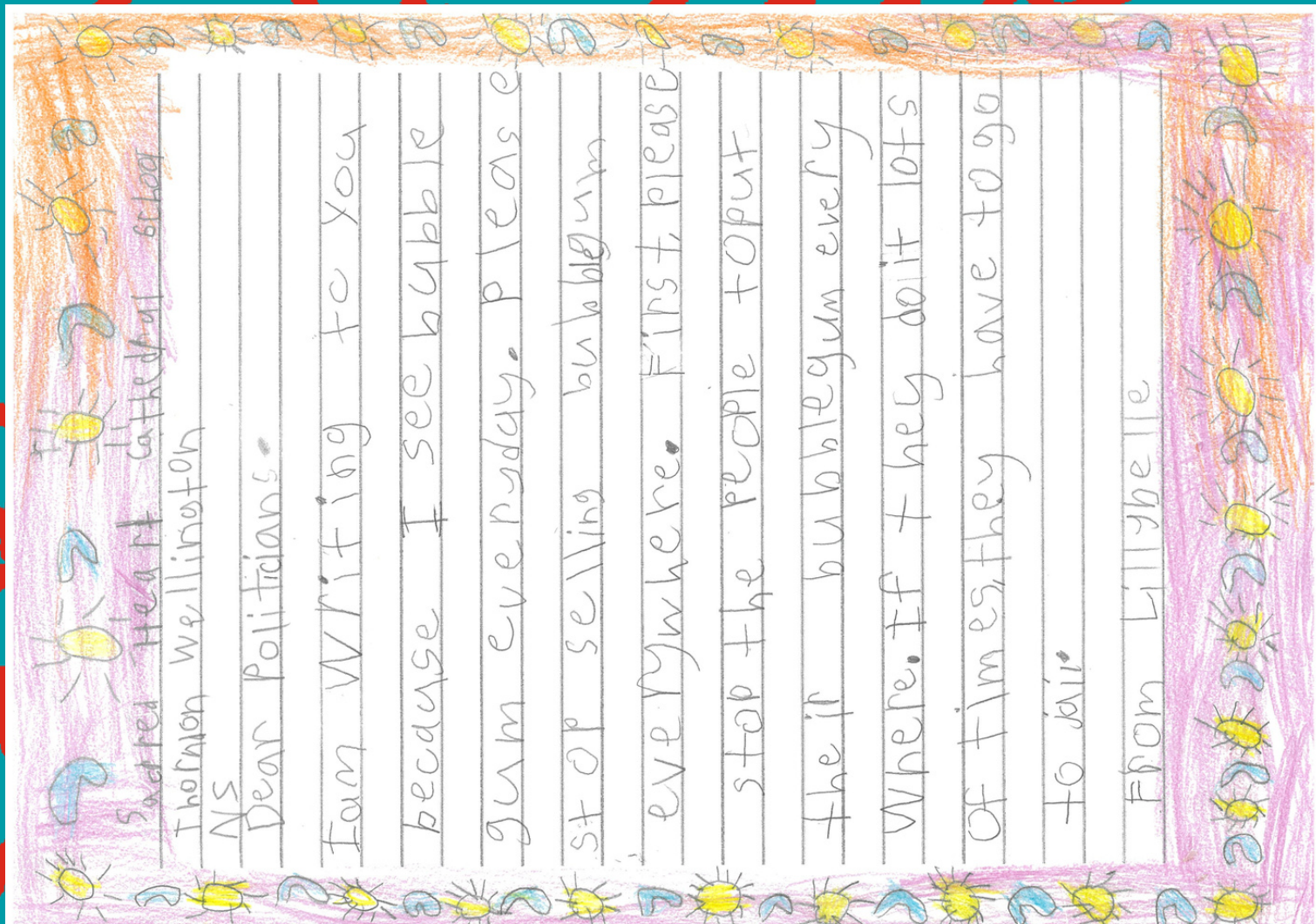


by reducing rubbish.

I know you can save the earth!

Love From, Athena





YOU
CHOOSE
OUR
FUTURE.
CHOOSE
WISELY!



Dear Politicians and world leaders,

My name is Hazel

I am 10 years old. I am from New Zealand and I am here to tell you about all the world wide problems and what we need to do to stop them.

Firstly single use plastic when we use single use plastic like plastic cups plates, cutlery and straws we are affecting ourselves animals and all the trees and people let me explain, after we have used single used plastic we put it in the bin but what happens after that it goes to the landfill but it doesn't break down like we think it does it creates methane which rises into the air and breaks the ozone layer and when the ozone layer officially breaks we humans will die out because the earth will get to much heat which leads to skin cancer and eye cataracts all the crops will dry up and there will be nothing this probably isn't a big worry for you but it will affect all of us. Think about the future generations. Did you know that 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic and waste are in the ocean right now you now what else is in the ocean sea creatures but do you know what the difference is they belong there. Plastic is taking over the ocean. There is also stuff like deforestation, world hunger, homelessness and child labour but we can only do one thing at a time. Thank you for listening to the future generation.

July 25th, 2023

Dear World Leaders

Please stop global warming by lowering EV's prices because EV's are good for the environment. Stop deforestation because we humans and animals need to breathe. Stop emissions like petrol and fossil fuels and we need to reduce, reuse, recycle and stop unresuable plastic because they can't burn up and they take millions of years vanish. One last thing is that you need more reusable resources and so we can help the earth.

Sincerely

Pedro 11 Years



25.07.23

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

We need to cut less trees than we normally do in a year. In every year we cut down 15 billion trees so we need to cut less trees so we can have more oxygen to breathe so we can have the good air we need. Trees help to stop climate change. We should also make more electric cars because fuel cars pollute and that's not good for our environment. And we need electric cars to be cheaper so more people will buy them and and the environment won't be as bad as it is now. We should all plant trees to help stop climate change and get more oxygen to breathe!

Jasper.Age 9.

Dear world leaders,

My name is Riva and I live in New Zealand . I strongly believe that we should do something about greenhouse gasses because these icebergs are melting and these sweet polar bears are drowning and these polar bears can't swim forever you know . So why would you world leaders say yes to an 8 year old child like me. Firstly who doesn't love polar bears they're, just adorable especially when they are babies.

Secondly 800 to 1,000 polar bears are killed each year by hunters. Lastly if greenhouse gasses melts the ice then that will mean that not only polar bears will have to swim forever but Seals, Penguin and Arctic Foxes and Arctic Foxes can't swim so they will drown and your crazy if you think Arctic Foxes are not cute there more than cute they're adorable.

So this is why you world leaders should do something about greenhouse gasses.

By: Riva Fernandez .



Dear VWorld leaders,

My name is Bella, I am 11 years old and I'm from New Zealand and I want to tell you about climate change. You all probably know what climate change is, and you can probably think of many ways to end it. So I am here to tell you more ways to end climate change just in case you've run out.

There are thousands of people in the world that have the brain to think of ways to end climate change but are using their wonderful minds on going to space when they could easily help the rest of the world by recycling, getting compost bins, and maybe even start picking up trash whenever they go on walks aka 'palking' (picking up trash while on a walk).

Have you ever wondered what the world would look like if plastic was never invented? Well, first of all your computers, phones, clothes, and adapters wouldn't exist without plastic. We would also probably get eaten by wild animals like Rhinos way faster. So we basically could never be able to live without plastic being invented. But now plastic has become a huge threat so the only question we could ask now is how do we fix this? We can do things like say no to plastic cutlery, single use plastic, plastic straws and more.

If we are being more realistic, we will never end climate change as the only way we can stop it is by getting to 'net zero' carbon emissions by 2050 or sooner. Net zero means that no more carbon is getting dumped into the atmosphere than it is taken out. Hopefully one day we can live life without knowing that future generations will have to deal with the big mess that people in the past left behind for us.

As you know, there is a crisis going on in the world. The name of the crisis is...CLIMATE CHANGE!!!! I want to stop climate change. We want to stop climate change and make the world a better place for everyone to live in. We should start by reducing the greenhouse gases we produce, like fossil fuels. We should also reduce the plastic we use and reuse things like plastic bottles, if they are in good condition, because most of our plastic ends up in the ocean. Politicians around the world should make bigger clean car rebates for all EVs and Hybrid vehicles. They should also make electricity cheaper and add more free EV chargers.
Yours sincerely,
Dishan, age 10, NZ

Hi I am Kellan

I think we should plant more trees because we need them to LIVE! Trees provide us with oxygen. Trees get rid of the bad greenhouse gases that are causing climate change. Using electric cars would stop us putting more greenhouse gases in the world too.

So do you want to stop climate change?

Kia Ora to all the Politicians, World leaders and citizens.

My name is Jiezi and I want the world to be a better place, so allow this nine year old to share her perspective.

Climate change, Pollution, Deforestation and World Hunger, are some of the problems that are happening in the world. We want this to stop, don't we? What are you going to do to stop the active world problems? We can start to stop burning fossil fuels. Try to bike to work or school and STOP cutting down trees for farms, food or bigger land. There are poor, helpless animals out there that need a home. When we cut trees we are taking away THEIR home. How would you feel if someone took your home away from you? Think about the turtles. Plastic bags end up in the ocean then turtles eat them because they think it's jellyfish and the whole process repeats again. Around eight million pieces of plastic enter our oceans every year. Humans rule, plastic doesn't.

Dear World Leaders.....

Talofa, my name is Azaria. I'm 9 and I'm from New Zealand. Today I'm going to tell you why I think we need to change the earth and environment to make it a better place.

I am not happy with what we are doing with our environment. It's supposed to be winter but NO it has felt like summer all year long, which is great but we really really need to stop climate change. Why are we letting people cut down trees, we need trees to breathe so why waste people's time and effort when it's only doing harm. So I know I don't have many facts but we all know we need to make an end to climate change.

Love from: Azaria 🌴🌳🌱

Hello World Leaders,

My name is Uriah and I am here to talk about climate change and tell you to make a change.

Climate change can cause an effect on trees that could evaporate them and we won't get oxygen because trees turn carbon dioxide into oxygen and there is no other place to buy or get oxygen other than trees. If we left climate change to do its thing, climate change will undo a lot of humanity's progress made over the years in development. It will also cause tree deforestation. We need to stop littering in water because it will kill sea life animals.

And that is all I'm going to say so GO MAKE A CHANGE

Dear Politicians,

My name is Zia. I'm 10 turning 11 yrs old and I live in New Zealand. I would like to tell you some of the problems in the world that include climate change. First of all I would like to talk about one of the biggest problems. Plastic! There are 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic waste estimated to be in our oceans. Plastic will harm sea life and kill lots of animals. Most of the time sea turtles think that plastic in the ocean are jellyfish which is their favourite food. And the worst part is it doesn't break down after a long long LONG time. Here are some ideas to fix this situation. You can find ways to recycle all types of plastic, stop single use plastic and in super markets we can stop using plastic bags like what we do here in NZ. Don't you think it would be great to use all these great ideas all over the world. Moreover another problem we don't want is Emissions also known as greenhouse gasses. Some examples of greenhouse gasses are petrol (fossil fuel) and methane. Another situation is we are cutting down too many trees. Trees give us carbon dioxide so we can breathe and also help animals to hide when they are in danger. We want to stop deforestation. Now that I have explained what we don't like here is what we do like. We would appreciate more renewable resources (organic products) and composting. Another problem is that cars create pollution. To fix this problem we should use more electric cars except most people are already happy with the car(s) they have because of the price of electric cars. To fix this we can have bigger clean car rebates or even make electricity cheaper.

