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APODC

Update



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KIA ORA Hi

NAU MAI and Welcome to families and whanau.

It's autumn in Auckland, so it's a perfect time to join APODC if you haven't already. If you know us, skip to page two. If you haven't heard about us before, here's a bit about how we roll:

- We are a not-for-profit organisation made up of parents and carers bringing up a child who is deaf or hearing impaired. The deaf child may or may not have special needs in addition to their hearing needs. Did you know, the majority of parents of deaf or hearing-impaired kids are not deaf themselves? So how do families learn about the deaf stuff? We are a varied and friendly set of people who've been there, are sort of there, or getting there.
- APODC runs events that get families together. Through meeting with others we create networks that help us face the challenges of home/school/communication when a child is deaf or hearing impaired.
- We have members living across all corners of the Auckland region with children aged babies to teens. The children have a wide range of hearing levels and communication methods.
- We are an inclusive group and share the same aim: That our kids grow to reach their full potential.

What's in this month's newsletter?

- April event - Tour of the Tip Top factory for the school holidays
- April evening event - KDEC Forum for families
- May - Back by popular demand - A gymtastic, fantastic, foodtastic event at the YMCA Mt Albert.
- NZ Federation of Deaf Children conference in Christchurch
- Excellence award for a worthy recipient

And of course there's more.... now read on.

Treat the kids these school holidays with a tour of the **TIP TOP** factory.



Thursday 28 April 11.30 am

FREE

for financial members of APODC.



Come with us to see how Tip Top mix fresh New Zealand milk and cream to make award winning ice cream. Then get to try some for yourself...

✓ *There's just a few spaces left so hurry and email apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 084 2244 to secure your family's place.*

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES CONFIRMED ON THE TOUR:

- The Tip Top factory is located at 113 Carbine Road, Mt Wellington.
- You'll need to be parked and ready at the entrance by 11.05 a.m. on Thursday 28th April. Our tour starts shortly after and you won't be able to join us if you're late.
- We will watch how ice cream is made through the viewing windows.
- After the tour we get to enjoy an **ice cream** while we watch a video.
- Your family can use the outside children's' playground for up to 45 minutes after the tour (children must be accompanied by an adult while on the playground).



Join APODC on Facebook.

The Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Facebook page is another way to connect with other parents and families, share ideas and learn what's happening for deaf and hearing impaired children. Join up and connect with others!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/981153361914892/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Other parents using the APODC Facebook page are a great resource to help you help your child get the best out of the health and education system. Post a question or share your advice today.



FORUM



Family & Friends

FORUM

Come along & share with us an eventful evening



13 APRIL 2016

6-8PM

POTTERS PARK EVENT CENTRE

164 Balmoral Road Balmoral

Hear the amazing experiences of two teenage deaf students who attended a deaf film camp in America last year.

View their film.

Talk with them about their challenges and successes

Chat and share kai with us

Come and listen to David Foster, our CEO, as he shares with you a Board of Trustees update

This will include:

What the Board of Trustees are working on

What is involved in being a Trustee

Who is eligible to stand

The election process

How you can help

Please RSVP to your Resource teacher (RTD) by April 8 to ensure we have enough kai

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Back by popular demand !

**Active family event for the month of May,
combined with our Annual General Meeting.**

**WHERE? YMCA Mt Albert Community and Leisure Centre,
773 New North Road, Mt Albert (behind Rocket Park)**

WHEN? SUNDAY 22nd May

TIME? 12.00 p.m. – 2.00 pm

Your attendance at this event is vital to the continued life of APODC. Come and cast the **YES** vote to keep events happening for families of deaf children in Auckland. We would appreciate one parent from every family at the AGM while the kids have fun with games and equipment. Then we all eat!

How many shall we cater for?

Contact us by email apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 084 2244 to let us know how many are attending



Games for all ages
Gymnastic equipment
Food provided for lunch
Great central venue



**SAVE THE
★ DATE !! ★**



The New Zealand Federation for Deaf Children Inc.

