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APODC

Update



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KIA ORA Hi

NAU MAI and Welcome to APODC families and whanau.

We'd like to give a special welcome and hand waves to the families who are new members of APODC. If you are reading this newsletter because someone sent it to you, or you're sitting in a waiting room reading this, you might have never heard about APODC before. Here's a summary of who we are and what we do:

- We are a voluntary organisation made up of parents or carers bringing up a child who is deaf or hearing impaired. The deaf child may or may not have special needs in addition to their hearing needs. Did you know, the majority of parents of deaf or hearing-impaired kids are not deaf themselves? So everyone has a lot to learn.
- APODC runs events that get families together. Through meeting with others we create networks that help us face the challenges of home/school/communication when a child is deaf or hearing impaired.
- We have members living across all corners of the Auckland region with children aged babies to teens. The children have a wide range of hearing levels and communication methods.
- We are an inclusive group and share the same aim: That our kids grow to reach their full potential.

What's in this month's newsletter?

- March event – Family friendly pool party
- April event – Tour of the Tip Top factory for the school holidays
- April - KDEC Forum for families
- NZ Federation of Deaf Children conference in Christchurch
- Part-time employment opportunity – APODC Coordinator

So what are you waiting for? Turn the page and read on...

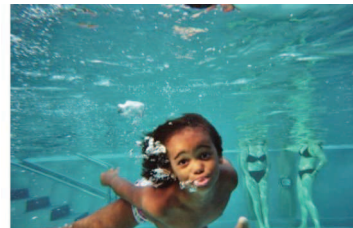
Pool Party!

Spend some time in the water with the kids - always enjoyable for everyone in the family. Meet other families with deaf and hearing impaired children and bust that post-swim hunger with a sausage sizzle.

Interested in joining APODC but not sure if it's for you? Come and check us out for free. No charge for first-timers with a deaf or hearing impaired child and no charge for APODC member families.

- ④ **WHERE?** Dean Greenwood Swim School, NEW WINDSOR SCHOOL POOL, 185 New Windsor Rd, AUCKLAND. Car park entrance via Peter Buck Rd.
 - ④ **WHEN?** SUNDAY 20th March
 - ④ **TIME?** 3.15 - 5.15 pm
 - ④ **WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?** The children, togs and towels and water toys.
- ✓ Contact us by email on apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 084 2244 if your family would like to come.

- ④ Private indoor heated pool
- ④ Sausage sizzle
- ④ Friendly welcoming people
- ④ Join APODC on the day!
- ④ Practise your visual communication under water!



Join APODC on Facebook.

The Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Facebook page is another way to connect with other parents and families, share ideas and learn what's happening for deaf and hearing impaired children. Join up and connect with others!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/981153361914892/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Other parents using the APODC Facebook page are a great resource to help you help your child get the best out of the health and education system. Post a question or share your advice today.

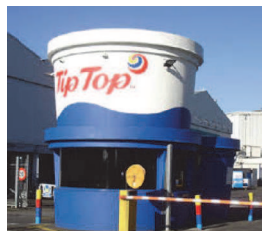
Who likes ICE CREAM?

Good to know...It's nearly Tip Top Tour Time!!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT: On Thursday 28th April our APODC families have an opportunity for an exclusive tour of the Tip Top factory. See how Tip Top ice cream is made and afterwards...taste it!

If you missed out last year or are new to APODC you will have first priority for the tour. *FREE for financial members of APODC.*

✓ Contact apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 0842244 if you'd like to come along. You won't be disappointed... and if you are, I'm having your ice cream ☺



Kelston Deaf Education Centre

KDEC are holding a forum open to everyone on:

Wednesday 13th April from 6 – 8 pm.

Venue: The Auckland Deaf Society, 164 Balmoral Road, Balmoral, AUCKLAND.

Teachers will supervise children in a separate area and provide games and activities.

Two students who attended the USA Deaf Film Camp in 2015 will provide a presentation.

See the result of their awesome filmmaking skills.



The New Zealand Federation for Deaf Children Inc.

**Advises that 2016 is the 40th Anniversary for
NZ Federation for Deaf Children Inc. (NZFDC)**

The Conference & Annual General Meeting will be held on
Saturday 04 June & Sunday 05 June 2016
at Blue Skies Conference & Training Centre,
12 Williams Street, Kaiapoi 7630, CHRISTCHURCH



Saturday 04 June 2016
NZFDC Conference
Guest Speakers

Sunday 05 June 2016
NZFDC
Annual General Meeting

This year is the 40th Anniversary of NZ Federation for Deaf Children Inc. and NZFDC are celebrating by returning to the region where the first Annual General Meeting was held back in 1976.