I hope I have well explained the situation's that include climate change. I know that you are definitely the right people to help with climate change and maybe you can use some of these ideas as much as possible.

From: Zia

Message in a bottle

Talofa my name is Madeleine I'm 9 and I go to school in NZ.

I would like politicians and leaders around the world to know we have a huge problem: Climate change.

As you know the world has just passed the hottest day ever recorded which means global temperatures are rising and we don't have forever to fix that.

WHAT CAN WE CHANGE?

We can easily start by planting more trees, stop single use plastics and ban smoking.

OTHER IDEAS:

Make Electric cars cheaper and stop greenhouse gasses.

WHY YOU SHOULD AGREE:

Cutting down trees is affecting the bird and guess what animals are getting affected more than us!

Do you want future humans to have a bad life and constant sickness for something we have done.

After this I hope you can consider changing the world even just a bit. Thank you for listening and thank you for your time.

Hi Leaders of the World,

Today I'm here to tell you about how to make the world a better place. We should start by using more recyclable packaging and make recycling bins to recycle all plastic packaging. We should also make biodegradable packaging which is organic and it will always disintegrate in the soil, which is great for the environment. The second thing is that over here in NZ there is a big crisis with the cost of living. With petrol costs rising and groceries going up by 12.5% in today's market we should make petrol cheaper and increase clean car rebates for Hybrids, plug-in Hybrids and EV's.

Dear World Leaders,

I am here to tell you the turtles are becoming endangered, because in the past 100 years people demanded turtle meat, turtle eggs, turtle skin and turtle shells. Turtles are getting endangered because people are polluting, so we all need to stop polluting for the turtles. This is why we should protect the turtles by stopping pollution.

By : Cristelle, NZ

Kia Ora, World Leaders and Politicians,

I'm an 11 year old girl and speaking my mind about climate change.

Climate change is a problem that has been around for years. Don't you think it's time to stop it? Climate change causes hotter temperatures which mean greenhouse gas concentrations rise and so does the global surface temperature...

One of the huge problems is single use PLASTIC. Single use Plastic is bad for the environment. I strongly recommend using paper instead of plastic. Now in New Zealand, I don't see plastic straws anymore, which was an EXCELLENT decision. We need to do more like that. For example, if you're hosting a party, use PAPER cutlery and / or metal ones. When we use plastic, it NEVER goes 'away'. When I'm asked to put away my stuff, I know where it goes. It has a place, but plastic does not. Single used plastic never breaks down. Unlike paper it rips and disintegrates. Now I'm not saying "It's ok to litter paper" I'm saying paper is better for the environment.

Plastic is bad for the ocean too. A lot of the time turtles think plastic bags that are thrown into the ocean are jellyfish, which is their favourite food. They tend to eat it and it builds up in their stomach causing them to not have any space left in there to eat. Leading them to die. Same goes with other sea creatures. Land animals are also impacted by littering. Poisoned by spoiled food and food wrappers, that mostly contain contaminated foods. This can lead to sickness, internal health problems and even death. Remember rubbish belongs in the bin, I don't think our planet is the trash.

Think about future generations. Think about the animals. Think about Climate change.

Our future is in your hands. Do the right thing.

-Isabella from NZ

Dear Politicians,

My name is Zia. I'm 10 turning 11 yrs old and I live in New Zealand. I would like to tell you some of the problems in the world that include climate change. First of all I would like to talk about one of the biggest problems. Plastic! There are 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic waste estimated to be in our oceans. Plastic will harm sea life and kill lots of animals. Most of the time sea turtles think that plastic in the ocean are jellyfish which is their favourite food. And the worst part is it doesn't break down after a long long LONG time. Here are some ideas to fix this situation. You can find ways to recycle all types of plastic, stop single use plastic and in super markets we can stop using plastic bags like what we do here in NZ. Don't you think it would be great to use all these great ideas all over the world. Moreover another problem we don't want is Emissions also known as greenhouse gasses. Some examples of greenhouse gasses are petrol (fossil fuel) and methane. Another situation is we are cutting down too many trees. Trees give us carbon dioxide so we can breathe and also help animals to hide when they are in danger. We want to stop deforestation. Now that I have explained what we don't like here is what we do like. We would appreciate more renewable resources (organic products) and composting. Another problem is that cars create pollution. To fix this problem we should use more electric cars except most people are already happy with the car(s) they have because of the price of electric cars. To fix this we can have bigger clean car rebates or even make electricity cheaper.

I hope I have well explained the situation's that include climate change. I know that you are definitely the right people to help with climate change and maybe you can use some of these ideas as much as possible.

From: Zia

Dear World Leaders...

Hello, I'm Charles from New Zealand and I am telling the world leaders right here right now that **YOU** and everyone else in the world has to do something about the crisis happening right under our nose aka **CLIMATE CHANGE** !!!

All these arctic animals, scccccccccccc many animals are dying and penguins Can't fly so if the climate warms up and the ice melts they will have nowhere to go. We need to grow more trees, basically everywhere On earth because they take away carbon dioxide.

Please help us achieve our goal!

Please make a change that will reduce climate change if you see this letter.

Sincerely-Charles



Dear world leaders,

Hi I'm Allegra from New Zealand and I am 8 years old and I'm going to tell you why I think we need to change some things about the environment and how we treat it.

We need to look after the environment so we can live, without it we can't live and all the animals will die. So I will tell you how to stop that from happening. Things we want. Renewable resources, organic products, more trees and no deforestation, electric cars and recyclable plastic. Things we don't want. Fossil fuels greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane, less farming, unrecyclable plastics because it kills animals and emissions. Here are all the things we need to start doing and all the things we need to stop doing.

By: Allegra 

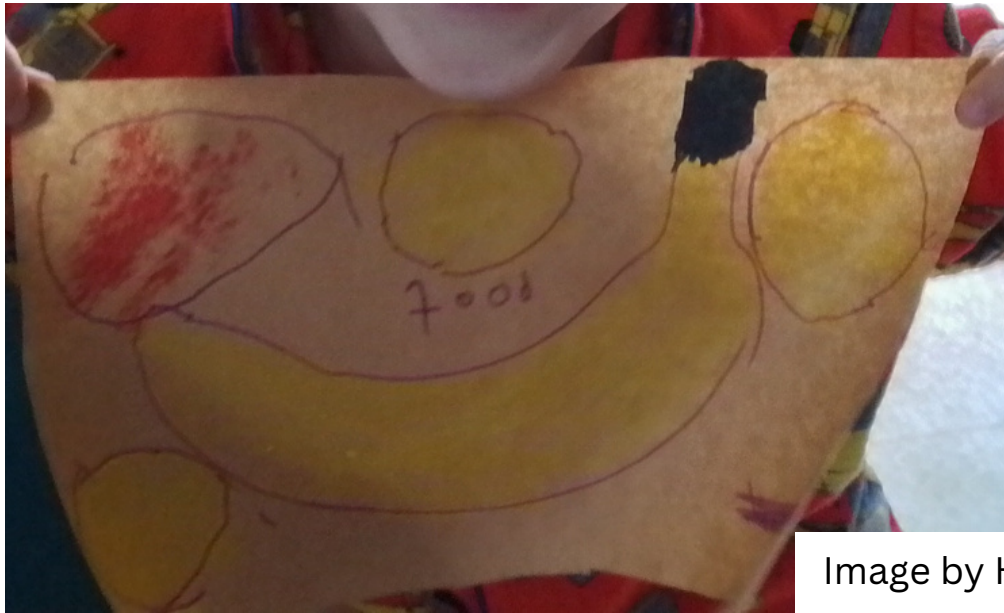


Image by Hamish,6

"Animals in the Arctic are losing their homes because of climate change warming up the planet. Icebergs are melting so the sea level is rising. Stop big oil companies now. Be brave and make strong, wise decisions."

-Ted, 6

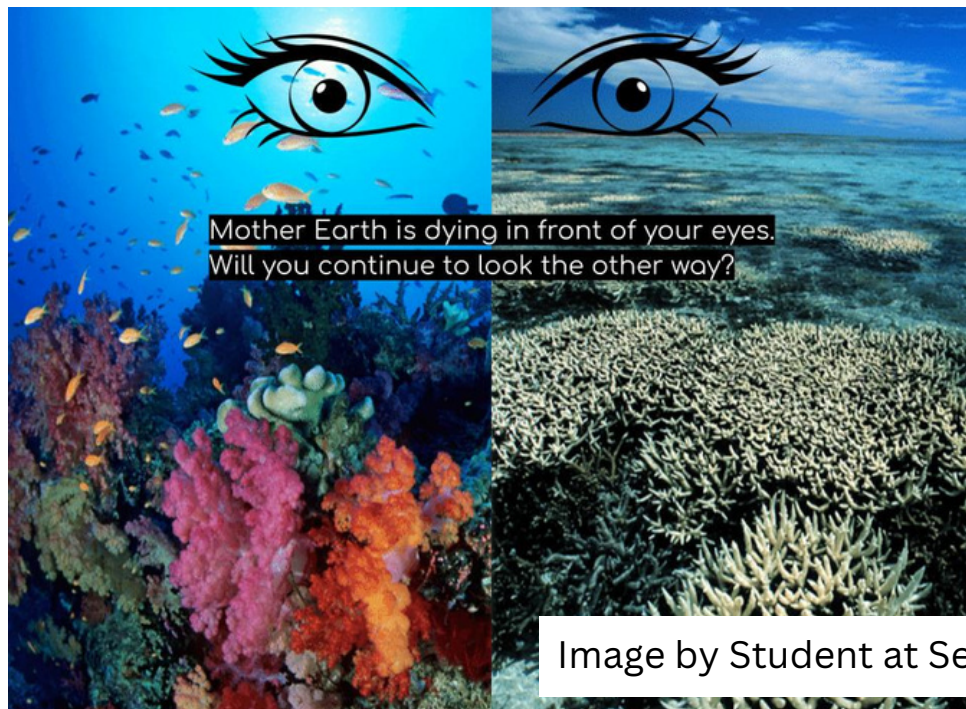


Image by Student at Selwyn College

"Investing in public transport is investing in our disadvantaged people, our children, and our planet. #reduceemissions #createaccess"

-Camille,17

"Save our planet from burning. Save our seas from dying. Save our future generations from suffering."

-Saketha, 15

"Something I wish our local leaders would do for climate change is spread awareness for islands who are isolated and have a helping hand toward them."

-Eh Htaw Kue, 17

"We rely on our world's biodiversity to survive; killing our creatures will kill us. Bring back the bees with pollinator-friendly environments, create more opportunities for recycling (not just 1 & 2 plastics) and prioritise recovery of the diverse biomes that support our endangered species. There is no planet B."