**Advises that 2016 is the 40th Anniversary for
NZ Federation for Deaf Children Inc. (NZFDC)**

The Conference & Annual General Meeting will be held on
Saturday 04 June & Sunday 05 June 2016
at Blue Skies Conference & Training Centre,
12 Williams Street, Kaiapoi 7630, CHRISTCHURCH

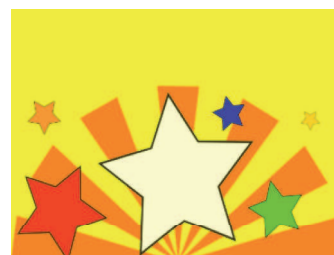


Saturday 04 June 2016
NZFDC Conference
Guest Speakers

Sunday 05 June 2016
NZFDC
Annual General Meeting

This year is the 40th Anniversary of NZ Federation for Deaf Children Inc. and NZFDC are celebrating by returning to the region where the first Annual General Meeting was held back in 1976.

If you are a financial member of APODC, subsidised funding may be available for your family to attend the conference in Christchurch. Contact APODC with your expression of interest, by email on apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 084 2244



Xavier Davis, aged 6 of Clevedon School was presented with the Excellence Award from Auckland Parents of Deaf Children just before Christmas last year. Here he is, proudly wearing his medal and holding his certificate.

Xavier has a number of health issues, including hearing loss due to his Charge Syndrome. Regardless of the challenges these issues present, Xavier is an enthusiastic learner. He is an extremely social child who enjoys interactions both with his classmates and adults. He is empathetic, cares for others and is a valued member of his school.

Xavier's outgoing personality and quirky sense of fun enables him to gain the best from all situations.

Congratulations Xavier! The award was well deserved. You're a total star and you're going far. Watch out Universe!



For your calendar...

<p>Wednesday 13th April, 6-8 pm</p> <p>KDEC Forum</p>	<p>The Auckland Deaf Society, 164 Balmoral Rd, Balmoral, AUCKLAND. Get the latest information from KDEC and hear two students' experience of their attendance at Deaf Film Camp USA. Forum open to everyone. Activities and supervision of children available on site so parents can attend.</p>
<p>Thursday 28th April, 11.05 am – 12.30 pm</p> <p>Tip Top Factory Tour</p>	<p>Tip Top Factory, Carbine Rd, Mt Wellington, AUCKLAND. An event for APODC families during the school holidays. Take a guided tour of the factory to see how ice-cream is made, then taste the results for yourself. Families who missed out on the tour in 2015 have priority.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd May, 7.30 pm</p> <p>APODC Committee meeting</p>	<p>The Hearing House, 251-253 Campbell Rd, GREENLANE. Meet the APODC management committee and have your say on how we should work for the families with deaf and hearing impaired children. Want to check us out but don't want to join the committee? Observers and visitors are always welcome.</p>
<p>Sunday 22nd May, 12.00 p.m – 2.00 pm</p> <p>Gym fun and games, Annual General Meeting and a yummy lunch</p>	<p>YMCA Mt Albert Community & Leisure Centre, 773 New North Rd, MT ALBERT. Gymnastic equipment and games for all ages in a great indoor location. One adult from each APODC family is required in attendance at our AGM. Come along and vote YES to APODC running for another year. Without your vote we cannot provide support for families with deaf and hearing impaired children across Auckland.</p> <p>Oh yeah and we're having an awesome feed after.</p>
<p>Saturday & Sunday, 4th & 5th June 2016</p> <p>40th Anniversary of NZFDC, Conference and AGM</p>	<p>Blue Skies Conference & Training Centre, 12 Williams St, Kaiapoi, CHRISTCHURCH. <i>If you are a financial member of APODC and your family would like to go, subsidised funding may be available to attend the conference in Christchurch. Contact APODC with your expression of interest.</i></p>



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