

THE BACKBENCHER

CHRISTCHURCH, SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2019

Welcome to NZMP 2019!!

Welcome, welcome, WELCOME to New Zealand Model Parliament 2019!! This conference is our newest UN Youth national event, and it warms my heart to see all your bright and excited faces here ready to learn something new about civics education.

Your welfare at this conference is most important. Make your goal for these three days to get the most out of this conference. But always remember to look after yourself, and stay hydrated!!

I couldn't be more excited to share with you our new paper, The Backbencher!

This newspaper is exclusively written by Press CAs and Press Delegates, and is for you to stay in the loop with fresh updates from the floor of the debating chamber. We will also be staging interviews with specific members and these will be here too.

If you like your news HOT HOT HOT off the press, you have GOT to keep in the loop with us. Keep flicking through to find more exciting content.

All matters of Parliamentary interest or entertainment will be published in the next issue of The Backbencher.

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Press CAs: Ella, Patrick, and Ananya!

WISDOM

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

- Wayne Gretzky
- Michael Scott

"You never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

- Spongebob Squarepants

"Save the trees sksksksks"

- Azaria Howell

HOROSCOPES FOR 24 AUGUST

♈ Aries: March 21-April 19

Accept that there are forces outside of your control. Accept that they decide what you are having for morning tea. Accept that it will be goofy slabs.

♉ Taurus: April 20 - May 20

Your Mercury is in Capricorn today. The stars predict you will easily think of a fun fact about yourself in Party Time Ice Breakers.

♊ Gemini: May 21 - June 20

Forge your own path today, Gemini. Take risks. Ask the person next to you if they have a pen you can borrow, even if you already have a pen. Total power move. Trust me.

♋ Cancer: June 21 - July 22

With venus in retrograde, the stars predict the perfect candid laughing pic. Get those photographers to snap a pic by any means necessary.

♌ Leo: July 23 - August 22

Today your Saturn is blossoming, which means you may have hayfever. Go to welfare for an antihistamine.....and maybe a new friend?

♍ Virgo: August 23 - September 22

Find time to take a moment and meditate on the answers. They might be closer than you think. Maybe in The Backbencher, MPARL's premiere newsletter filled with cold, hard facts, written by world-class journalists? This is not a paid advertisement.

♎ Libra: September 23 - October 22

Great fortunes come to those who wait, Libra. Come back tomorrow and see if we thought up a better horoscope for you.

♏ Scorpio: October 23 - November 21

The stars hover nervously in wait of your next move, Scorpio. Why are they hovering? Are you just tired? Maybe have a nap, Scorpio.

♐ Sagittarius: November 22 - December 21

Diplomacy is a hard skill to learn, sometimes it's just easier to embrace the weird. Skip the small talk. Ask your fellow reps about their favourite Pokémon.

♑ Capricorn: December 22 - January 19

This conference will be exhausting. Prepare by watching all 11 hours of the Lord of the Rings Trilogy: Extended Edition. After such a task, you can accomplish anything.

♒ Aquarius: January 20 - February 18

Keep hold of your passions today, Aquarius. Like rocks. Everybody loves rocks. The stars call for you to become a rock-keeper, Guardian of the Rocks. Protector of All that is Sedimentary. First of your Name. Friend of the Pebbles, Foe of Erosion.

♓ Pisces: February 19 - March 20

The only note you need today is this one. From me. You're going to be great today.

Horoscopes written by Olivia Nally

QUICK GUIDE TO YOUR LANYARDS

RED: Welfare

ORANGE: Press facs

YELLOW: Logistics

GREEN: Media

BLUE: Conference Assistants

PURPLE: National Executive

PINK: Organising committee

BLACK: Representatives

Meet your Press Reps!!!

Newshub - Rose Mason-Collins

Hi, I'm Rose and I'm Representing Newshub. I'm a full time Nun at Villa Maria College. I like to eavesdrop on gossip and argue with people. Feel free to send me any juicy details from around the conference.



