

# Children's Elections 2023



Thank you for registering your class or kura/school to participate in our Children's Elections 2023! By participating, you are ensuring that your student's voices are HEARD, because children's voices matter!



## Why are we running children's elections?

Under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, children have a right to have their voices heard on the issues that impact them. The voices that we gather through our children's elections will be fed back to our politicians and the New Zealand public to ensure that children's views are heard in the lead up to the General Elections 2023. In addition, engaging young people early promotes life long engagement in voting, and with concerning voter turnout in Aotearoa, educating our tamariki through lived experiences is a fantastic way to address this.



# How to run an election in your school



## 1. Print your materials

Materials are all available for download through the QR code below.

- **Child friendly candidate guides:** These are available in flyer or poster format.
- **Voting forms:** One per student voter. These are double-sided, please make sure both sides are completed!
- **Decorations!** If you want to create an election vibe, print posters and bunting to get kids excited!

## 2. Make a voting box and polling booth (optional)

Using a cardboard box, you can make a voting box for students to cast their vote. You can also build a polling booth from a large box. Posters are included in the downloads.

## 3. Run your election

- Support your students to learn about the candidates using our child-friendly guide.
- Allow students to cast their votes confidentially to replicate real elections!
- Ensure they complete both sides of the voting forms so that their voices are heard.

## 4. Count and return your results

- Tally your votes and share your class or school's result with your students!
- Return the voting papers to Save the Children so that we can collate them with children from across Aotearoa and feedback children's voices to our political candidates in the lead up to elections 2023.

### Return completed voting forms to

Save the Children New Zealand

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