-Nicole, 22

"Stop plastics altogether."

-Clint

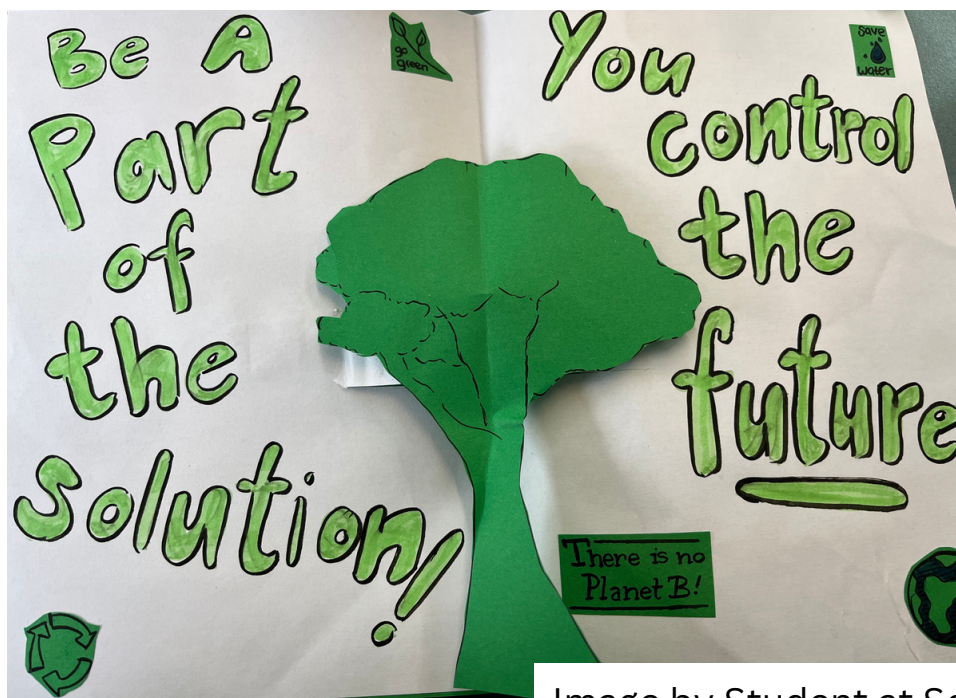


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"Consumerism fuels so many parts of our lives - our decisions, our purchases, the effort we put in to our work - but we cannot let consumerism fuel the way our future unravels. Single use plastic, multipack chips, and single serve products need to be slowly prohibited from production. The increase in compostable or recyclable packaging means there are other options to use, and we need your help to enforce the use of these options, so that we don't let consumerism rule the way our product and packaging affects climate change. It's up to you, and the answers are there. Please make the difficult choices to protect our planet. "

- Student from Selwyn College



Image by Rosie, 8- No to plastic and yes to a healthy ocean

"We are counting on you to protect our future. Please think of us."

-Thiago, 10

"Support Māori and indigenous voices in the climate actions."

-Jems, 14

"As young individuals, we carry the weight of climate change's consequences on our shoulders, and we earnestly urge you to take decisive action. The future lies in your hands, and we implore you to transcend partisan boundaries and make climate preservation a top priority. Embrace the responsibility of safeguarding our planet, for by doing so, you are safeguarding our hopes and dreams for a sustainable and thriving world."

- Quinn, 16

"Recycle more stuff and encourage people a lot to use Recycle bins instead of throwing recycleable products to waste bins. This can be done by making short adds for Youtube or posting more about recycle on social media."

- Mizra, 18

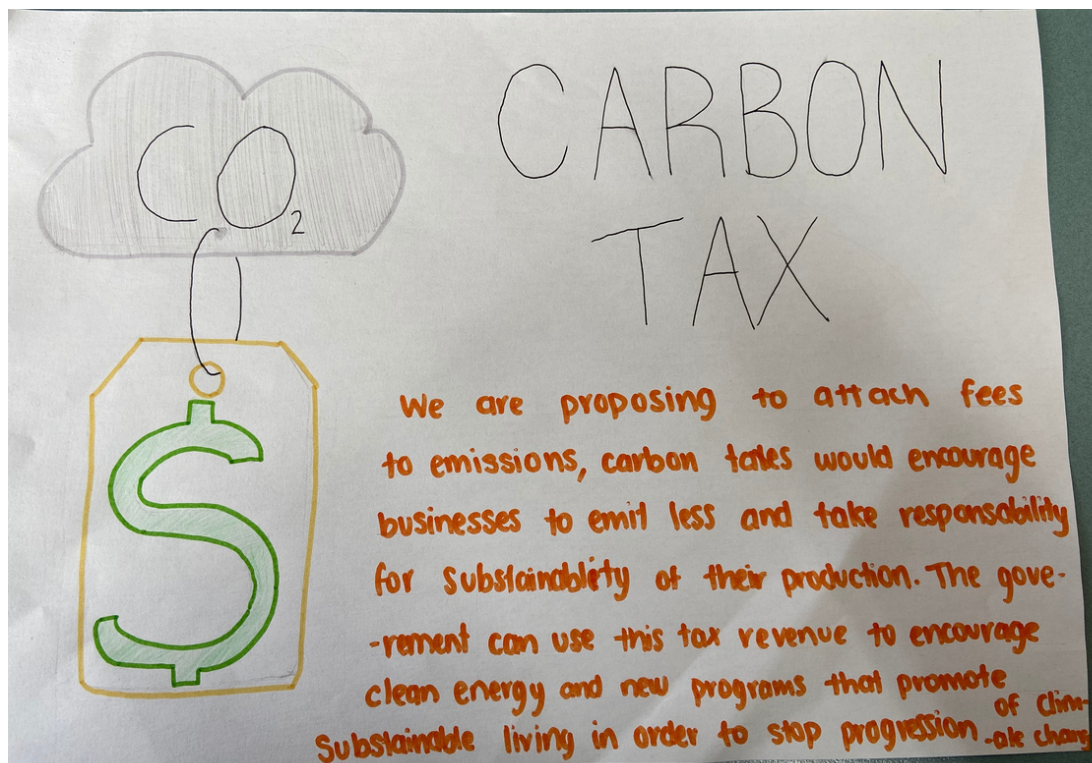


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"Stop allowing land to be converted to forestry as it increases erosion. Increase food production so we can be self sufficient in New Zealand and not import food. Do not introduce GMO'S and keep food production Organic so we avoid harmful chemicals."

- C, 12

"Awareness for smaller islands that suffer the consequences first."

-Mikayle, 17

"We want a future where we still have a beautiful forests and bush we have today."

- Lace, 16

"Make more policies that help people affected by climate change!"

- Chester, 16

"Stop the hoax."

-Aaron, 15

"I would like you to prioritise it more and deliver when you say you will."

-Adelaide, 14

"Please stop climate change."

-Stacey, 12

"Do your best."

-John



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"I want there to be less plastic. I don't like seeing plastic on the beach and there is lots in the ocean. I worry about spinner dolphins eating plastic. But we need plastic for food sometimes so there needs to be an invention of something else to use."

-Sophie, 6

"Start building safer homes."

-Whetu, 10

"Stop the greed, and find the need to actually do something about the planet."

- Austin, 14

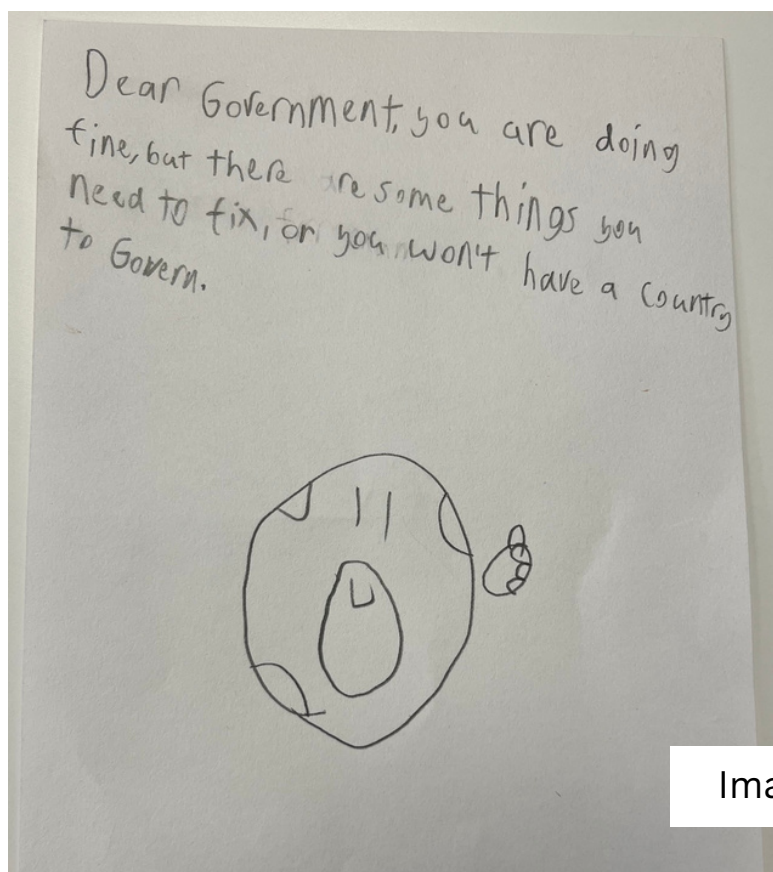


Image by Jasper, 11

"Invest in climate research so that we can feel assured about the future."



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"Commit to protecting our world. Make it a priority! "

"Consider the lives of youth in the future. We are going to be in your position someday, so let us help. "

"Stop funding for material things, and start funding solutions to fix our climate."

"Build all infrastructure sustainably."

"We are capable, and we want to help out! Let young people become more involved in fighting climate change."

"Don't rely on future leaders to change. Lead the change we want to see today."

"Give a more accessible platform for youth to have their voices heard. We want to get involved."

"We already have enough to worry about as youth, so please let us know what is going on rather than hiding it from us."

"Make climate change a priority."

"Create ways for people (both volunteers and employed) to help protect our land and oceans."

"Fix this problem before it's too late."

"Be proactive and put in policies that will reduce carbon emissions."

