



Newsletter
April 2017



***We have changed our email address. Please send your emails to Coordinator Cat:
catriona@apodc.org.nz**

Our telephone number is the same: 022 0842244

NAU MAI and Welcome to APODC

APODC is: a not-for-profit, inclusive organisation, made up of parents and carers with a deaf or hearing impaired child (0-18yrs). All needs, communication methods, and cultural backgrounds are welcome here!

What we do: APODC runs a wide range of fun social, and information sharing events, that bring families together. Developing networks of peer support and friendship, help us celebrate our achievements and who we are, whilst meeting the challenges along the way.

Our goal: APODC children reaching their full potential.

Sign up NOW for 2017 Membership (\$20), and enjoy FREE OR Subsidised events for the whole family until the end of the year!

(ASB): 12-3011-0757651-00

(When paying online, please use your name as a reference)

What's in this month's newsletter?

- ⇒ **Tip Top Tour, Friday 21st April, 11.15am**
- ⇒ **Museum coffee group, Saturday 6th May, 11.30am**
- ⇒ **C2 Golf Program, starts 7th May, 10am**
- ⇒ **NZFDC AGM, Saturday 13th May 9.30am, and Merge launch**
- ⇒ **Hosted introduction to Deaf Club, Friday 26th May, 5.30pm**
- ⇒ **APODC AGM, Sunday 28th May, 3.30pm**
- ⇒ **Event Review: Family Picnic with ADS, NZSL Family Art Workshop, Daniel**



Tip TopTM

Tour the factory with APODC, & sample the produce!!

Friday 21st April, 11am



113 Carbine Rd, Mount Wellington, Auckland 1060

- Follow the path from the playground, up the steps, to reception
 - Please book in by 11.15am
 - No flip flops or prams inside please!
- ✓ Please confirm your place: Catriona@apodc.org.nz OR text/phone 022 0842244

FREE for Full Members, \$10 for Associates

*Coffee Group — Auckland War Memorial Museum
Saturday 6th May @ 11.30am*



*Meet at Comumbus coffee in
the Atrium (ground floor)*

*RSVP Catriona@apodc.org.nz
OR 022 0842244*



KDEC Parents Forum

23rd May, 5pm - 7pm

Kelston Deaf Education Centre, 3 Archibald Rd, Kelston

- **Meet other families, ask questions and share experiences**
- **Meet Tom Purvis (acting CEO), & Michael Heeney, head of the RTD service**
- **There will be an art activity, plus cup cake decorating for the kids!**

All whanau welcome

C2 Youth

Learn with the pros!
(10yrs and up)



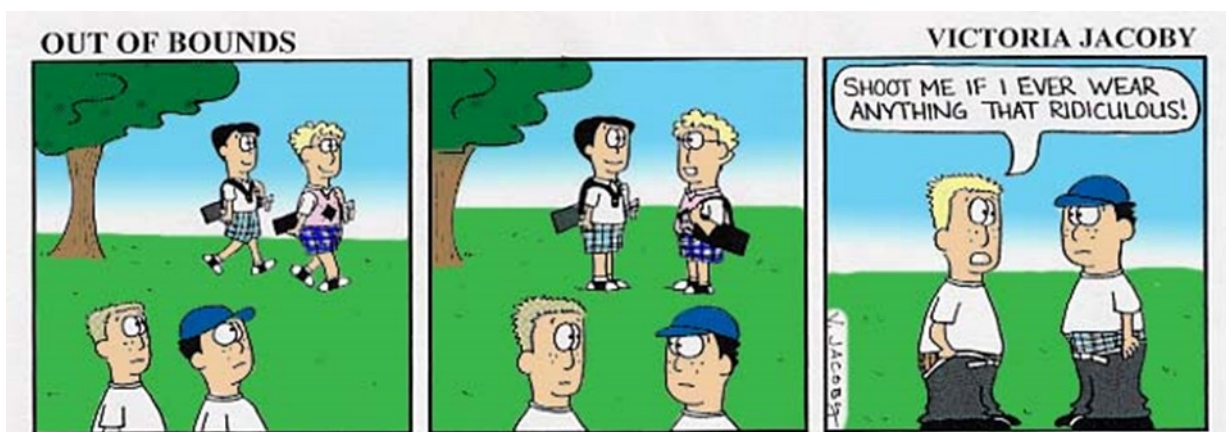
WHEN: 6 wk course starting on Sunday 7th May, 10-11am

