

Daily Notices

Wednesday 19th November 2025

PB4L Words of Wisdom: **Me tū ki te whawhai!** - Let's get this done!

SENIORS - There are a large amount of sports uniforms still to be returned. Please get these to Mrs Johnson NOW.

NCEA exams are being held in the **Hall** and **Meeting room**, please keep away from these areas.
If you must move near these spaces, do so **QUIETLY**.

MUSIC ROOM IS NOW CLOSED DURING INTERVAL AND LUNCH TIME... UNLESS YOU ARE "ROCKY ROAD" OR HAVE PERMISSION FROM MR CORLET

Kia ora,

The Parliamentary Engagement team are excited to announce that applications are now open for Rito o te Pāremata 2026 – Parliament's youth engagement group. Rito is a group of six young people who develop and promote a project of their choice, with the aim of increasing youth awareness of, and participation with, the New Zealand Parliament.

Take a look at what past Rito groups have done!

- This year, in **2025**, Rito created a youth-friendly resource on how to petition Parliament.
- In **2024**, Rito shared infographics and reels on their Instagram to teach young people more about Parliament.
- In **2023**, Rito created a poster that went up across New Zealand to encourage young people to have their say in our democracy.
- In **2022**, Rito launched an [Instagram account](#) to share content with the goal of removing misconceptions about Parliament.
- In **2021**, the group created [Rarapa, a four-part video series](#) that shines a light on the different ways New Zealand rangatahi can engage with Parliament.

Rito also get to engage with people who work at Parliament to learn more about the mahi that goes on behind the scenes. They could get the opportunity to discuss and give feedback on things like the Parliament website, our social media channels, or parts of the select committee submission process. Returning members and members based in Wellington may also be offered additional opportunities to attend or speak at conferences and events.

We're looking for a range of young Kiwis to join Rito 2025 and would greatly appreciate if you could help spread the word in your school community. Attached is a printable poster.

This is a paid opportunity, where members will receive the living wage on a casual contract. No experience or knowledge of Parliament is required, just an understanding of how to engage with their peers!

Who can apply?

They can apply if:

- They are 16-20 years old (as of 1 February 2026)
- They live in New Zealand, plan to live there throughout 2026, and can travel to Wellington (travel costs to and from workshops will be covered).

Key skills we're looking for:

- Good communication skills
- Ability to work well in a team

- Enthusiasm
- Ability to demonstrate political neutrality when representing Rito o te Pāremata

How to apply

Apply on [the Parliament website](#) by 11:59 PM, 3 December 2025.

In their submission, they should tell us about themselves and select **two** of the prompts below to answer:

- Tell us about a time you made a difference to whānau, friends, or people in your community
- Why do you think it is important for young people to know about Parliament and how it works?
- What do you think is the biggest barrier people face in engaging with Parliament and the decisions they make?

They can answer the prompts in any format they would like!

For example, they could:

- Create a slideshow
- Write a blog
- Make a short video
- Send us a written response
- Perform a song
- Create a website
- Make some mock social media posts or reels
- Write a poem or short story

There is no right or wrong way to apply. We're interested in how applicants answer the prompts, rather than the format chosen.

Our name - Rito o te Pāremata

'Rito' is the name for the new shoots in harakeke flax. Harakeke grow rito from the middle of the plant, protected by the more mature leaves on either side. The rito eventually become the mature leaves taking care of the new shoots. Through Rito o te Pāremata (Parliament's new shoots), Parliament wants to nurture and inspire future voters. The name 'Rito' was chosen to symbolise the envisioned life cycle of the group, existing members nurturing new ones.

If you have any questions or need any more information, please don't hesitate to email us at rito@parliament.govt.nz.