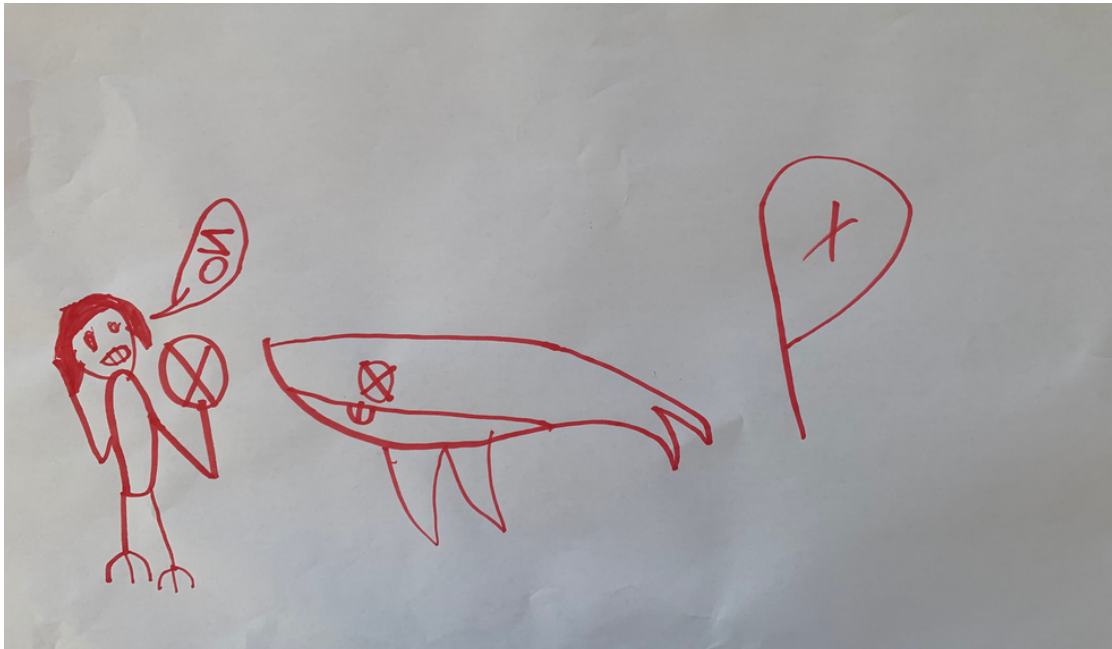


Image by Hector, 6- No to nets and plastic in our oceans

"Employ diverse talent that has a range of perspectives and ideas. We need all hands on deck to solve this problem!"

"Stop avoiding climate change, and put more focus on fixing this issue!"

"In the budgets, put more money towards climate change."

"Restore and sustain forestry and our environment as a whole."

"Ban single-use plastic, and encourage the use of recyclable materials instead."

"Prepare for climate-related economic failure to minimise risking the income of individuals worldwide."

"Let us know what is going on so that we can stay educated with relevant information and progress."



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"Implement educational programmes or platforms for people to learn more about climate change and how to help, without elevating climate anxiety."

"You have time, and you have money. We don't have enough of either of those, so we have to rely on you to take the action we have needed for years. The clock is ticking, what are you going to do about it?"

"Establish a circular economy in businesses; consider where the resources go once being used."

"Reduce funding risks for occupations that are struggling due to the results of climate change. "

"Remove the social stigma around climate change and normalise the issue being a general conversation, rather than a political one."

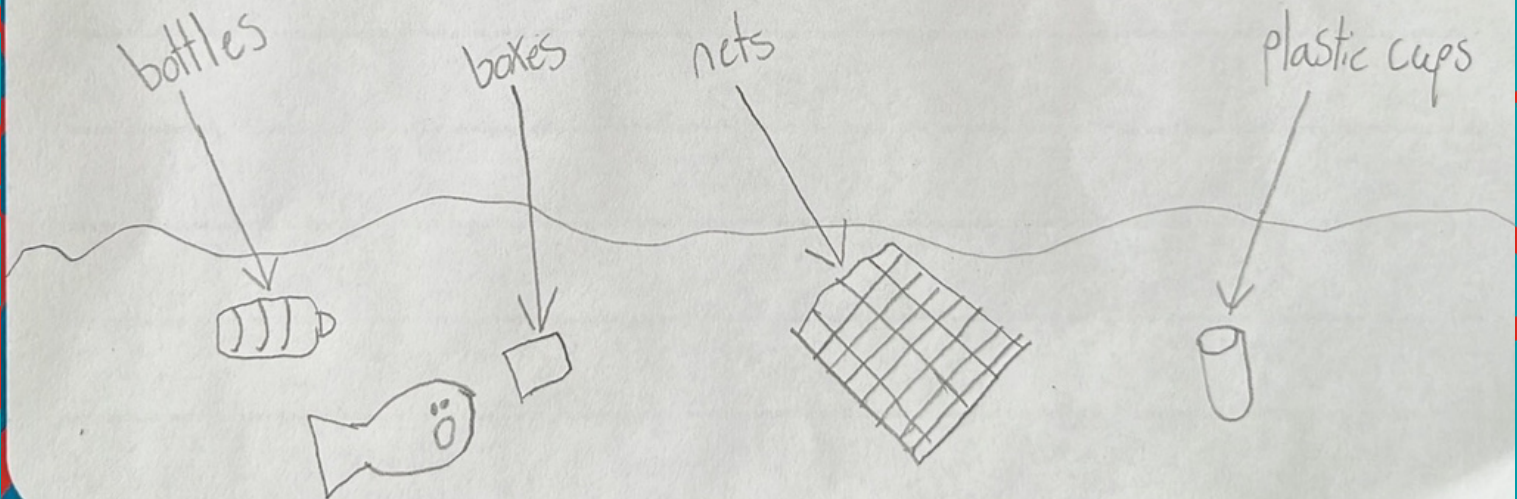


Image by Stella, 13



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Remove the rubbish like
because fish like can eat
the rubbish we do not
want that



Write your message here:

Mason 9 Age

Keep the world clean so

We can have animals to live longer
lives. Keep the beaches clean. Clean
up the ocean



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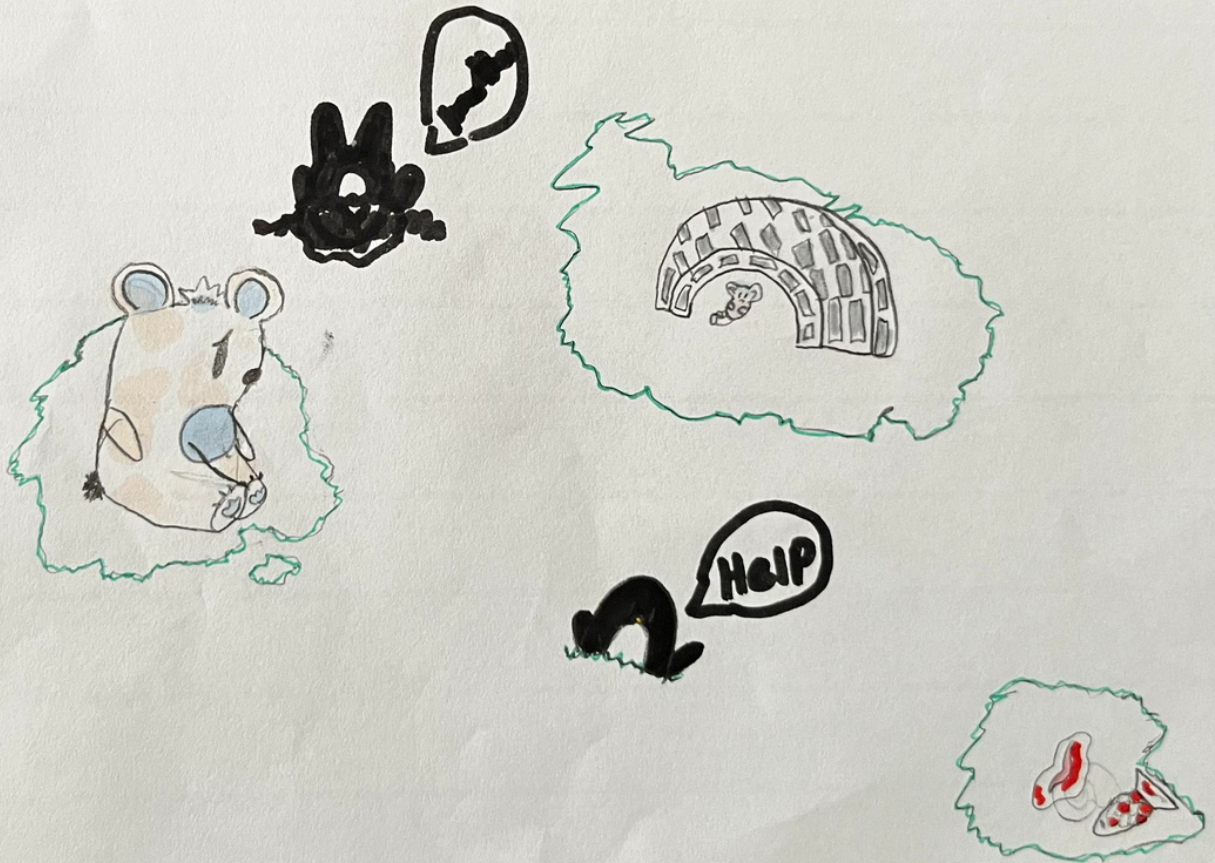
Koona 10

Write your message here: Sell electric cars for six grand because
so more people can buy cars that are cheap and they still make
money and get rid of teslas because they are 60 grand.
And higher the gas prices to one hundred

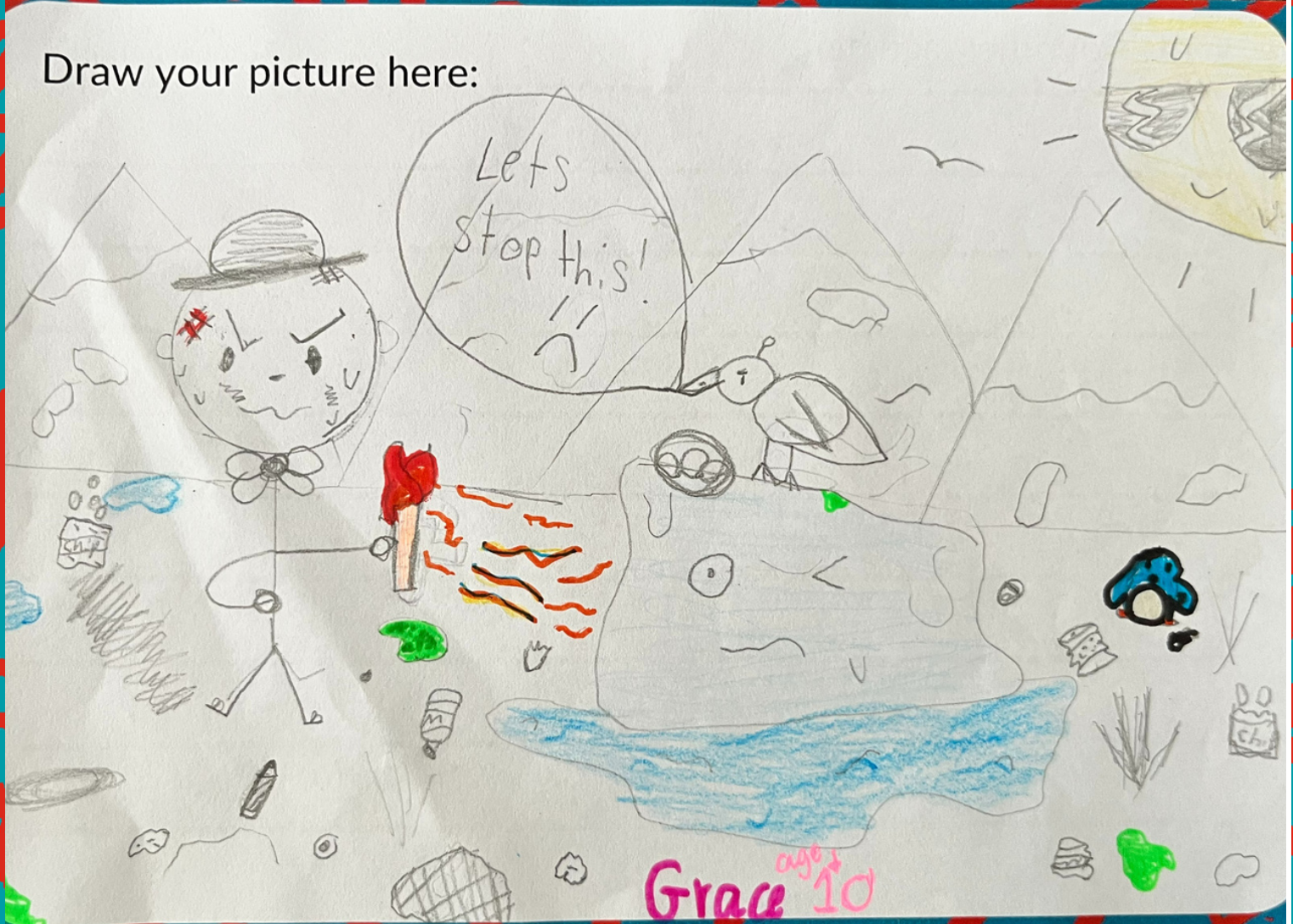


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Draw your picture here: Harper - 11



