



Newsletter

June & July, 2017



***We have changed our email address. Please send your emails to Coordinator Cat:**

catriona@apodc.org.nz

Our telephone number is the same: 022 0842244

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 (0-18yrs). 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.

Sign up NOW for 2017 Membership (\$20), and enjoy FREE OR Subsidised events for the whole family until the end of the year!

(ASB): 12-3011-0757651-00

(Please give your name as a reference)

What's in this month's newsletter?

- * **Parents Information Session, 'Emotional Wellbeing', Sunday 18th June**
 - * **Tip Top, Wednesday 12th July, 11.30am**
- * **Coffee Group, BFF Adventure Land, Henderson, Saturday 15h July, 10.30am**
 - * **Hosted introduction to Deaf Club, Friday 18th August, 5.30pm**
 - * **Inflatable World, Wairau Park, Sunday 27th August, 10.30am**
 - * **Event Review: C2 Golf**
 - * **Camp 17-19th November, and NZSL Online Learning Support**
- * **Pen-pal request, and Special Meeting Notice, Tuesday 8th August, 7.30pm**

APODC Parents Evening
**Social & Emotional Wellbeing of Deaf, and
Hearing Impaired Children**

Sunday 18th June, 3.30pm—6.00pm

The Anton Centre, 42 Kerrykeel Drive, Flat Bush

**Featuring presentations from Tracey Witko (Educational Psychologist),
& Rachel Coppage (Deaf Art Therapist)**



We will be looking at:

- Language development and communication
- Identity formation and Deaf culture
- Social relationships
- Emotional intelligence
- The school
- Family and whanau wellbeing
- Tools and resources to take home

There will be time to answer your questions

Please contact the APODC Coordinator to book:

catriona@apodc.org.nz

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Tip Top Tour – Wednesday 12th July



Time: Arrive by 11.15am, for the 11.30am tour
(open toe shoes are not allowed)

Where: 113 Carbine Road, Mount Wellington. Drive in through gate house, and follow the arrows to playground

Cost: FREE for Full members, \$7 for Associates



To book please email: apodc@orcon.net.nz

OR Text 022 0842244



Coffee Group—BFF Adventure Land

- * **Saturday 15th July @ 10.30am**
- * **FREE entry, and a coffee for each adult**
- * **201 Lincoln Rd, Henderson 0610**

**To book please email:
apodc@orcon.net.nz
OR Call/Text
022 0842244**





Inflatable World

Join us for some crazy inflatable fun!

- ◆ Sunday 27th August, 10.30am
- ◆ 57 View Road, Wairau Valley 0627
- ◆ FREE entry for Full members, and subsidised rate for Associates; \$12 over 4's & \$7 under 4's

Please confirm your attendance:

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EVENT REVIEW



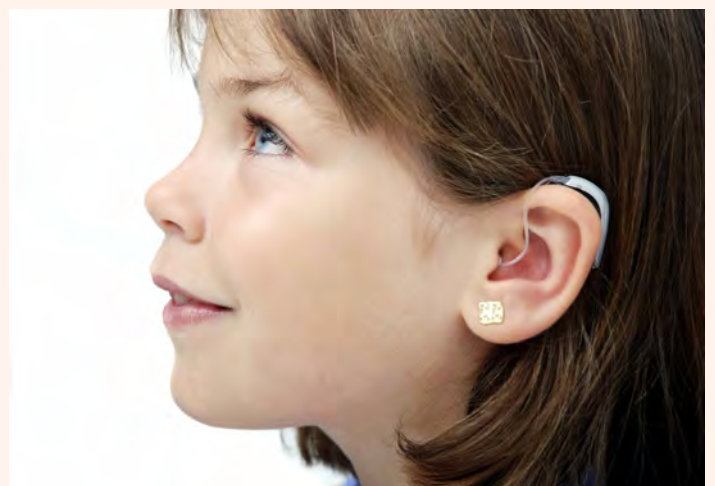
C2 youth golf program — Sunday was the last session in our 6 wk golf program. What has been really special about this series, is that all the kids have participated as a team, and engaged with this physical outdoors program, to a high level, showing us that any challenges that they may have, are no barrier for them! They have also gelled well as a group, and shown great camaraderie, with new members being welcomed and supported by other youth, and new friendships grown. The coaches have likewise got a lot out of the sessions, and it has inspired their own learning and growth.

