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APODC

Update



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Kia Ora Hello

APODC extends a warm NAU MAI and WELCOME to our new members. Several families joined APODC as full members or associate members in the month of June. It's wonderful to have you with us and we hope you enjoy all that APODC has to offer.

The APODC management committee wish to say THANK YOU to the members and associate members who supported our recent AGM, held on June 14th. We appreciate your commitment to APODC. The committee now has the green light to organise another year of family centred events.

While we're on the subject of events... keep reading for our **SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL!** But first, let's recap: [KELLY TARLTON'S SEALIFE AQUARIUM](#)

Did your family have a good time? There was a lot to see (who knew seahorses slept upside down, uncurled? Sooo cute!) Everyone had a chance to meet new families or renew old acquaintances. The stingrays had a good feed and the pizza went down well with the humans. Lets meet again soon...



APODC Committee news:

We are pleased to announce that the 2015-16 APODC committee has been finalised by vote at the Annual General Meeting. The newly appointed management committee are ready to serve the families of deaf and hearing impaired children for the coming year with their skills, enthusiasm and sheer wonderfulness (if that's not a word, it should be). They are:

President: Kirsten Davis, Treasurer: James Zhu, Secretary: Chris Shields

Committee Members: Frian Wadia, Rachael Hopkins, Janet Baillie, Judith Sosich, Rachel Coppage, Tim Huang and Debra Bellon.

If you would like to join the committee or contribute to meetings or simply observe us in action, please come along to our monthly meetings. You can contact us by email or text beforehand. Dates and times are advertised each month at the end of this Update.

Spotlight on the APODC committee: Kirsten Davis, President



Hi my name is Kirsten Davis and I joined the APODC committee last year. I live in the lovely countryside in Clevedon with my husband Levi and my son Xavier (5 years old) and daughter Milan (2 years old). I became involved with APODC when I was looking for a way to both find support and build connections with the hearing impaired community. My son Xavier was born with CHARGE Syndrome. He has severe conductive bilateral hearing loss amongst other complex health issues, which are improving as he gets older. He is a vibrant, engaging little boy and I feel it is important for him to be a part of a larger community of people who understand and embrace his difference. Aside from being a mummy, and a busy one at that, I am a Clinical Psychologist specialising in working with children and adolescents. The path that I have walked with my son, family and friends over the last 5 years has been both amazing and at times incredibly difficult. It has certainly enabled me to gain some insight into the challenges other families with children with hearing loss face and to recognise the importance of networking to find out what resources are available to make the journey a little easier. I am really excited by the new direction the committee is taking in trying to find fun ways for the community to connect and support each other. I am always happy to be contacted for a chat or a cuppa. Thanks and look forward to seeing you at the next exciting event.



Made it! Auckland Parents of Deaf Children are now on Facebook



Howdy Facebookers – you know the drill – make a request to join our Facebook group. Through this popular form of social media you can make connections with other families of deaf and hearing impaired children, share information and find useful links.

See you on line.

When:

Sat 27 Jun 2015, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Sat 11 Jul 2015, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Sat 25 Jul 2015, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Sat 8 Aug 2015, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Sat 22 Aug 2015, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Sat 5 Sep 2015, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Sat 19 Sep 2015, 2:00pm–4:00pm



Where: [Auckland Deaf Society](#), 162-164 Balmoral Rd, Auckland

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) for Families is a new course at the Sign Language Hub of Auckland Deaf Society. The course is for anyone who wants to learn and use NZSL in a family setting, such as families of Deaf children, children of Deaf Adults (CODA), children of NZSL interpreters and anyone who simply interested in learning this beautiful visual language. The course covers everyday topics, such as family/home, food/kitchen, school/subjects, routine, transport, weather and well-being.

For children (aged from 5 to 12 years old):

- Fun hands-on physical activities (Traffic lights, Chinese whisper, Guess what's inside the box? Guess what I'm doing? Commands cards, etc.)
- Sign language activities (practice using hands, facial expressions, body language)
- Lots of visual activities (gesturing/miming, role playing, watching short videos, etc.)
- Fun interaction with other children

For parents:

- Learn/use and practice NZSL
- Interaction with other adults (Deaf sign language users, tutors, and extended whanau, etc.)
- Understand more about NZSL grammatical structures/rules
- Resources to take home for extra practice/reading

Both groups will be in the same open room space on ground level. Two experienced NZSL tutors will be facilitating the course.

Cost per person for course:

- \$80 per adult
- \$60 per child
- \$40 per child if you are bringing 2 or more children

Contact: Victoria Lessing (NZSL Development Specialist)

Email: nzsl@auckland-deaf.org.nz

Phone: (09) 630 69 80

To register your name online at www.auckland.deaf.org.nz

APODC camp 2015 Camp Raglan is ON!

Friday evening, 6th November until Sunday afternoon 8th November 2015.

Financial members of APODC pay only **\$70 per family for the entire camp. This covers food, accommodation and all activities for the weekend.**

Are you interested in coming to camp with your family? If you've told us yes already, great. If you haven't, please email to let us know you're interested.

Phone or Text: **022 084 2244** or email: apodc@orcon.net.nz

Families with CODA, if you are interested in joining the APODC camp, please contact Monica Leach for more information.

School Holiday Event at **INFLATABLE WORLD**

Wednesday 8th July, 11 am – 1 pm



Inflatable World, Auckland Central
911 Dominion Road
Mt Roskill

Want to put some energy into the school holidays? The kids can let off some steam, build some muscle and meet other kids. Adults can play too if they wish!



FREE for financial members of APODC.
 Charges for associate members and non-members: \$10 per child, \$12 per adult or free for non-playing adults.

Contact us if you want to join in:
 Phone or Text: [022 084 2244](tel:0220842244)
 Email: apodc@orcon.net.nz

For your calendar...

<p>Saturdays: From 27 June and fortnightly thereafter until 19 September, 2.00- 4.00 pm</p>	<p>NZSL for Families. A course for parents with a concurrent course for children aged 5 – 12. Enjoy learning his beautiful visual language with excellent teachers. Fun guaranteed. See previous page for course costs. Course held fortnightly at Auckland Deaf Society, Potters Park Events Centre, 164 Balmoral Rd, 2.00- 4.00 pm Contact Victoria Lessing at nzsl@auckland-deaf.org.nz to register.</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th July, 7.30 p.m.</p>	<p>July APODC committee meeting The Hearing House, 251-253 Campbell Rd, Greenlane. Meet the awesome 2015-16 APODC management committee. We love to hear your contributions an suggestions, or simply observe how we work for the families with deaf and hearing impaired children.</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th July</p>	<p>Inflatable World School Holiday event Keep the kids busy these holidays with an outing of bouncing, sliding and clambouring over things! Maybe you'll get time to sit and chat while the kids run riot? Free for full APODC members. Associate Members will be charged an entrance fee (above). If you want to come, contact Chris on apodc@orcon.net.nz for more details or text/phone 022 084 2244.</p>

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