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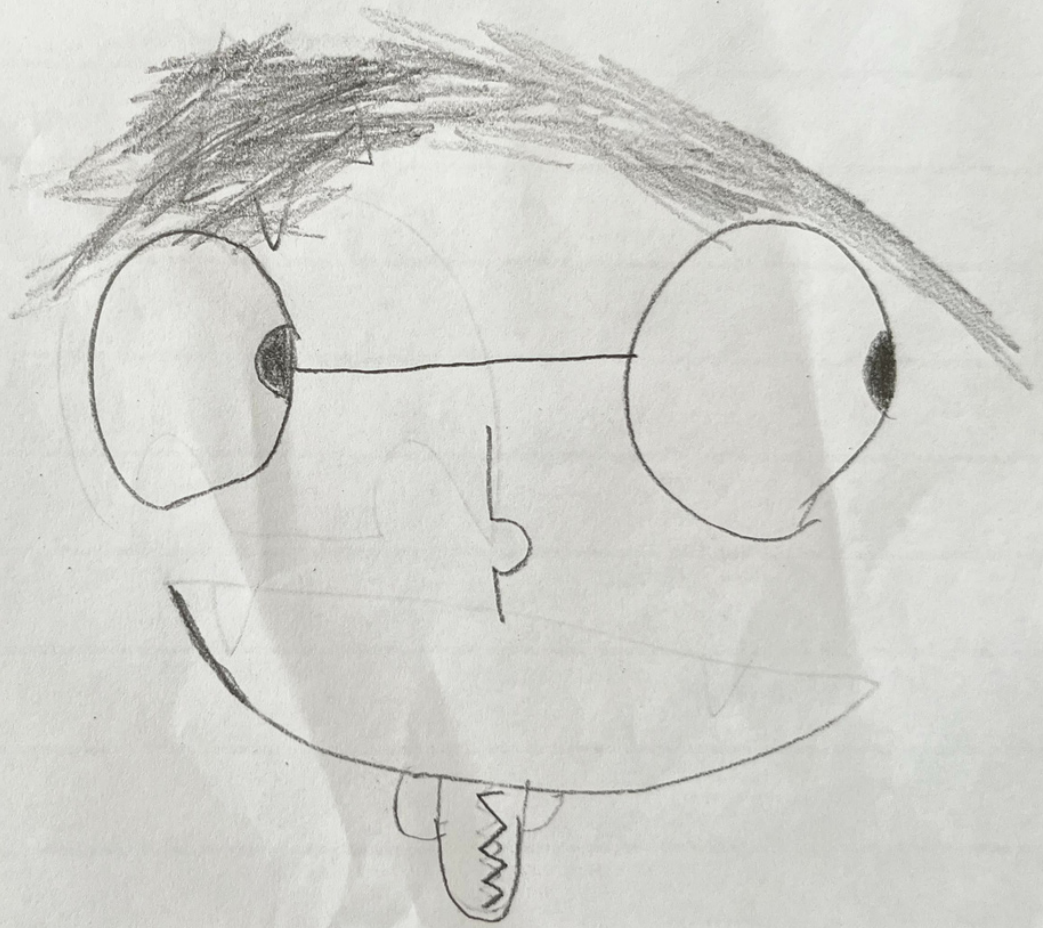
Write your message here: I have been noticing the price of petrol for cars and it's pretty expensive, besides the fact that it's not even good for using cars all the time. if people could afford then people would buy a tesla it's way better for the environment. -Stellar Age:10

Write your message here: To parliament,
I think you need to put more rubbish bins in the environment, so that more people will be bothered to put their rubbish in the bin. This will help animals, especially sealife so that they won't get killed from eating rubbish.
Isabelle, aged 11



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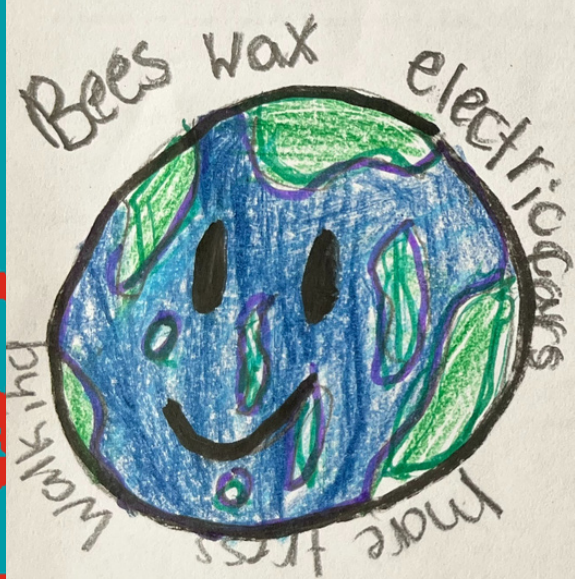


Write your message here:

Ples can you make car
batakes cheper.



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CHARLOTTE Head: Age 10

CHARLOTTE HEAD: Age 10

Write your message here:

Hello I am aware that

our eco system extremely bad but if

we use less plastic my kids might know

what antarctica is. Also because of what

comes out of cars is effecting the air

around soon it may be hard to breath

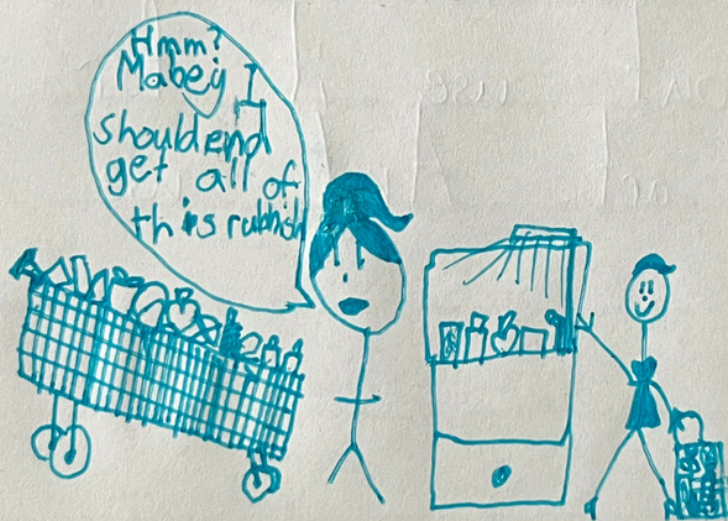
because of the tree population is going

down. I also think we need more

soler panils and use bees wax raps

insted of plastic. And if we have electric

Cars insted of non electric cars. I think we should



Write your message here: Emily 9

I think before we throw things away we should reuse them first like, if it's a bottle then reuse it and when it's to wharn out use it for crafts or a peice of art. And use less rubbish.



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Draw your picture here:



Write your message here:

Dear Parliament

Keep e.v car's at low prices so we
have more people buying e.v car's. They are
also preventing climate chang. from Benjamin
11 years old



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Write your message here: I think that you

Should get helper's to clean up

the beaches and try to get rid

of the Pollution on the beaches.

I also think you should ban

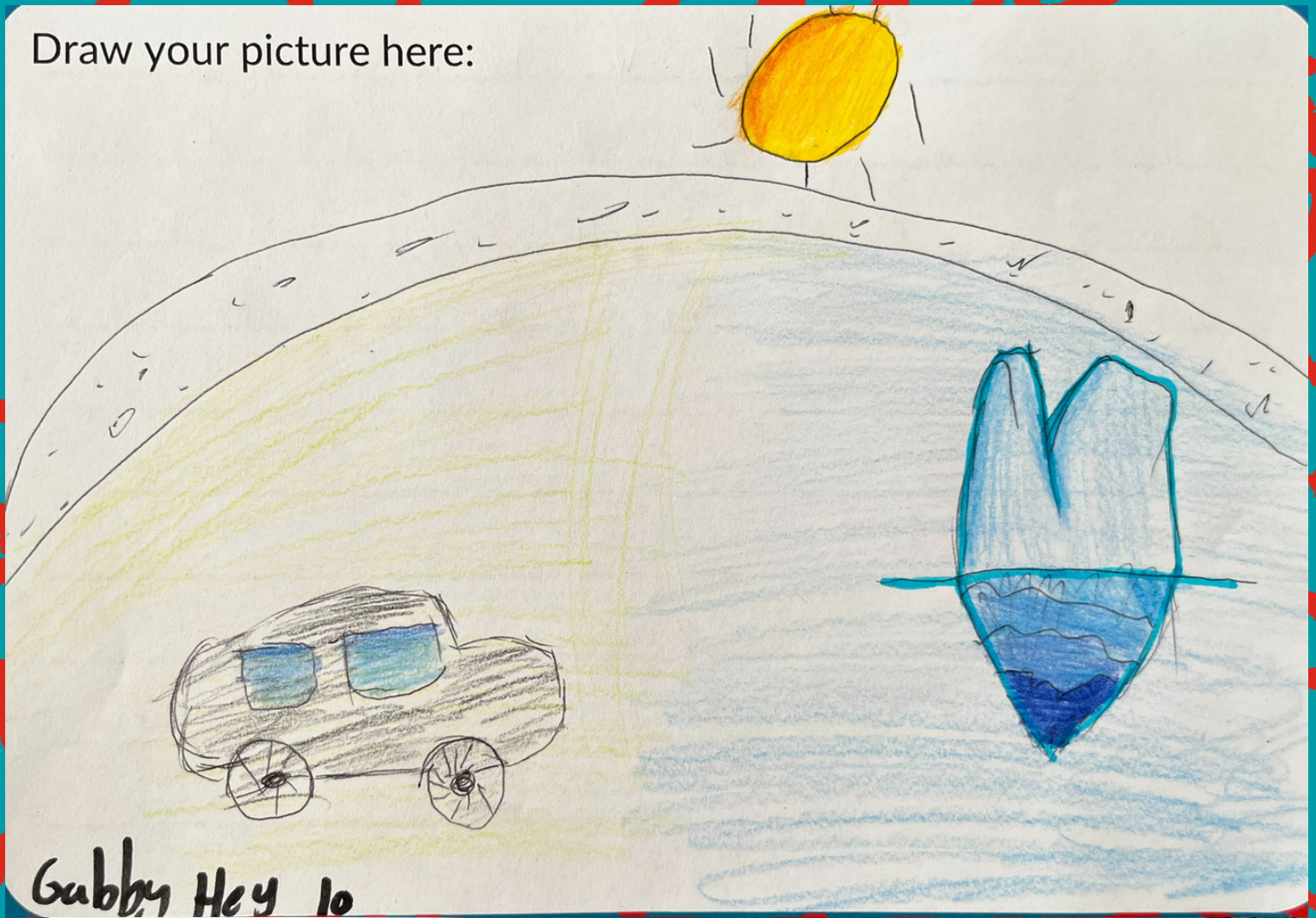
plastic bags.

