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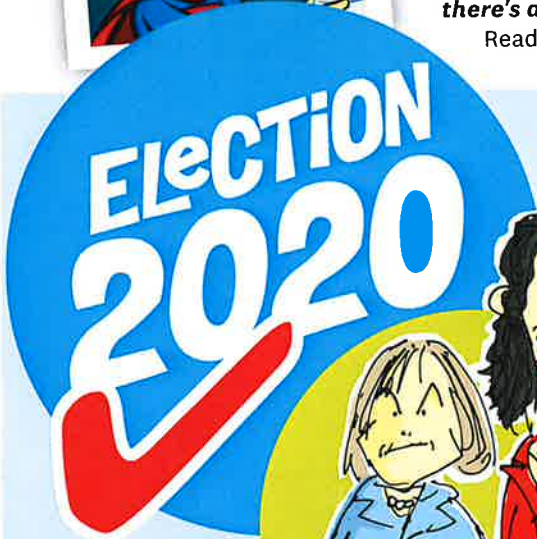
FIRST CREDIT UNION'S NEWSLETTER JUST FOR KIDS! ISSUE 47 | SPRING 2020

Hi kids... welcome back to KidsFirst!

2020 is turning out to be the craziest year on record! I hope you all did OK over the lockdowns - doing school work from home was a VERY different experience. I tried my best to look at the positives and really liked spending more time with my family, plus, I saved lots of money because I couldn't spend it! If you want the chance to win \$50 and top up your savings, complete the election crossword on the next page! **I'm sure you've all seen the billboards - there's an election on!** I didn't know what an election was so I've done a bit of research.

Read all about it below.

Stay cool super savers! Jimmy



NEW ZEALAND IS HAVING A GENERAL ELECTION ON OCTOBER 17. ONLY ADULTS OVER 18 YEARS OLD CAN VOTE, BUT IT'S GOOD FOR YOU KIDS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT!

WHAT'S AN ELECTION?

An election is held every three years and it's when New Zealanders get to vote for who they want to be in charge of our country. The people who work in these jobs are called politicians. If the politicians get enough votes, they get a seat in parliament. There's only 120 seats, and WAY more than 120 people that want a seat. If they get a seat, then they get to vote for laws and help to run our country.

WHAT IS A PARLIAMENT?

The parliament makes the laws. The New Zealand parliament is made up of the 120 people who win the seats. There are also things called parties - these are groups that politicians are members of - the party that gets the most votes in an election is in charge. A party or group of parties working together, must get over half the seats in parliament so that when they vote, they will always get more than half the votes needed to pass a law. There are FIVE parties currently represented in our parliament. They are Labour, National, NZ First, The Green Party and ACT.



120 seats looks like this! The orange party would be in charge because they have more than half of the seats!

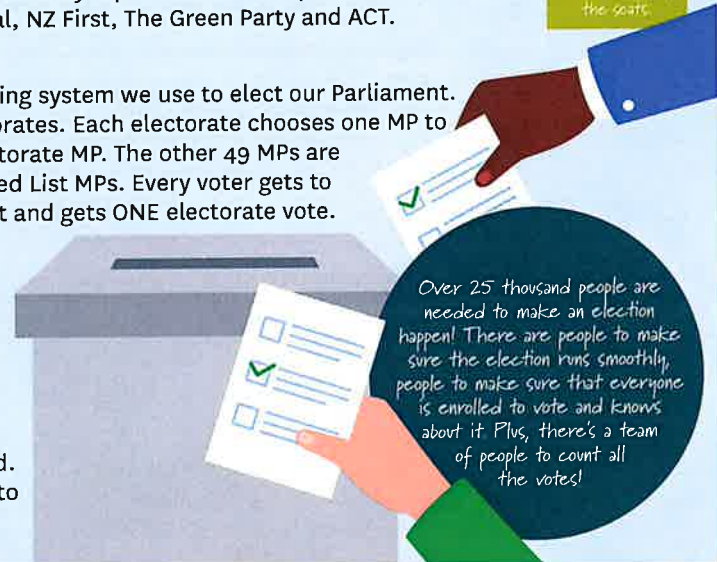


OUR VOTING SYSTEM - MMP

Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) is the voting system we use to elect our Parliament. NZ is divided into 72 local areas called electorates. Each electorate chooses one MP to represent them in Parliament, called an Electorate MP. The other 49 MPs are elected from political party lists and are called List MPs. Every voter gets to vote for ONE political party that they support and gets ONE electorate vote.

WHAT HAPPENS ON VOTING DAY?

Voters make their way to a local school, church or building that has been made into a voting station. They take turns going into a private booth to cast their vote. They tick their choices on the paper form and drop it into a ballot box. The ballot boxes are collected up throughout the day and counted. Late at night on voting day, the results start to come through and a Parliament is chosen!



Over 25 thousand people are needed to make an election happen! There are people to make sure the election runs smoothly, people to make sure that everyone is enrolled to vote and knows about it! Plus, there's a team of people to count all the votes!



The building where the NZ Parliament is based in Wellington is called the Beehive. I'm sure you can guess how it got that name!



NZ Election cross word



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2. Elections are held every _____ years.
4. The voting system we have in New Zealand.
8. The _____ makes the laws.
9. What month is the election being held.
11. The _____ is happening on October 17th?
12. Your local area is called an _____.

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1. The name of the NZ parliament building.
3. Voters go into a _____ to cast their vote.
5. A person whose job is in politics.
6. Every adult gets two of these in an election.
7. The election will be held on October _____.
10. There are 120 of these in our parliament.

\$50

Return your completed crossword with your school banking passbook, bring it in to a First Credit Union branch, or post it before Friday 11 December 2020 to:

PO Box 585, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton. Two lucky super savers will each win \$50!



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Hey mum! Hey Dad!

Christmas can be a stressful time of the year for most people, but our Christmas Club account is designed to help you be ready for the festive season. With funds not available until November, you won't be able to dip into your savings during the year.

Ask our staff for more details or visit our website:

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If you're not a First Credit Union member, ask your parents if you can open a Kids' Account today! Just pick up a School Banking pack from your school office, or visit one of our branches.

Q: Where do ghosts go to vote?

A: To the voting BOOth!

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