



James Shaw

What is a pirate's favourite letter?  
Arrrrrrrr!

Favourite food: Italian



Favourite colour: Forest Green



**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

A humpback whale, because they are extraordinary, graceful giants of the ocean. They do remarkable things, such as communicate with each other over enormous distances with an incredibly complex language. They are enormously important to the ecological health of the oceans.

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

Integrity, perspective and wisdom.

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

A nature walk on Saturday and playing Dungeons and Dragons on Sunday.

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

The world needs more listening to each other. So many of the most difficult problems are stuck because the governments of the world fail to try to truly understand each others' perspectives and fall back on what they regard as their national interest.

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

The single best thing political leaders in Aotearoa could do to support children would be to provide a guarantee of minimum income level to every person in the country. This would ensure all families would be lifted out of poverty and ensure that all families have the ability to provide a healthy upbringing for their children.



David Seymour

What fish only swims at night?  
A starfish!

Favourite food: Pizza



Favourite colour: Yellow



**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

Definitely a dolphin, because they are the kindest, most intelligent, and one of the fastest.

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

A person should be proud of who they are and always do their best. They should help others when they can. They should have a sense of humour and enjoy life.

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

Go to the beach to swim and sunbathe, read a book and have fish and chips.

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

The world needs more acceptance of who each and every person is, without judging anyone on their identity.

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

We should make it easier for builders to build houses. When it's too hard to build houses and there aren't enough, some children end up without a safe and dry place to live.



Chris Hipkins

What does a cow call an earthquake? A milkshake!

Favourite food: Pasta... and strawberries!



Favourite colour: Red



**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

I'd like to be a dog - they're loyal, and I think it would be great to spend my days running around outside and snoozing in the sun.

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

Persistence, empathy and the ability to laugh at yourself.

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

My ideal weekend is spending time with my family. I'd take my kids on some kind of outdoor adventure, maybe to the beach.

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

We should all treat each other how we'd like to be treated.

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

I want New Zealand to be a place where every kid has the opportunity to reach their full potential. This is a priority for me, which is why we're helping families where we can, like with free and healthy lunches in your schools, helping parents to pay for childcare, and making kids bus trips free or half price. I believe that every child should be able to go to a good school - to learn and to have fun. We also need to make sure New Zealand is the cleanest and greenest place on earth for kids to grow up in!



Nicola Willis

What kind of cheese do you use to hide a pony? Mas-ca-pony!

Favourite food: Seafood



Favourite colour: Yellow



**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

A Labrador dog!

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

Compassion, loyalty and work ethic

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

Saturday morning pancakes with my children, followed by a bush walk, yummy lunch, trip to the beach and then dinner out with my lovely husband. Then on Sunday head to Disneyland and then home to a movie and pizza.

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

Technologies to solve climate change and more cures to cancer and other diseases.

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

Strengthen the economy so that families have a lower cost of living and better incomes to support their children. Better public services such as schools and hospitals, so they can provide all children with a great education and excellent hospital care.



Save the Children

# Your Voice



# Matters!

## Election Guide for Tamariki 2023

We asked the leaders, co leaders and deputies of the parties in parliament in Aotearoa all about themselves, and what they want to do for children!

Have a read, and get to know the candidates in our child-friendly guide.





Why are fish so smart?  
Because they live in schools.

Favourite food: Cupcakes



Favourite colour: Pink



Brooke van Veldon

**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

A cat because they are my favourite animals. They are independent but are social and fun, and are happy with a bit of sleep, sun, shelter and food. It's a simple life!

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

Honesty, hard-work ethic, and loyalty. It's important that people can rely on you to do what you say you will do, know what you say is true, and that you will be there for them.

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

Have a sleep in, have brunch with friends, play tennis and watch a good movie with family.

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

The world needs more respect for every person. Every child should know that it doesn't matter what race, gender, or religion they are, we should all be respected and given the same opportunity to succeed.

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

Every child needs a good education at school so they can succeed later in life. We need to focus on getting the settings right for what kids are learning and how they're learning so kids can grow up to have as many opportunities as possible. So many kids don't attend school and it's not good for them now or in the future.

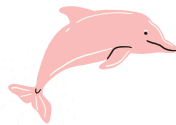


What kind of socks do grizzly bears wear? None! They wear bear feet!

Favourite food:



Favourite colour: Red



Carmel Sepuloni

**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

I'd love to be a dolphin - because I love the water, and they're curious and sociable.

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

Integrity, work ethic and their ability to laugh

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

Hang with the family!

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

Tolerance and respect for each other.

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

We all need to genuinely work together on the challenges that children are confronted with.



What did the ruru want?  
He wanted more pork!

Favourite food: Sour cream  
and chives potato chips



Favourite colour:  
Green like our  
native bush!



Marama Davidson

**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

A Ruru - Morepork. They are small and cute and fluffy. They love the night time like me, and they are a native taonga (treasure) bird!

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

To be able to make people laugh! To be able to make people feel loved! To be loving and caring to our planet, our river and moana, our native bush and our animals.

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

Watch movies with my family, bake cakes and eat them, swim in the sea, walk in the bush, jump on the trampoline with my mokopuna - and lots of sleep!

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

Children like you who are caring and loving to each other and to our planet. And more time for everyone to play and have fun!

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

Politicians should listen to children more. We should make sure your whānau have a good home, enough kai, and are treated with kindness and respect.



Why should you knock on a refrigerator door before opening it? In case there is a salad dressing!

Favourite food: Mince pie



Favourite colour: Blue



Christopher Luxon

**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

Dolphin! So I can surf the waves.

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

Humility, determination, humour

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

Go to the beach and have a BBQ.

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

Patience.

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

Make sure they keep improving and making New Zealand even better so that our kids have the best chance to realise whatever their dream may be if they work hard.



Knock knock. Who's there?  
Tank. Tank who?  
You're welcome!

Favourite food: Smoked eel



Favourite colour: Gold



Debbie Ngarewa-Packer

**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

An orca, because they live in the ocean!

**What do you believe are the three most important qualities in a person?**

Kindness, respect and empathy.

**Describe your ideal weekend.**

Surf and camp in a spot with no cell phone coverage.

**What do you think the world needs more of?**

Kindness, respect and empathy!

**What do you think political leaders should do to support children?**

Focus on ending child poverty, growing education that grows and supports all learners and listening to children more than grumpy adults!



This amazing politician wasn't able to complete our survey this time, but you can still vote for him!

Rawiri Waititi

On the 14th of October  
Aotearoa will hold elections  
to choose our next  
government.



The adults will be choosing the  
prime minister! They are  
responsible for making very  
important decisions about  
Aotearoa.



If you are under 18 you can't vote in the  
main elections. But your voice matters! Vote  
in our children's elections and be heard!