Lucas Herd 10



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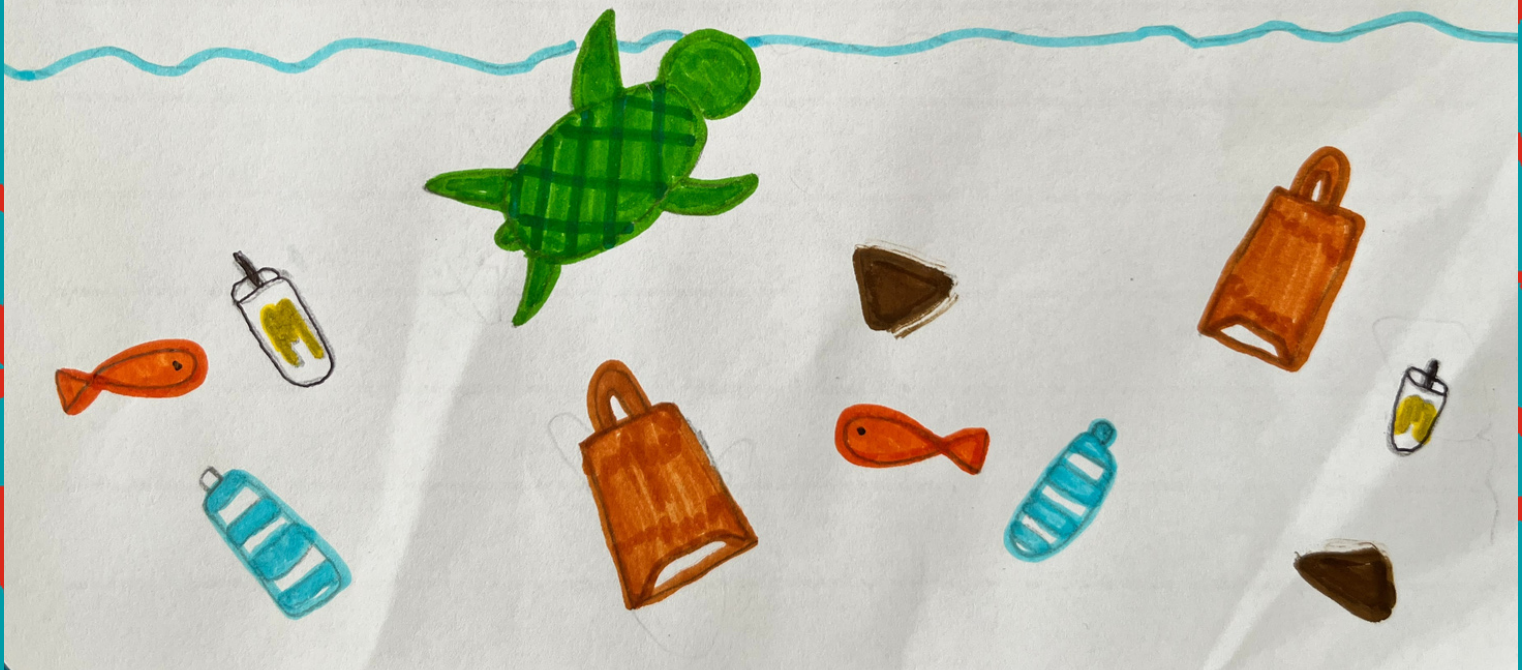
Gabby Hey 10

Write your message here:

If we lower the price of
electric cars and hybrid the sea will stop rising
because of the less pollution which means less
breaking the ~~ozone~~ layer that keeps the sun
dimmed.



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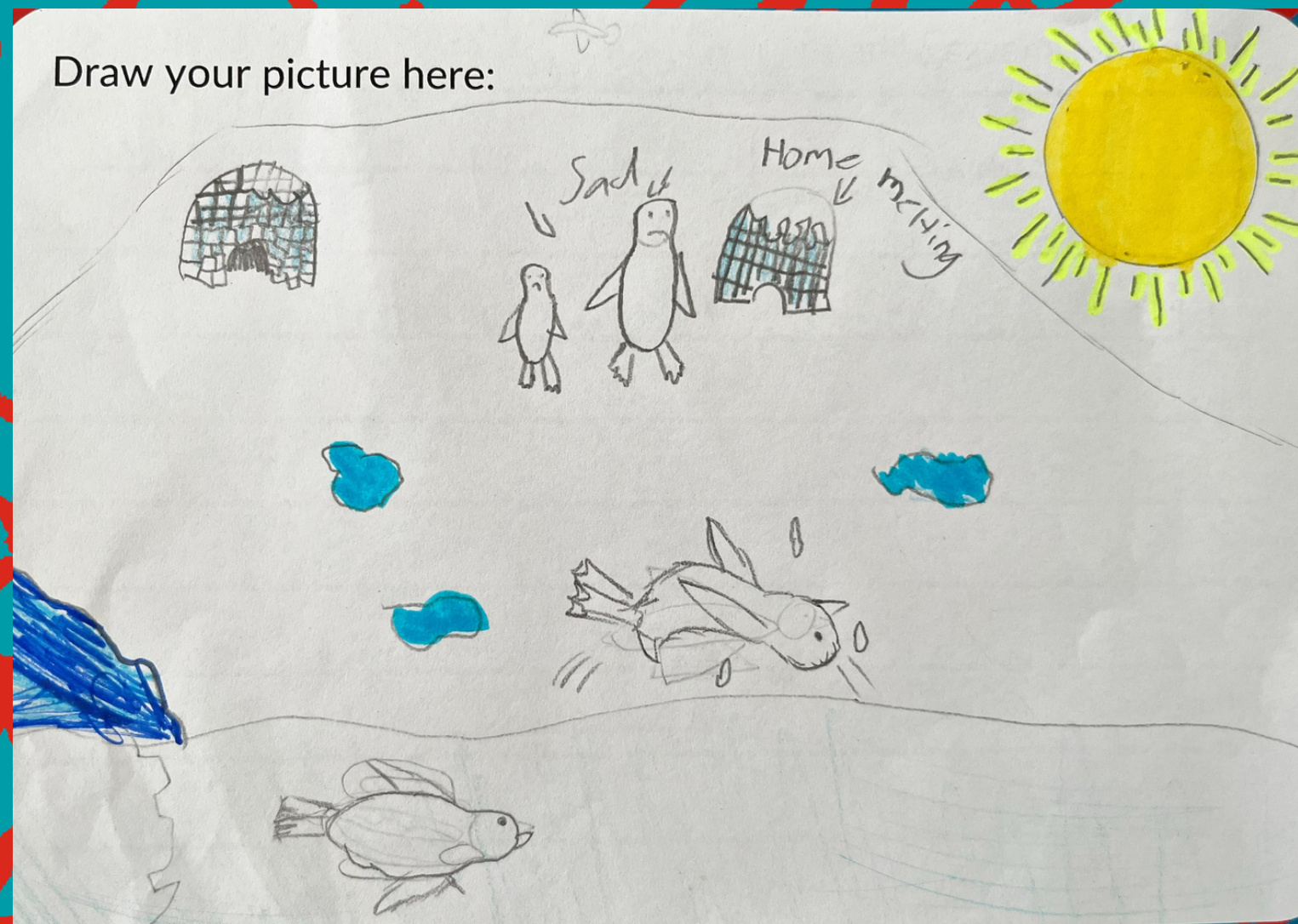
Write your message here: Ava, 10

I think you should get a group
of people to tidy up beaches and
car parks. Or ban taking rubbish
onto beaches



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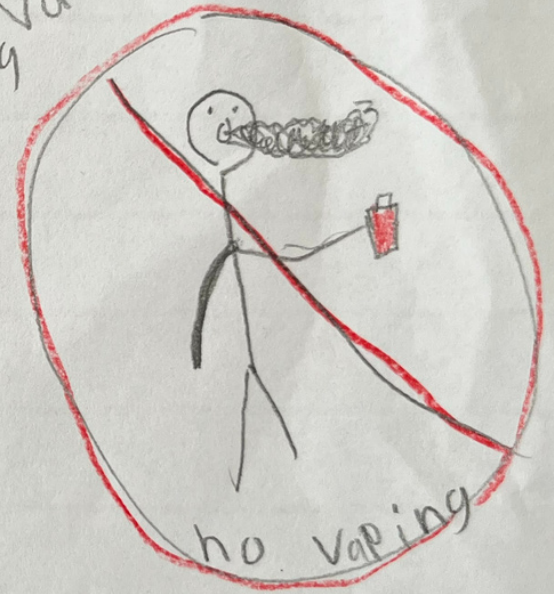
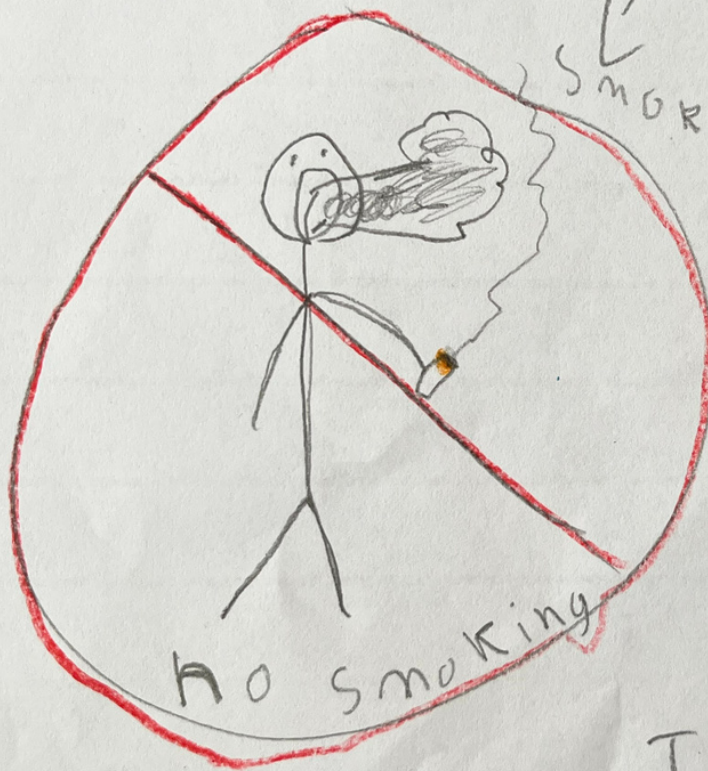
Write your message here: 9/8/2023

