



Newsletter

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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. 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.

PLEASE check if your family membership is up to date?

2018 Membership is \$20 per family/whanau, payable online:

ASB: 12-3011-0757651-00 (Please use your name as a reference)

Featuring:

- High School Summer Camp. Otaki, 21st January, 2019
- Joyce Fisher Preschool, Deaf Aotearoa, Sign Café, and NZSL resources
 - Strategic Planning meeting—Sunday 5th August
 - Website/IT meeting—Sunday 12th August
 - Rock climbing, Glen Eden, 19th August
- Event review: South Auck Coffee Group, C2 skating program, and Lloyd Elsmore Park Pools



SECOND
**HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER
CAMP**

FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

21 - 26 JANUARY 2019

OTAKI - HOROWHENUA - NORTH ISLAND

FOREST LAKES CHRISTIAN CAMP

For more info - visit our website
www.nzdeafcampa.co.nz



JOYCE FISHER PRESCHOOL

Joyce Fisher Preschool is part of The Hearing House, a charity set up to support hearing impaired children. Primary goals include, facilitating interaction between deaf and hearing impaired pre-schoolers, and helping children to develop spoken language.

HOURS: Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm

WEBSITE: www.joycefisherpreschool.co.nz

EMAIL: Juliette@joycefisherpreschool.co.nz



ADDRESS: 251 Campbell Rd, Greenlane (entrance on William Ave)

PHONE: 09 579 2827

EMAIL:



Deaf Aotearoa is the Disabled Person's Organisation (DPO) for Deaf New Zealanders, providing cultural advocacy, and national services, including First Signs, and a dedicated youth service.

Membership is free, and open to Deaf and hearing alike.

You can sign up online for membership, and the COMMUNITY WEEKLY newsletter, providing information on workshops, events, and new resources:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DeafAotearoaMembership>

Website: www.deaf.org.nz

Enquiries: national@deaf.org.nz

COMMUNITY CORNER

Sharing Service Information and Resources with you

SIGN CAFÉ

Sign Café is open on Mondays, twice a month (next dates: 16th and 30th July), at Auckland Deaf Society, 164 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden, 11.30—2pm



This is a child-friendly spot, where they can have a play, whilst you both can have a go with your NZSL skills!

Good value, yummy food is available, provided in conjunction with Kelston Deaf Education Centre, Tu Kokiri Students.



You can also try the **online resources** at: www.learnnzsl.nz

We have been getting lots of enquiries from families and whanau looking for NZSL learning resources.

This is something that APODC would like to explore further. In the mean time, here's a few resources start you off:

To find out about **classes in your area** please visit: www.teachsign.org.nz/ students

To find out what NZSL resources your child might be eligible for **in school**, please visit: www.kdec.school.nz/Services/nzslschool

KDEC has kindly provided a **list of NZSL resources** which you might like to explore further. **This 6 page document has been sent to you, along with this newsletter.**

2 focus groups for YOU!



Strategic Planning — Sunday 5th August, 11-3pm

The Stichbury Bidwill Centre, The Hearing House,
Greenlane (entrance and parking on William Avenue)

In 2016 we identified 3 broad categories upon which the APODC Strategic Plan could be established, and actions identified. They are:

- **Improving our presence/profile – focusing on initial contact with families**
- **Networking and improving connections with the deaf community to broaden options for families and children, and to provide a balance of information.**
- **Developing systems which promote the vision of APODC, and that are robust and sustainable long term**

If you are a strategic thinker, have skills or ideas to share on how APODC can adapt to meet the changing needs of a fast growing membership, or would just like to observe, we would love you to come along. **PLEASE BRING A PLATE (running over lunch time)**

Website & social media — Sunday 12th August, 1-4pm.

Stichbury Bidwill Centre, Hearing House, Greenlane (entrance and parking on William Avenue)

It is time we reviewed all things IT to make sure that our members, and other interested parties can find what they need, when they need it. We also need to ensure that our systems work for us, making the most of new digital capabilities, and increasing our efficiency. **Do you know about IT or social media? Come along!**



Please contact Cat if you are interested in attending:

coordinator@apodc.org.nz

022 0842244

Family Rock Climbing

5A Waikaukau Rd, Glen Eden, Auckland 0602

Sunday 19th August, 10.30am



Full members: FREE

Associates: \$12

(\$10: ages 5 & under)



To book please email: coordinator@apodc.org.nz

OR Text: 022 0842244

C2—skating (final week)

6 C2 youth made it out on to the ice for the 4th and final session of our C2 program, on 1st July. It has been magic hearing about the development of friendships, skills and confidence.

Thanks to our fabulous Deaf youth facilitators, Steph, Renetta and Tom, and our brave interpreter Zana! You helped the group to gel, and to get the most out of this activity. We look



Youth Ideas for the next event:

Bowling, trampolining, horse riding, zoo, go-karting, roller skating, bmx, high ropes, watersports, Rainbows End, touch rugby, swimming, paintball, race car, laser strike, Extreme arcade and snow planet, rock climbing, gymnastics, golf, diving, basketball, and rugby

If you like these, or have other ideas please let us know:

South Auckland Coffee Group

It was great to welcome a group of South Auckland families for coffee group on 17t June. APODC has lots of member families in the South, and would like to schedule more meet ups. If you have ideas on this, please let us know

Lloyd Elsmore Swimming event

8 families turned out for a splash on Sunday. it was a relaxed event for parents, and a fun interactive activity for the kids who were climbing on inflatables, riding on floating boards, and had some water pistol fun too.

Thanks to new Committee member Jo, and Frian for facilitating another well enjoyed family event.



For Your Calendar...

Monday 16th, and 30th July, and 13th August 11.30-2pm Sign Café (Deaf Club)	Auckland Deaf Society, 164 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden Child friendly opportunity to meet, mingle, and enjoy yummy food, whilst practising your NZSL!
Fri 27th – Sunday 29th July DCNZ Family Camp and AGM	El Rancho, Waikanae, Nr Wellington FULLY BOOKED. Families from around the country will come together for this extra special camp and AGM.
Thursday 2nd August, 7.30pm Committee meeting Members welcome!	The Stichbury Bidwill Centre, The Hearing House, William Avenue, Greenlane Come and meet our 2018/19 Committee. We have recently welcomed 2 new members, & would love to hear from you too
Sunday 5th August, 11am Strategic Planning mt.	The Stichbury Bidwill Centre, The Hearing House, William Avenue, Greenlane Are you a strategic thinker, or do you have a new idea to share? We need you.
Sunday 12th August, 1pm Website/social media meeting	The Stichbury Bidwill Centre, The Hearing House, William Avenue, Greenlane Help us reconfigure our digital world, to meet members needs
Sunday 19th August, 10.30am Rock Climbing	Extreme Edge, 5A Waikaukau Rd, Glen Eden A fabulous activity which can be enjoyed by all levels of ability. The themed walls are great fun for smaller climbers, whilst the more advanced walls will test your agility. Spaces are limited, so BOOK IN QUICK!



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