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# APODC

## Update



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**Kia Ora** Hello

**Happy New Year!** A great big APODC welcome to all our families with deaf and hearing-impaired children. It's 2015 and time to dust off those New Year's resolutions. Top of your list is probably getting to know us, if you don't already!

Here's a refresher about APODC for you oldies and some info for you newies:

- We are a voluntary organisation made up of parents just like you, 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 everyone has a lot to learn.
- APODC runs family friendly events that link people together. Through meeting with others we create networks that help families 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 bunch and share the same aim: That our kids grow to reach their full potential.

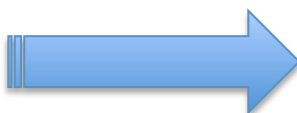
Would you like to try us out or join as a member? We are available by email, phone, text or post. Sometimes we take a wee while to answer, as we are busy parents too. Please be patient if we are not immediately responsive. We endeavour to get back to you ASAP.

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In this month's update from Auckland Parents of Deaf Children:

- APODC Camp Raglan 2015 – are you keen?
- How to pay your 2015 membership
- Companies who sponsored our end of year event 2014
- Committee 2015
- Next APODC meeting



Interested in coming to Camp Raglan 2015? Read on...

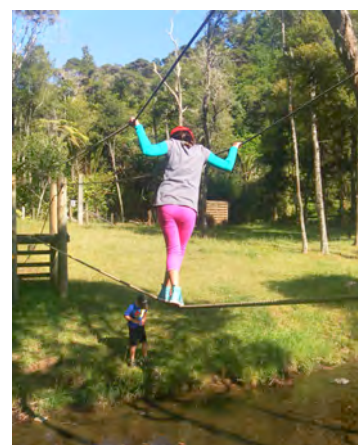
***APODC camps occur every second year. They are highly acclaimed and well attended. There are heaps of activities for all ages to enjoy and the best part of all... adults get to join in on the fun! Because of the unique nature of camp, families report huge benefits in spending time over a weekend getting to know others and swapping information and tips.***

***We have a booking for Camp Raglan this year from Friday evening 6<sup>th</sup> November until Sunday afternoon 8<sup>th</sup> November. Will we go ahead? It's kind of up to you. We need an indication of how many families are keen to attend before proceeding. Also, we need help to organise the camp and run the events. Can you give us a hand?***

***Please email, text or ring to let us know if you would like to come and if you could help before or during the camp. If you've been to an APODC camp before it's a no-brainer!!!***

**Call or text us on 022 084 2244**

**Email us at [apodc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apodc@orcon.net.nz)**





... To those of you yet to pay your \$20 membership fee for the 2015 calendar year. **Financial membership for families with a deaf or hearing-impaired child entitles you to all benefits of APODC including free or subsidised access to family events.**

**How to join:**

**Send a cheque** for \$20.00, made out to **Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Inc.**  
Post to: APODC Inc., P.O. Box 202001, Southgate, Takapuna, Auckland 2246.

**Internet banking:** Deposit \$20 into our ASB account: Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Inc. 12-3011-0757651-00 (Use your initial and surname as a reference.)

**Pay cash:** Deposit \$20 at the closest ASB branch. Deposit into our account: Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Inc. 12-3011-0757651-00 (Use your initial and surname as a reference.)

**In person, cash or cheque:** You can call in at our next APODC committee meeting to make a payment. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month from 7.30 pm at the Hearing House, 251-253 Campbell Rd, Greenlane, Auckland.



APODC were very grateful to receive donations from the following organisations in 2014:

*Parrs Ltd, Nandos, L'Oreal NZ Ltd, Bricklane restaurant New Lynn, Cheesecake Factory New Lynn, Whittakers Ltd, Foodstuffs Ltd, Bed Bath and Beyond, Wild Appetite, Pak n Save Henderson, Unilever Ltd, Pak n Save Mt Albert, Wella and Baillie Transport Ltd.*

Their generosity allowed us to make the event at Crystal Mountain just a little bit more special for families. We appreciate their benevolence and know you will join us in supporting them in the future.

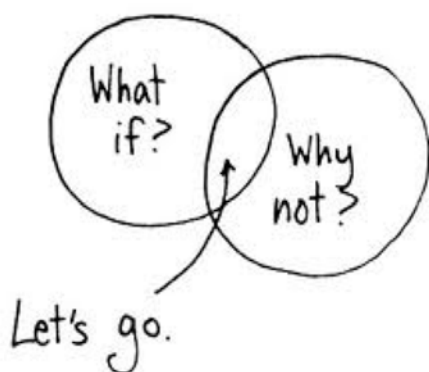
### *Who the heck is the APODC committee?*

A group of people just like you – parents of children who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired. We work together to create opportunities for families to connect with other families. We look forward to meeting you all in 2015.



### **We are:**

Janet Baillie (President), James Zhu (Treasurer), Chris Shields (Secretary), Frian Wadia, Kirsten Davis, Judith Sosich, Maryanne Corbett and Andrew Dolphin.



## **What if?** You came to an APODC committee meeting.

People would be pleased to see you and you would not be forced into joining the committee. You would not be made to feel guilty for not taking on a job. We aim to support families without creating havoc in anybody's busy life. (You could make us a cuppa though! That would be awesome!)

## **Why not?** Come to one meeting in 2015 or join us by conference phone call.

Meet the committee who are parents just like you. Your opinion and viewpoint adds a lot to our meetings and broadens our perspective. It helps us work smarter. We love the ideas that come out of your brains! You won't be made to join the committee or take on tasks. But we would love to hear from you.

## **lets go!**

The committee has a good handle on the 'running' side of things. What we need... people to organise events, like a coffee group or a teen activity, and then be there to greet the families. What a great way to get your own networks with other families underway! Maybe just organise a one-off event in your area? We would help you set it all up and have the resources to make it happen.

**WARNING:** It is possible you might enjoy yourself. We recommend you proceed carefully...

## For your calendar...

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2015 7.30 p.m.	<b>March 2015 APODC committee meeting.</b> The Hearing House, 251-253 Campbell Rd, (cnr William Ave and Campbell Rd), Greenlane. Parking at William Ave. Join the committee to plan this year's events for families.
April - Term One school holidays	<b>Tip Top Factory Tour</b> Something the whole family can attend. Learn how Tip Top make their ice cream soooo yummy. Then try it for yourself. Delicious!! FREE for members and their families. Check out next month's Update for further information and the date.



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