



# APODC

## Update

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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 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 hearing impaired children from 0-18 years old. A wide range of hearing levels and communication methods are represented. We are united by our mutual aim: That our kids grow to reach their full potential.

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

- **The APODC AGM, the new Committee, and where to next?**
- **Family Fun Day at Hearing House – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 11am**
- **Bounce and Beyond (East Tamaki) – Sun 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30pm**
- **C2 Youth Group Bowling – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 3pm**
- **Coffee Group in Takapuna – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 10am**
- **Tip Top Tour – Tue 27<sup>th</sup> September**

# New APODC Committee

## AGM, and the role of APODC

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May, APODC held its Annual General Meeting. In her opening report, our President Kirsten Davis reflected upon the increasing role of APODC in providing a meeting point for families with deaf and hearing impaired children with similar needs.

Creating space and fun activities across age groups is essential so that families can have a good time together, build relationships and access timely support and information. These core objectives remain the priority of the APODC Committee which will continue to focus upon service development and strategic positioning in order to connect with families at the earliest possible opportunity.

## The New Committee

At each AGM, the APODC committee (decision making body) is voted in. **You can also apply to be on the committee at any time during the year and we encourage your interest. Our monthly Committee meetings are open to all members, and we welcome your attendance at these.**

At the AGM, special thanks were given to departing member Rachel Coppage, who has provided an important perspective to the Committee as a deaf person and mother of a deaf child.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Kirsten Davis
Secretary	Frian Wadia
Treasurer	James Zhu
Committee Member	Judith Sosich
Committee Member	Debra Bellon
Committee Member	Tim Huang
Committee Member	Liz Warrington
Committee Member	Janet Baillie

## The last, and the next 12 months

There has been steady growth in our membership over the past 12 months, boosted by Children of deaf adults (CODA's) and their families, coming on board. The development of the Coordinator post and appointment of Catriona Sainsbury will enable us to focus upon continued growth into 2017. We very much thank Chris Shields (former Administrator), Frian Wadia (Secretary) and Kirsten Davis for the significant work which they undertook to secure this key position.

A new look brochure, and increasing networking activities will support the work which Cat is doing. Audiology departments, playgroups, universities, and speech language departments are some of the places where we will be spreading the word about what APODC does.

Please get in touch with your ideas on where else we can distribute the new brochure [apodc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apodc@orcon.net.nz) Text/phone: 022 084 2244

## Camp Raglan and APODC event planning

Camp Raglan, November 2015, was a particularly successful and memorable end of year event. Attendees said that they had made important new connections and appreciated the space to have some quality family fun, the very purpose of APODC!

Event planning continues to be a priority function and this year we are focussed on increasing the regularity of coffee groups for younger children, alongside developing more events for our teens. ***You can read about what we have planned over the next couple of months including Family Day, and the C2 event in this issue.***



Join APODC on Facebook.

*Want to connect with other parents and families, share ideas and find out about what's happening for deaf and hearing impaired children? Join our Facebook group today:*

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

# APODC Family Fun Day

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 11am-2pm



**FREE for ALL (inc. associate members)!**

### What's happening?

- NZSL Class for adults
- Supervised play and games for the kids
- Prepare to be mystified with our own magician!
- Balloon animals
- A treat pizza lunch!



**Where?** Hearing House Pre School, 255 Campbell Rd, Greenlane (corner of Campbell Rd & William Ave, entrance & parking William Ave)

**Book your place:** Please email the APODC Coordinator if you plan to attend [apod@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apod@orcon.net.nz)



# Bounce and Beyond

**Forget age – This is fun for the whole Family!**

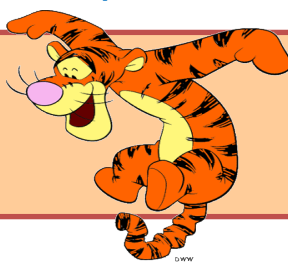


**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30pm**

**Free for members, and non-bouncers**

**Associate members (if bouncing): Under 5's - \$7.50,**

**5 & over - \$15.00**



**WHERE:** 10A Kerwyn Avenue, East Tamaki, Auckland

**BOUNCING or WATCHING?:** Email [apodc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apodc@orcon.net.nz)

Text/phone: 022 084 2244

**CONFIRM YOUR SPOT: GET IN QUICK TO GET A SPOT**

**ONLY 40 bouncing places available**





# C2 Group Bowling Night Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Join us for fun, and friendly  
competition!

**C2 = Communication 2 Ways**

Focussed activity for deaf and  
hearing impaired youth over 10



**FREE** for existing youth members, and for other deaf & hearing  
impaired children as an introductory event

**WHERE:** AMF Panmure, 523a Ellerslie-Panmure Hwy, Mt Wellington,  
Auckland 1060

**WHEN:** 3PM, Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> August (meet at front door)

**CONFIRM YOUR PLACE:** Email [apodc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apodc@orcon.net.nz) or  
Text/phone: 022 0842244

**Coffee Group –  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
10AM (venue to be confirmed)**



- ☉ Enjoy a FREE Freshly brewed coffee – the real kind!
- ☉ Take time out while your kids play in a safe, warm, fun play area
- ☉ Meet other parents with young deaf & hearing impaired children

**Please let us know if you would like to attend**  
**Email:** Email: [apodc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apodc@orcon.net.nz) **Phone or text:** 022 0842244

**Anyone for Ice-cream?  
Come and tour the Tip Top factory**

See first-hand where the good stuff is made, and let them know if they are on the right track with some tasting action!



**Date and time:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 11.15 arrival for the 11.30am tour

**Who:** If you missed out last year or are new to APODC you will be first on our list

**Cost:** FREE for members

✓ Contact [apodc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apodc@orcon.net.nz) or text/phone 022 0842244 if you'd like to come along.

## For your calendar...

<p><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 11.00am - 2.00pm (Kids), and...</b></p> <p><b>School Holiday Family Day</b></p>	<p><b>Hearing House Kindy, Cnr Campbell Rd and William Ave, Greenlane.</b></p> <p>Come and join us for school holiday fun for all ages including NZSL class for adults, magic show, balloon animals, activities and supervision for the kids, plus pizza for all!</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>APODC meeting Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Hearing House, Cnr Campbell Rd and William Ave, Greenlane.</b></p> <p>Meet the APODC management committee and have your say on how we should work for 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><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Channel your inner bounce!</b></p>	<p><b>Bounce and Beyond, 10A Kerwyn Avenue, East Tamaki, Auckland</b></p> <p>Come and experience the huge range of inflatable and bouncing fun at Bounce and Beyond suitable for all ages. The perfect excuse to get silly!</p>
<p><b>Saturday 13th August, 3.00 p.m</b></p> <p><b>C2 Youth Group (10yrs and up) – bowling fun</b></p>	<p><b>AMF Panmure, 523A Ellerslie-Panmure Hwy, Mt Wellington, Auckland 1060</b></p> <p>This is a fabulous opportunity to kick back and meet other deaf and hearing impaired youth. Show us how it's done, or use the bumper lanes for improved confidence!</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 10am</b></p> <p><b>Coffee group for parents with young deaf and hearing impaired children</b></p>	<p><b>North Shore venue to be confirmed early next month</b></p> <p>Opportunity for some good coffee, and the company of other parents of deaf and hearing impaired children, whilst your little ones play together in a fun indoor play area.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Tip Top ice cream factory tour</b></p>	<p><b>Tip Top Factory, 113 Carbine Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland</b></p> <p>With lots of goodies to sample – why wouldn't you!</p>



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