Dear parliament I hope you can help
the Antartic from melting



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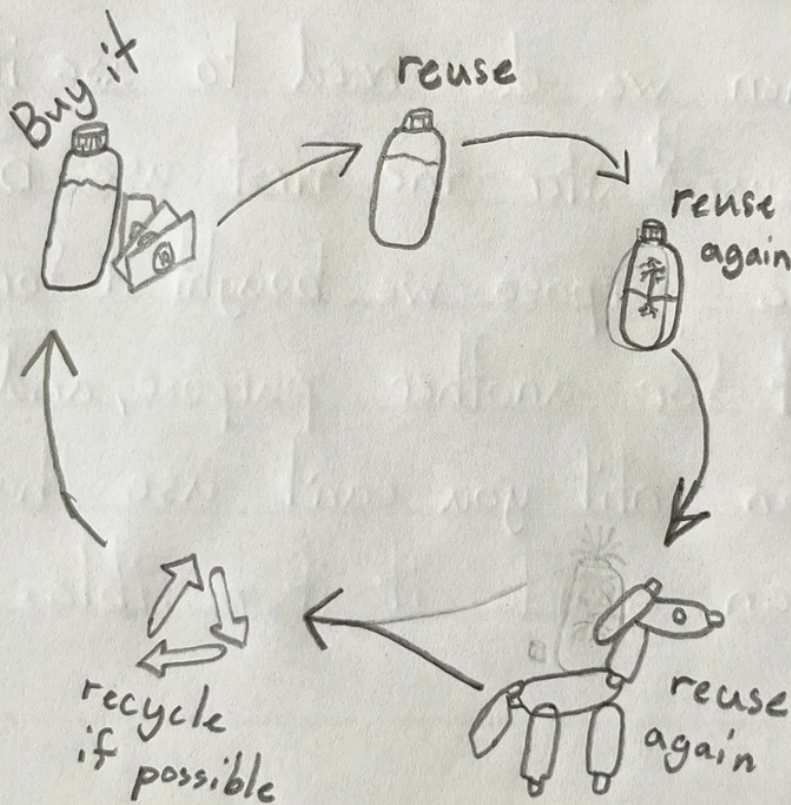


Tate 11

Write your message here: I Think we should
ban vaping and smoking.



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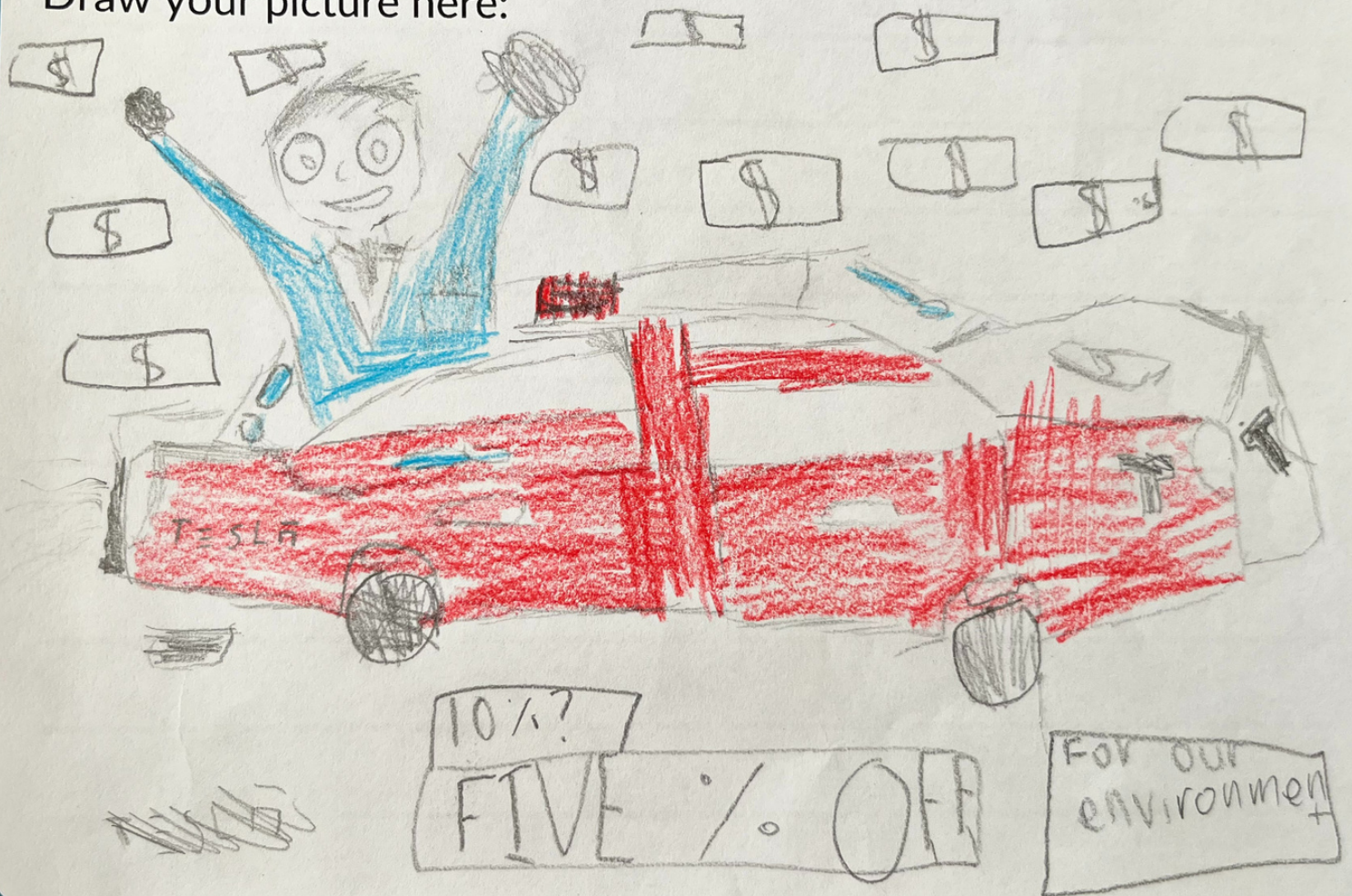
Write your message here:

I think that we should use less rubbish when possible and when we do need to use it or buy it we should reuse it after the first use by using it for the same purpose we bought it for (if possible) and then use it for another purpose, and another purpose and so on until you can't use that product anymore. And then recycle it if possible.



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Draw your picture here:



Write your message here:

Braxton Miller 10 yrs old

Lower price of non-gas cars by 5%.

Because it's better for the environment.

Or 10%?. Also try to stop the ice-bergs melting to stop the sea levels rising higher and higher everyday.

Draw your picture here: Olivia Mitchell
Age: 10



Write your message here:

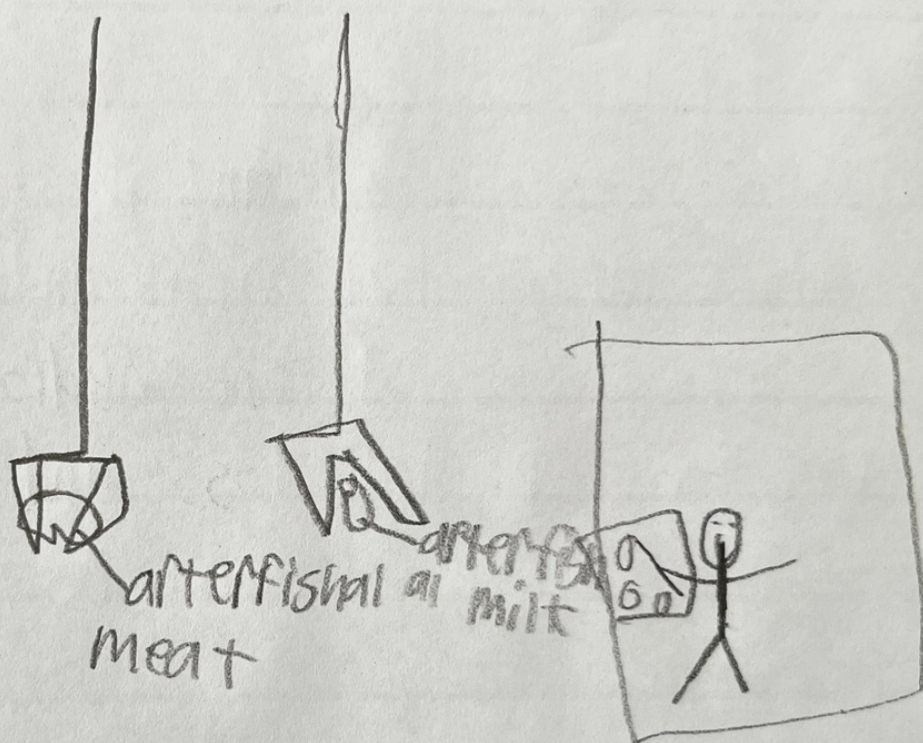
I think we should use less rubbish
and stop dumping sewage waste into
the ocean, before it's been cleaned.

I also think that we should buy
more electric cars so we're putting less
gases into the air.



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Draw your picture here:



Write your message here:

Dear Parliamt. Prohabs chg soe what
Programs you need and invest some sintests
to ~~make~~^{propose} artifishal meat and milk and let
the farmes control the hydro powerd
fatrey to stop job loss and turn ^{the farm} into
a house for the farmer. I recerment to invest
in food and produkten sintests. ^{help} this will ~~make~~
the world a good place for the futere.
kind regards. Jacky 10 ~~year~~ years old.



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Draw your picture here:



Write your message here: Hi, you should mabeey
Stop selling that much plastics
So that when kids are adults,
the world won't be good for
breathing in! So please stop
selling that much plastic!

FROM SOPHIE H' AGE 9

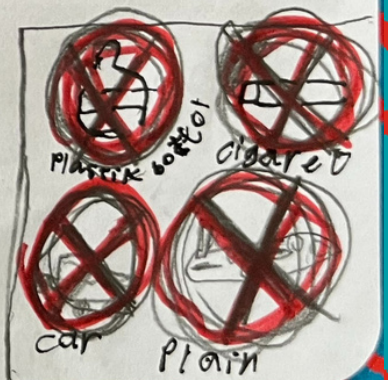


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Draw your picture here:



Buble things
that are
hard to pop
and very bouncy
and you can
sink easily



Write your message here:

Maby we can put air condishoning
by the icebergs to stop
them from melting.

