



NEWSLETTER  
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**KIA ORA Hi**

## **NAU MAI and Welcome to families and whanau.**

**APODC is:** a not-for-profit organisation made up of parents and carers bringing up a child who is deaf or hearing impaired, and who may have additional special needs. Did you know, the majority of parents of deaf or hearing-impaired kids are not deaf themselves? We are a varied and friendly set of people who find support through sharing experience, and having lots of fun!

APODC runs events that bring families together. Through meeting others we create networks that help us face the challenges of home/school/communication with our children.

We have members living across all corners of the Auckland region with deaf and Hard of Hearing children from 0-18 years old, with a wide range of hearing levels and communication methods. We are united by our mutual aim: That our kids grow to reach their full potential.

**Sign up for 2017 Membership (\$20), and enjoy FREE OR Subsidised events for the whole family!**

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### **What's in this month's newsletter?**

- ⇒ **Chipmunks Henderson Coffee Group, Sunday 19th February**
- ⇒ **Pools, Totara Park, Saturday 25th February**
- ⇒ **Fire Awareness Day and much more!, Sunday 5th March**
- ⇒ **Event review: C2 Youth Golfing fun, Santa Parade, and Christmas Party**
- ⇒ **NZSL Family Camp February 2017**



## Coffee Group/Play Date

### Chipmunks Henderson

93 Central Park Dr, Henderson, Auckland  
0610, New Zealand

**Sunday 19th February, 11.30AM**

- ◆ Meet other families with young deaf and Hard of Hearing children
- ◆ Enjoy a coffee and chat whilst the little ones explore!
- ◆ Find out what's on offer for you in 2017



- ◆ Free entry for new families, and Full Members
- ◆ Free for adults and under 1's
- ◆ Reduced rate for Associate Members

PLEASE confirm your attendance: [apodc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apodc@orcon.net.nz) 022 084 2244



*Totara Park – New Year Catch Up  
Saturday 25th February, 11AM*

*Pools, Bush Walks & Adventure Playground*

**WHEN:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 11AM

**WHERE:** Totara Park, Wairere Road, Manukau Auckland 2016

Meet in greenspace, through main entrance (next to Beaufords)

**BRING:** Swimming togs, sun block, and a picnic if you wish





# Family Fun and Emergency Awareness Day

Sunday 5th March, 2017, 11am-2pm (Rain Date TBC)



The town square, North West Shopping Centre, Maki Street, Westgate



## What's On?

- \* Emergency vehicles "show & tell" - NZ Fire Service, NZ Police and St John, plus meet and greet emergency service personnel, including NZSL trained officers!
- \* Family fun activities including face-painting, sausage sizzle, arts & crafts, inflatable fun etc.
- \* Kitchen fire safety, and interactive evacuation demonstrations with info in NZSL
- \* Introduction, and free sign-up to the 111-emergency text system
- \* Presentations on specialist alert/alarm systems for deaf & hearing impaired users

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# Event Review



C2 Golf



Santa Parade



## APODC Christmas Party — Kiwi Valley



What a fabulous end of year we have had! The C2 youth group hit the golf course, got involved with some team fun and games, & enjoyed making some new connections. We will extend the opportunity for youth to develop their golfing skills, friendships & independence in 2017, with a 6 wk course (April/May).

Last Sunday, Kiwi Valley Farm Park came alive for our Christmas Party! It was fantastic to welcome several new families among the 24 who attended. Whip cracking, sack racing, horse riding, and a great lunch spread provided by the dedicated APODC Committee, made for a fun and relaxed day for all.

We wish to express our thanks to raffle sponsors Lego City, The Cheesecake Shop, Amazing Maze n' Maize, Bricklane Restaurant and Bar, L'oreal Paris, and River Veda. The fab range of goodies made our day extra special. Thank You!





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

# NZSL FAMILY CAMP -2017-

## WHEN

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2pm – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 10am  
(Waitangi Weekend)

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## WHERE

Top Ten Holiday Park, Taupo

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## WHO

Everyone is welcome. Deaf parents with children or hearing parents with deaf child, NZSL students and Interpreters with children

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## How to book

You need to contact the 'Top Ten Holiday Park' to book either a powered site tent, a non-power tent, cabin or bring your caravan. You can book either through calling, using the relay service or email.

EMAIL: [office@taupotop10.co.nz](mailto:office@taupotop10.co.nz)  
TELEPHONE: 07 378 6860

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## COST

About \$259-\$300 depend on your preference of accommodation. I do advise you to buy a 'Top Ten' membership and it gives you 10% discount for 3 nights. All amenities are included, shared kitchen and bathroom. It is very clean.

Please book ASAP because they can't hold 20 places for me. You need to make a deposit of \$96. When you arrive at the camp you then pay the rest of your money. Remember when you make your booking please state you are there with 'NZSL Family Camp'.

A TOP 10 Card is \$49.00 valid for 2 years

A deposit of one nights stay is required to confirm all bookings.  
This can be done by Visa/MasterCard/Cheque or Internet Banking.

## For Your Calendar...

<b>Friday 3rd—Monday 6th February</b> <b>NZSL Family Camp Taupo</b>	<b>Top Ten Holiday Park Taupo</b> All are welcome to share fun, friendship and NZSL at this new year camp located in a fabulous spot. Meet new people, take part in activities and learn some NZSL.
<b>Tuesday 7th February, 7.30-10.00pm</b> <b>APODC Committee meeting</b>	<b>Hearing House, Cnr Campbell Rd and William Ave, Greenlane.</b> Join us for the 1st APODC Committee meeting of 2017. Observers and visitors are always welcome.
<b>Sunday 19th February, 11.30am</b> <b>Chipmunks Playdate</b>	<b>Chipmunks, 93 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Auckland 0610</b> Enjoy a relaxed chat with other families with young deaf/Hard of Hearing children, whilst your little ones explore this exciting environment
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 11am</b> <b>New Year Catch Up; Pools, Bush Walks, and Adventure Playground</b>	<b>Totara Park, Wairere Road, Manukau, Auckland 2016</b> Join us for a chilled New Years get together where you can do as little or as much as you want. This will be a great chance for those who were unable to make the Christmas party, to come and re-connect with APODC
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 11am</b> <b>Family Fun and Emergency Awareness Day</b>	<b>The town square, North West Shopping Centre, Maki Street, Westgate</b> A valuable and fun filled opportunity to learn more about Fire Safety and NZ emergency services. Demos, talks on specialist detection equipment for families with deaf members, face-painting, sausage sizzle, and bouncy castle - to keep all entertained!



**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A  
SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH YOUR  
FAMILIES AND WHANAU**

**LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN 2017**

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