If you are a financial member of APODC, subsidised funding may be available for your family to attend the conference in Christchurch. Contact APODC with your expression of interest, by email on apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 084 2244

REMEMBER...Your APODC 2016 membership fee is due.

A \$20 membership for families with a deaf or hearing-impaired child entitles the whole family to benefits like **FREE events **ALL YEAR**.**

Internet banking: Deposit \$20 into our ASB account: Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Inc. **12-3011-0757651-00** (Use your family name and 2016 as a reference and email proof of deposit to apodc@orcon.net.nz)

Send a cheque for \$20.00 made out to **Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Inc.**
Post to: APODC Inc., P.O. Box 202001, Southgate, Takanini, Auckland 2246.

Pay cash: Deposit \$20 at the closest ASB branch. Deposit into our account: Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Inc. 12-3011-0757651-00 (Use your initial and surname as a reference.)

OR, pay in person, at our next event, by cash or cheque.





Part-time contracted position available

APODC Coordinator

Are you an effective communicator? Are you interested in working with families with a deaf or hearing impaired child? Are you organised? Would you like to work an average of 15 flexible hours each week, mainly from home?

If you answered yes to the above questions, then this position could be the right employment opportunity for you. The Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Inc. (APODC) have expanded in recent years and now requires a part-time Coordinator.

The successful applicant will carry out the administrative, communication, event management and fundraising functions of APODC, with support and guidance from the APODC Management Committee.

Applicants must demonstrate their ability in written and spoken English and be able to prioritise the workload in a self-directed manner. Flexibility is required due to the variation of events run for families. The Coordinator is part of the team, working in conjunction with the APODC Management Committee as the governing body.

Applicants must have an interest in families caring for a deaf and hearing impaired child. Any experience in working with families, children with special needs or the not-for-profit sector is an advantage.

A full position description is available upon request from apodc@orcon.net.nz

For enquires contact APODC on apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 084 2244

Please lodge applications, including your CV, by email to apodc@orcon.net.nz.

Closing date for applications - Saturday 26th March 2016.

Apply Now! 

For your calendar...

<p>Sunday 20th March, 3.15 pm - 5.15 pm</p> <p>APODC Pool party</p>	<p>Dean Greenwood Swim School, New Windsor School Pool, 185 New Windsor Rd. Parking entrance via Peter Buck Rd. Splash out and join some families for an afternoon. Cool off in the water and practise your visual communication while hearing aids are out. Or just relax and enjoy the sausage sizzle. Free for APODC members and new families interested in joining. Email apodc@orcon.net.nz with your family name and the number of people attending.</p>
<p>PART TIME APODC COORDINATOR POSITION AVAILABLE</p>	<p>Applications close Saturday 26th March 2016. See the previous page of this newsletter regarding this exciting new vacancy with APODC. Position description available. Contact APODC for more information.</p>
<p>Tuesday 5th April, 7.30 pm</p> <p>APODC Committee meeting</p>	<p>The Hearing House, 251-253 Campbell Rd, GREENLANE. Meet the APODC management committee. Make your suggestions for this year's event calendar and have your say on how we should work for the families with deaf and hearing impaired children. New committee members or people with an interest in assisting the organisation are always welcome.</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th April, 6-8 pm</p> <p>KDEC Forum</p>	<p>The Auckland Deaf Society, 164 Balmoral Rd, Balmoral, AUCKLAND. Get the latest information from KDEC and hear two students' experience of their attendance at Deaf Film Camp USA. Forum open to everyone. Activities and supervision of children available on site so parents can attend.</p>
<p>Thursday 28th April, 11.15 am – 12.00 pm</p> <p>Tip Top Factory Tour</p>	<p>Tip Top Factory, Carbine Rd, Mt Wellington, AUCKLAND. An event for APODC families during the school holidays. Take a guided tour of how ice-cream is made, then taste the results for yourself. Families who missed the tour in 2015 have priority.</p>
<p>Saturday & Sunday, 4th & 5th June 2016</p> <p>40th Anniversary of NZFDC, Conference and AGM</p>	<p>Blue Skies Conference & Training Centre, 12 Williams St, Kaiapoi, CHRISTCHURCH. If you are a financial member of APODC and your family would like to go, subsidised funding may be available to attend the conference in Christchurch. Contact APODC with your expression of interest.</p>



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