There is opportunity to do more golf, if the Committee, C2 youth, and parents want to take it further. The PGA are supportive of these programs, and they have links with potential sponsors and sporting trusts who are interested in funding programs like this. **Watch this space! Or give us other ideas of what you would like to do next. We would love to hear from you.**

Monday 15th May - Understanding the system.

Several parents came along to the 1st parents info evening hosted by AODC's, Usha Mohan and Raewynne Cantwell. Info was provided on audiological testing including audiograms, key agencies, the school support system, and key community agencies. There was also time for questions from families.

Raewynne is keen to be involved with future sessions, where topics could be broken down further, or new groups of families invited. **Thank you Raewynn and Usha.**





APODC CAMP

17-19th November 2017

**Carey Park, 397 Henderson
Valley Rd, Waitakere**

**\$70 for ALL Member Families!
(Cost covers the whole family)**

ASB: 12-3011-075765100

(Pls use your family name as a reference)

MySign

New Zealand Sign Language Online Learning Support



- One-to-one or group New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) lessons online
- Any day or time of the week to suit your schedule
- Book for formal NZSL training with qualified NZSL trainers or casual conversation in sign language with your MySign Buddy
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To my Pen Pal Friend,

I am from England. I am so desperate to have a pen pal as my friend from different countries. I have three cousins. They are so hilarious.

And I've got a dog. His name is Ringo. He is only a puppy 2 years old. He's a hearing dog for deaf people. When he runs in the long grass his ears are flapping up and down to warn us where he is.

See photograph

He is our favourite dog in the world. He likes us.

And I saw a film called 'Moana'. I like it because I love the songs. Do you know it? The sea was her friend. There was a funny looking man and the girl was so strong. I see myself as the girl in the film called 'Brave'.

My age is 7. My birthday is July the 15th.

From your pen pal friend, Isobella

Like writing? Looking for a UK pen pal?

Contact the Coordinator for more info:

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Special Meeting — APODC Constitution

Tuesday 8th August @ 7.30pm

The Committee has proposed significant revision of the APODC Constitution, to reflect the current context of our organisation. We have received several submissions from members, and will send you the final revised document based upon this feedback next week, for your consideration.

We are inviting you to a special meeting so that a vote can be taken on the revised document. We will need a quorum of 8 people at this meeting in order to do this, and will also be accepting proxy votes.

Please contact the Coordinator if you would like to attend:



For Your Calendar...

Friday 16th June, 6-8pm Communication Games (see flyer)	Auckland Deaf Society, 164 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden Fun NZSL games for all levels of signing ability (NZSLTA and ADS). \$5
Sunday 18th June, 3.30-6.00pm Parents Information Afternoon #2	The Anton Centre, 42 Kerrykeel Drive, Flat Bush This session will look at social and emotional wellbeing, and Deaf and hearing impaired children, and will be delivered by Educational Psychologist Tracey Witko, and Deaf Art Therapist Rachel Coppage.
Wednesday 12th July, 11.15am Tip Top Tour	113 Carbine Road, Mount Wellington Come and see how they make some great NZ favorites, and then sample 1 for yourself. Fun for the whole family!
Tuesday 8th August, 7.30pm Special Meeting—APODC Constitution Revision	Hearing House Pre-school, Cnr Campbell Rd and William Ave, Greenlane Have your say on the new APODC Constitution, as an important part of APODC governance and operations.
Saturday 15th August, 10.30am Coffee Group—all welcome	BFF Adventure Land, 201 Lincoln Road, Henderson 0610 Come and enjoy a new play environment which will satisfy those who have just found their feet, to the big kids! Free coffee for the adults.
Friday 18th August, 5.30pm Hosted intro to Deaf Club	Club Rooms (ground floor), 164 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden Enjoy a fun introduction to the Deaf Community, have a go at some sign as the kids enjoy some games and prizes. All welcome.
Sunday 27th August, 10.30am Bouncing fun for all ages	Inflatable World, 57 View Road, Wairau Valley This place is so much for fun for all ages. Come and enjoy some social time with other families whilst the kids explore the scenery!
Friday 17th – Sunday 19th November APODC CAMP	Carey Park, 397 Henderson Valley Road, Waitakere This is the pinnacle of our calendar and is enjoyed by all. We very much hope you can make this fest of inter-family quality time.



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