WHERE: Remuera Golf Club, 120 Abbotts Way, Remuera, Auck 1050

WHAT: A fun intro. to golf, build some new skills, and make friends

We will go for some fast food to celebrate completion on 11th June

TO BOOK: Email Catriona@apodc.org.nz OR Text/call 022 0842244



NOTICE of the 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of NZ FEDERATION of DEAF CHILDREN



Date: Saturday the 13th May 2017
Time: 9:30am
Place: Auckland (Venue to be confirmed)
Program: Conference starts at 9:30am (morning tea at 10.00am)
Guest speaker 10.30-12.30
Lunch 12.30
AGM 1.30– 3.00 pm approximately

*NZFDC is the umbrella organisation for regional parent groups including APODC (APODC's AGM is on 28th May)



Hello, Kia Ora, Handwaves
to all parents of deaf children

The Merge team is excited to share the launch of MERGE NZ, a new company focusing on New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) promotion, and development, and offering a range of NZSL education services. Our vision is to make sure that all deaf children have access to a rich, deaf friendly, language environment, which includes taught sign language in school classrooms around NZ.

The Merge launch was a success with over 70 guests attending on Friday, 7th April 2017. Launching Merge's logos, branding and website (the cake!), were important first steps in the journey to establish this new service. MERGE will be uploading information, updates, events and NZSL videos for our viewers to follow via its Facebook page, website to follow soon.

You can contact MERGE to organise an NZSL and/or Deaf cultural session at your deaf child's school (in term time i.e. at assembly).

Merge will give a short presentation at the APODC Committee meeting: 2nd May, 7.30pm, Joyce Fisher Pre-school 251 Campbell Rd, Greenlane (gate to side of front door, meeting room at back of building).

Come and see what Merge and APODC are doing!



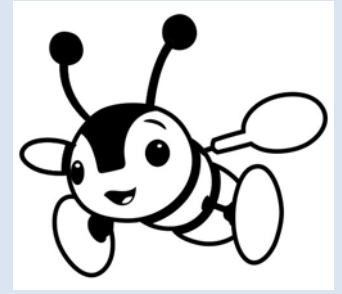
Deaf Student, Meghan Coppage (centre) and CODA, Evie Mahoney (right) cutting the launch cake, with Co-Directors: Victoria Lessing and Jaime Brown (left)



Special guest, Shortland Street, Sam Bunkall, delivered a speech in sign language.

Hosted Intro. To Deaf Club

Friday 26th May. 5.30pm



- ⇒ Ever wondered what life is like in the Deaf Community?
- ⇒ Auckland Deaf Society is hosting APODC families and whanau at Deaf Club (the communities social hub), for this evening of fun



Everyone is welcome for this Kiwianna themed evening!

Please confirm your attendance: Catriona@apodc.org.nz

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**Auckland Deaf Society Club Rooms
(ground floor)**

164 Balmoral Road. Mount Eden

Auckland 1024

Invitation to APODC AGM

Sunday 28th May, 3.30pm

Please support us to continue to deliver APODC services to families and whanau



- We are looking for **1 parent from each family** to attend please
- This is an adult only affair so that you can enjoy a glass of wine, some nibbles and social time with other parents. You will only be required to stay for 1hr.
- Please find the **Committee Member Nomination** form attached to this email. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the APODC Committee please complete and send back the form to catriona@apodc.org.nz by 21st May

Remits and other info will be sent out at the start of May

DRAFT PROGRAM

1. Open, welcome, and apologies
2. Minutes from 2016 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. President's report
5. Financial Report
6. Election of Committee members

Time to mingle, and enjoy some refreshments!

Please confirm your attendance: Text/Ph: 022 084 2244

OR Email: Catriona@apodc.org.nz



The NZSL art workshop went down a treat on Sunday with 20 attendees. All enjoyed the chance for free creation whilst trying out their NZSL.

The boys made some cool 3D creations (mostly weapons!!), and then tested them in the playground. Clay modelling and painting were also popular.

