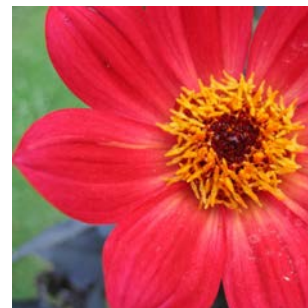




Newsletter

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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.

THANK YOU to all those who have renewed their Membership

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

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

This month:

- * **South Auckland Coffee Group — Sunday 17th June**
- * **Nick's Awesome Spain Report - APODC Scholarship available!**
 - * **Event review: C2 skating program continues**
 - * **Lloyd Elsmore Pools—Sunday 8th July**
 - * **Strategic Planning meeting—Sunday 5th August**
- * **Website/IT meeting—Sunday 12th August (add ADS stuff!)**

Sunday 17th June, 10.30am

South Auckland Coffee Group

Garden Café, Mitre 10 Mega,
230 Great South Rd, Takanini



For our families and whanau in South Auckland
Join us for good coffee, company, and kids play
ALL WELCOME!



Please let the Coordinator know if you can make it:

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2 focus groups

Seeking 1 off, or ongoing contributions:

Strategic Planning — Sunday 5th August ,11-3pm,
Stichbury Bidwill Centre, Hearing House, Greenlane



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, we would love for you to come along to this meeting.

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

Stichbury Bidwill Centre, Hearing House, Greenlane

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.

If you have an interest/skills in this area, we would be glad of your input.

Please contact Cat if you are interested in attending:

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Nick's totally awesome Spain Report. It could be you next!

APODC Scholarship (open to full members of 2yrs or more)

Hola! My name is Nick Bodman. I am 14 years old, and in year 10. Because I have taken Spanish as a subject for the last 2 years, I had the opportunity to go to Spain for 2 weeks with my school, in April. I went with 12 other students, and 2 teachers. Thanks to APODC, I got a scholarship towards the trip. It helped a lot, as it was quite expensive.

We went to many amazing places such as Madrid, Toledo, and Seville. It was truly, an experience of a lifetime. We stayed in homestays with families who did not speak English, so I had to use a sort of sign language to communicate with them, as well as using my Spanish skills. Similar to deaf people who use sign-language. Sign Language is used everywhere!

Every day, we would meet with the rest of the group (we were all in different homestays), and do activities around Spain. We travelled to loads of incredible ancient buildings such as the Alhambra. The experience was awesome, especially trying multiple different foods. We were taught how to make paella, and a Spanish-type potato fritter.

While I was over there, many memories were made. My favorite place was the Real Madrid Football Club Stadium, which is the second richest club in the world. We weren't allowed on the grass, but went into the stadium, and it was enormous. Inside they had heaps of memorabilia like T-shirts and shorts from all the different players. I saw David Beckham's boots!

APODC's generosity made the trip exceptionally better for me. I would like to thank the Committee once again for the scholarship, and I encourage others to apply.

Some Photos:



A church in central Madrid



The Real Madrid Football Club stadium



Here is me in front of some Real Madrid jerseys.

APODC Scholarships:

**Available to school age, full members
(2 years or more)**

All enrichment experiences considered

Up to \$2,000 (may be shared out)

Application enquires:

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This is Toledo, the medieval armoury of Europe.



This is a bull ring that is STILL being currently used. We also met a 19 year old bullfighter at a school that we went to.



The only time we got to see a beach was in Cadiz (southern Spain). Out in the distance you can actually see a castle in the water.

An afternoon of mega family fun at:

Lloyd Elsmore Park Pools,

Sir Lloyd Drive, Pakuranga Heights

Sunday 8th July, 2-4.30pm



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

OR Text: 022 0842244

Kelly Tarltons

This was an epic event, with unprecedented numbers. 293 people attended, including 30 APODC families and whanau, 29 from KDEC, 24 KDEC staff, alongside professionals from other deaf sector orgs.

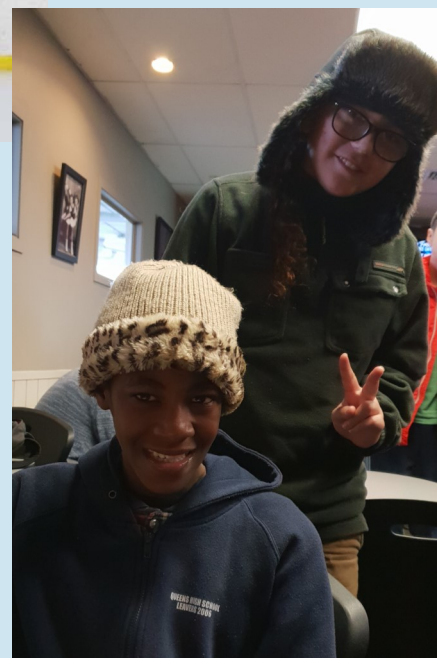
Thank you everyone, for bearing with the mayhem of arrivals. We did our best, and hope that your families all had a magical time at the aquarium.

Thanks to those who attended the AGM, and to our new Committee members, Caroline Sutcliffe and Jo Weaver. We feel very fortunate to have such a diverse, and passionate Committee to guide us forwards. Nga mihi nui.



C2 skating . A group of 11 youth, are taking part in a 4 week skating program, which started last week. APODC's youth group is called C2, (communication 2 ways), and is for ages 10yrs and up.

So proud of these guys, braving the cold and challenging themselves on the ice. Big thanks to Renetta, and Steph for facilitating. It was great to have older deaf youth lead this, and to connect with younger members. We look forward to seeing more pics!



For Your Calendar...

Sunday 17th June, 10.30 South Coffee Group	The Garden Café, Mitre 10 Mega, 230 Great South Road, Takanini Come join us for a warm welcome, and a warm cuppa (free for each adult).
Sunday 10th June—1st July (4wks), 12pm	Paradice Ice-skating, 490 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany 4 week program for APODCs youth group, 'C2'.
Monday 18th June 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!
Saturday 23rd June, 3-5pm First Signs Family Gathering (0-5yrs)	Auckland Deaf Society, 164 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden Social gathering for families and whanau with deaf children from 0-5 years. Includes fun and games for the small folk.
Thursday 5th July, 7.30pm Committee meeting Members welcome!	Stichbury Bidwill Centre, Hearing House, William Ave Come and meet our 2018/19 Committee. We have recently welcomed 2 new members, & would love to hear from you too
Sunday 8th July, 2pm Lloyd Elsmore Pools	Lloyd Elsmore Park Pools, Sir Lloyd Drive, Pakuranga Heights Come and enjoy a family splash around with us!
Sunday 5th August Strategic Planning mt.	Stichbury Bidwill Centre, Hearing House, William Ave Are you a strategic thinker/ have new ideas? We need you.
Sunday 12th August Website/social media mt	Stichbury Bidwill Centre, Hearing House, William Ave Help us reconfigure our digital world, to meet members needs



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