(Sorry if it's a bad idea)

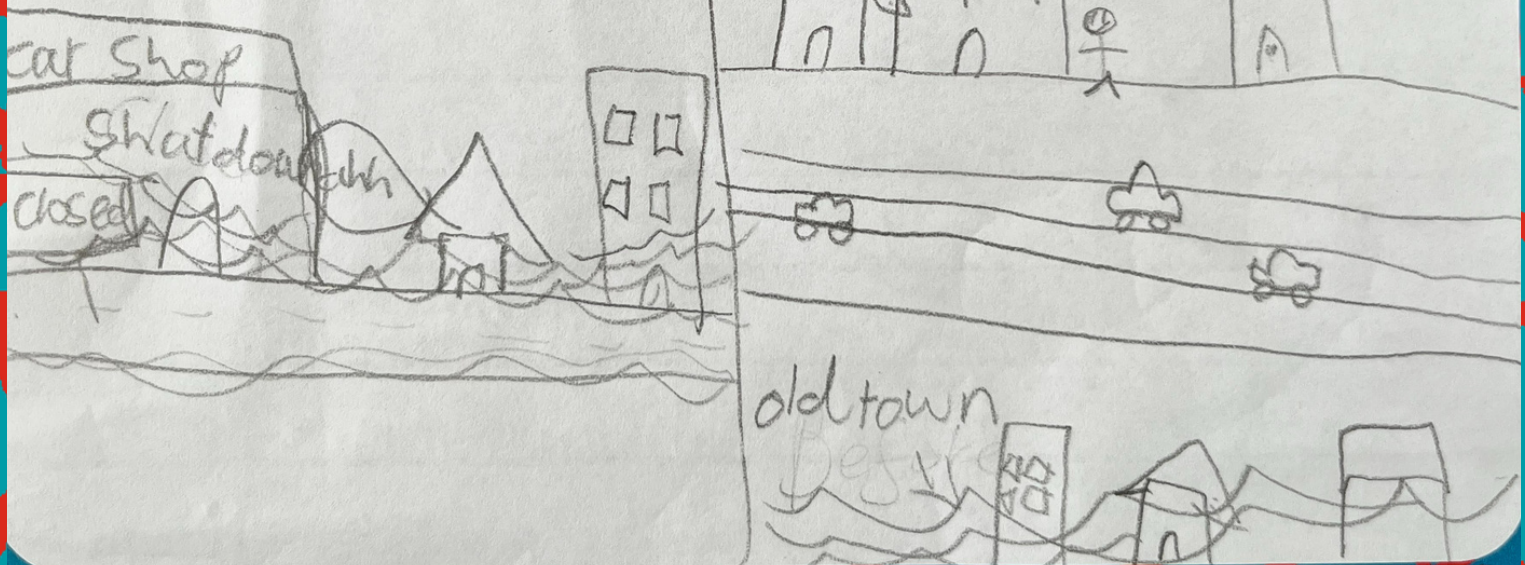
Mimi, 10

Draw your picture here:

That's why we should
elevate everything!

-Julia

Before



Write your message here:

As you know climate
change is affecting the world, Ice bears
are melting and water is rising. Eventua-
lly in the future when us kid are adults,
the water will be above buildings!
Homes will be flooded, businesses might
be shut down and roads will always
be closed. But that's why we need to
look into the future! You know how
long it too build transmission gully,
that's why we should look into the future

Draw your picture here:

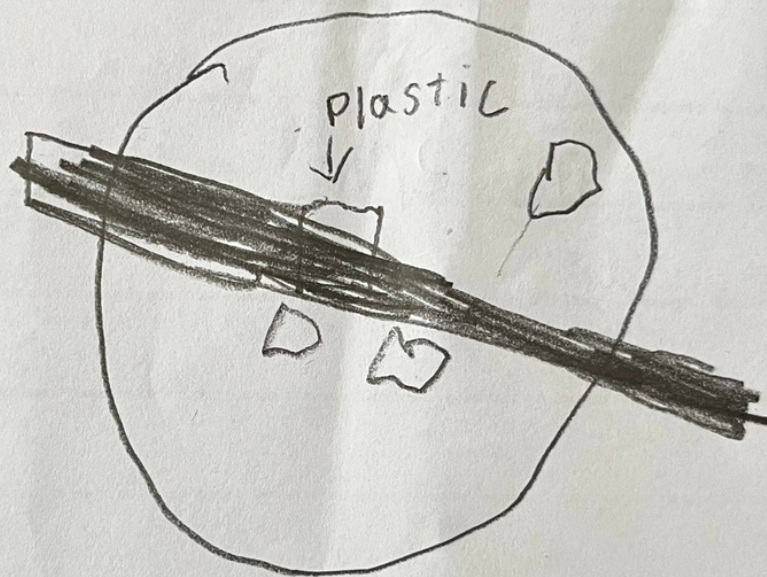


Anamitra - citizen of NZ

Write your message here: Dear Parliament, you should sell electric cars for 100 dollars of less. Petrol cars send deadly fumes to the atmosphere, which could cause the death of animals. Mainly birds. Higher the gas car prices.



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Theo
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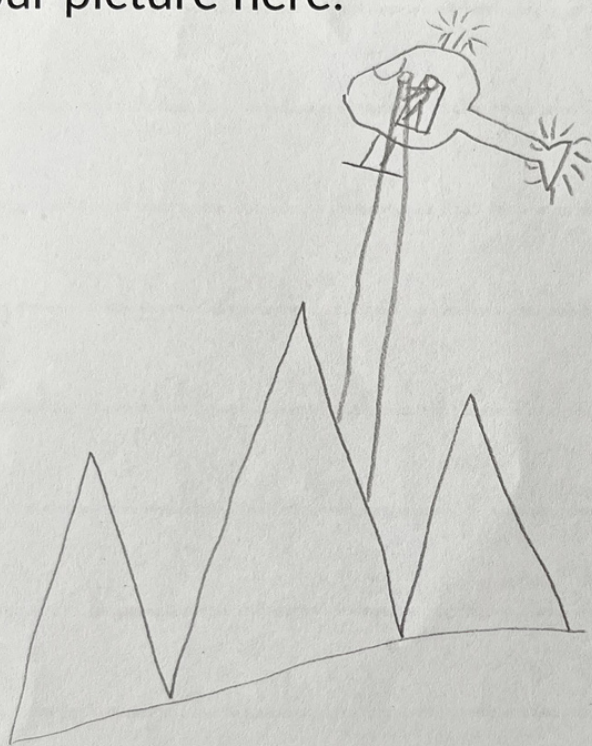
Write your message here:

I want to get rid of
plastic entirely and use a
different material that will
bio-degrade.



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Draw your picture here:



Write your message here: Dear Parliament People. I think climate change's biggest problem is the ice caps melting so I think you ^{should} try and stop that first. You could try and use liquid nitrogen and pour it on the ice caps that might freeze them. And then just start working on the problems one by one. Thank for all the hard work ☺ HARRISON: 10



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"Too much plastic! e.g food in Supermarkets and takeaways. Don't be selfish!"

"Can't we use more wind turbines? They did it in the past..."

"The world needs your help. Please do something!"

"Just do something!"

"Fix it."

"Help the future generations."

"Bro we (the earth) are dying."

"Help STOP Global warming."

"FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT is a small step I think that would benefit in taking climate action as well as getting everyone involved and minimising our carbon footprint."

"Spreading more awareness about things youth can do to help as it's easy to feel hopeless when all we are surrounded by is negative statistics and not knowing how we can positively change our future."

-Aleisha, 15

"I would like global leaders to put an end to greenhouse gas emissions and pollution. So that us tamariki won't have to live an apocalyptic future."

-Behrad, 15



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Please
help!



We need your help! It
should have to be up to
our generation to take
action. Even if it is
something, or even
~~we~~ speak up :)



there is no planet B. not mars! not
jupiter! Save earth



HELP

We need your help
We need
action Now



Just because
you won't be
here when the
earth dies doesn't
mean you should do
nothing

hi my name is bella and I think
you should replace gas cars with
electric it is so horrible that this
is one of our main problems
in climate change and that
it isn't you guys that are
going to be affected it's
us .

"To invest in ocean clean up on just in beach."

-Callista, 15

"This should not be our problem to deal with, yet it has been forced upon our generation."

-Zoe, 16

"Invest in public transport."

-Olive, 16

"Take action on climate change."

-Georgia, 16

"Invest in clean green public transport."

-Sifan, 17

"Open an accessible pen recycling centre."

-Chloe, 17

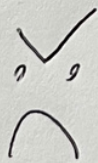
ban guns to stop
shootings.

Message from student at Samuel Marsden School



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can you actually try
and fix climat change
because its vust going
to get worse and
worse and once
it reaches a seton
point thers no going
Back



gave the
planet

We should help different
people that are
homeless and care
about other in the
world.



HELP
different people

"My family has an electric car. We're vegan, and we try to use as little plastic as possible. I like to think we set a pretty good example. But some people don't really seem to care about their carbon footprint, or littering or any of the climate emergencies. It would be good if this was addressed more. We all need to do our part for the earth!"

"Become aware of your surroundings so that future generations can discover what it means to reduce climate change. Teach, educate and nurture young people learning about the impact of climate change."

-Tyla, 23

"More bus drivers so they are more reliable and people are more likely to want to get public transport rather than drive."

-Eva, 17



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"Right now one of the biggest issues that plague me is the amount of plastic in our product packaging. I would like to see the amount of plastic packaging in supermarkets be lowered so that we don't continuing polluting our oceans with plastics."

-Ashley, 16

"I would like our global leaders to be more communicative with youth directly."

-Elizabeth, 16

"Have more refillable food packaging. So we can use less plastic and just refill at a supermarket."

-Molly, 17

"The government needs to make public transport better so people use it more. They need to make it more reliable and nicer."

-Olivia, 17

"The government needs to make public transport better so more people use it and aren't put off by the buses not coming or public transport being cancelled."

-Lily, 16

"Invest in reliable public transport options. Not only this but ensure public transport options for rangatahi are safe. This makes people want to use public transport more."

-Cate, 16

"Cut down on waste and plastics."

-Lily, 15



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"Can you please put up some solar panels or wind turbines, so we can have clean energy and not have a bad atmosphere?"

-Jackson, 10

"Stop using fossil fuels."

-Toby, 11

"Having a ban of no plastic anywhere in NZ and reduce the use of it in NZ."

-Raife, 10

"Can you start by turning off all the lights that aren't being used."

-Sofia, 10

"Protect life under water."

-Natasha, 10

"I want you to try and make electric cars cheaper."

-Ash, 10

"Keep the earth moist."

-Jonah, 10

"Floods are destroying animals and natural habitats, please do something."

-Hugo, 10

"Destroy all fossil fuel buildings and use the resources to build wind mills and solar panels."

-Jaiden, 10

"Protect life under water."

-Yoshi, 10



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"Make all energy renewable."

-Lucas, 10

"I want people to know that climate change is a thing and try deal with it."

-Kingsley, 10

"Start using more renewable energy. Start to recycle plastic into everyday objects."

-Jack, 11

"Make more clean energy!"

-Edward, 10



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Thank you for taking your time to read and listen to the voices of the tamariki and rangatahi. Their messages are loud and clear- take greater climate action, listen to our children and youth and give them the future they deserve.

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