Big thanks to Rachel and George for putting this on for us. We will be asking for a re-run!

Joint family picnic with ADS! What an amazing day. Youth from KDECs residential village got competitive in 3 legged heats and sack races! APODC kids readily put their finger spelling into action, confirming placings with Deaf Club President, Allan Richardson, and Mike Granger, and everyone had a fabulous time!

Thank you Taryn for doing a lot of the leg work in organising this valuable opportunity to mix with Deaf families, and to ADS Board in their willingness to facilitate, including Allan as MC. Thanks to APODC Committee, and community members who partnered up to provide a great experience for all of our families and whanau.

Thank you Daniel Kim, audiologist at Focus Hearing in Silverdale, who provided a generous donation which helped us to source some cool prizes. Daniel is a specialist in paediatric hearing assessment and has clinics in Howick and Takapuna: www.focushearing.co.nz 09 975250



EVENT REVIEW



APODC CAMP

17-19th November 2017

**Carey Park, 397 Henderson
Valley Rd. Waitakere**

**\$70 for ALL Member Families!
(Cost covers the whole family)**

ASB: 12-3011-075765100

(Pls use your family name as a reference)

Other News:

NZSL webpage: a free resource to help those learning basic NZ sign language around the country was launched on Friday 7th April.

Have a look and see what you think: <http://www.learnnzsl.nz/>

Single Sided Deafness: There are a number of families across the country who are advocating for better clarity in services in Health and Education for children who are deaf in one ear, and the need for a fairer assessment criteria.

If you would like to be involved in these discussions or have something you would like to share with us to take to negotiations, please contact NZFDC: info@deafchildren.org.nz

Are you at school?

Been a full member of APODC for 2 years or more?

APPLY NOW for up to \$2,000, and achieve your goal!



Some examples of costs that you could apply for:

- **Tutoring assistance**
- **Attending a camp**
- **Taking part in sports, art, theatre, dance, or music OR**
- **An overseas experience**

Click the link below for the Application Form

<http://www.apodc.org.nz/system/files/Scholarship%20Application%20Form%202010.pdf>



Join APODC on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups981153361914892/?ref=ts>

Connect, share, and find out what's happening for deaf and hearing impaired children

For Your Calendar...

<p>Friday 21st May, 11.15am</p> <p>Tip Top Factory Tour</p>	<p>Tip Top Factory, 113 Carbine Road, Mount Wellington</p> <p>With lots of goodies to sample – why wouldn't you!?</p>
<p>Saturday 6th May, 11.30am</p> <p>Museum coffee group</p>	<p>War Memorial Museum, The Auckland Domain, Parnell</p> <p>Come and have a coffee with some other APODC families, in a cool environment</p>
<p>Sunday 7th May, 10am</p> <p>C2 Youth Group—Golf (6 weeks)</p>	<p>Remuera Golf Club, 120 Abbotts Way, Remuera</p> <p>Learn new skills, meet new friends, and have lots of fun!</p>
<p>Saturday 13th May, 9.30am</p> <p>Auckland venue to be confirmed soon</p>	<p>Auckland—Venue to be confirmed soon</p> <p>Have your say at the AGM of our parent body, and meet families from across New Zealand</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd May, 5-7pm</p> <p>KDEC Parents Forum</p>	<p>KDEC, 3 Archibald Road, Kelston</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to learn more about education at KDEC, mixed with a fun cup-cake making activity for the kids</p>
<p>Friday 26th May, 5.30pm</p> <p>Hosted intro to Deaf Club</p>	<p>164 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden</p> <p>Enjoy a fun introduction to the Deaf Community, in their social space.</p>
<p>Sunday 28th May, 3.30pm</p> <p>APODC AGM</p>	<p>164 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden</p> <p>Please come and support your parent group, whilst enjoying some time with other parents. We need to hear your feedback.</p>
<p>Friday 17th – Sunday 19th November</p> <p>APODC CAMP</p>	<p>Carey Park, 397 Henderson Valley Road, Waitakere</p> <p>This is the pinnacle of our calendar and is enjoyed by all. We very much hope you can make this fest of inter-family quality time.</p>