NZ Herald - Grace Prodanov

Hey pals. I'm Grace and i am absolutely thrilled to be part of Model Parliament's press team for 2019. A bit about be: I have three cats: Daisy, Ollie and Simon, and their star signs are Cancer, Leo and Aquarius respectively :)



The Spinoff - Azaria Howell

Kia ora! I'm Azaria, a year 13 student at Cashmere High School representing The Spinoff. Feel free to come talk to me and spill some tea. Snatch my wig. The press are always watching



Radio NZ - Xyryll Gayagoy

Kia ora my name is Xyryll, I'm a year 12 from St Mary's College in Wellington and I'm repping Radio NZ for MPARL. Send me some of your spicy memes and piping hot tea. Also feel free to say hi! I'm not scary



Newstalk ZB - Alex Brown

My name is Alex, I'm a year 13 at Villa Maria College here in Christchurch and I can't cook but I love to stir the pot! "There's always money in the banana stand."



PARTY POSITIONS

NZ LABOUR

Labour wants to make New Zealand a better place to live in by providing opportunities for all, jobs, strong public services, quality education, and affordable healthcare. We believe this can be achieved by keeping assets in Kiwi hands, taking care of our environment, and ensuring we get our economy back in the black without compromising the wellbeing of hardworking Kiwis.

NZ NATIONAL

The National Party has always valued enterprise, hard work and the rewards that go with success. We will continue to aspire to a New Zealand where all New Zealanders can flourish. Building a society based on national loyalty, with strong rights related to national and personal security, and equal citizenship, is a core underpinning of the party.

GREENS

The Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand operate based on a set of Values to achieve positive political change for everyone and everything that calls Aotearoa home. The Party has strong democratic values and empowers its members to make many important decisions, including the list ranking of its Parliamentary candidates, and the approval of post-election governing arrangements with other parties.

ACT

ACT (Association of Consumers and Taxpayers): Promoting opportunity through freedom for all New Zealanders. ACT feels a need to remove restrictions on freedom of expression and make it clear that it is a critical value for New Zealand. New Zealanders should be free to live their lives without government interference as long as they aren't hurting others.

NZ FIRST

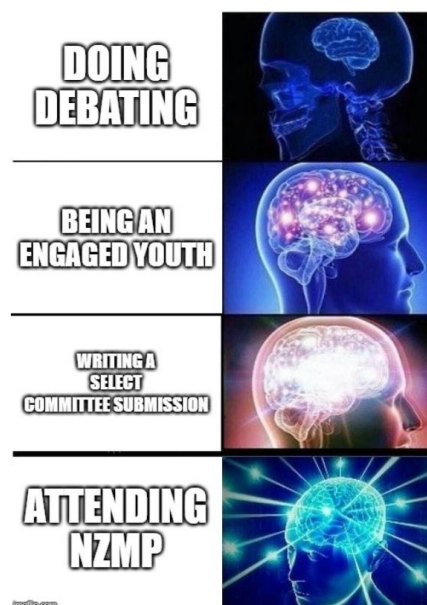
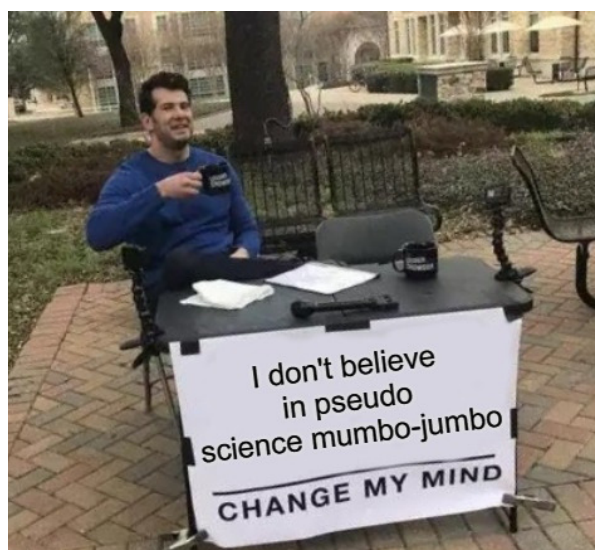
New Zealand First's founding aim was to place New Zealand's interests once again at the forefront of government decision-making, and to promote the country's interests through representation in Parliament. New Zealand First's policies inclusively reflect the interests of all New Zealanders and its approach is grounded in the reality of modern day New Zealand.

*"Always be prepared
to fill in a blank space"*

- Patrick Hayes

The above blurbs are all sourced from each party's respective websites

MEMES, GLORIOUS MEMES



Crumbs on the ground: *exist*

Jayden:

