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# 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 who 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?

- **Farmers Santa Parade 27<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Kids Link – new online resource to find the service you need**
- **C2 Youth– Golfing fun and games, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**
- **APODC Christmas Party – Kiwi Valley, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Tip Top, Razza Mattazz and Rock Climbing – Event Review**
- **KDEC Forum and APODC Scholarships advert**



## Farmers Santa Parade 2016 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm

OR 4<sup>th</sup> December (Rain day back-up!)

### He's back in town!

- Join us for some festive fun
- We have an exclusive spot:  
to the left of The Scenic Hotel,  
380 Queen Street
- Limited Parking spaces reserved for APODC in the Civic Car  
Park



Please let us know if you are coming and  
if you need a parking space:

Email [apodc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:apodc@orcon.net.nz) OR  
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## **WE HAVE DONE THE HARD WORK FOR YOU!**

Visit our new website **KidsLink.co.nz** which helps schools and parents connect with local providers who offer a range of services for children and teenagers in...

Learning

Behaviour

Physical Needs

Extra-Curricular

Childcare

Speech Language Therapists, Counsellors, Tutors, Assessments, Preschools, After School activities, Vision and Hearing, OT's etc...

**KidsLink.co.nz is proudly supported and used by your school.**

- ② **KidsLink is an easy to use, 1 stop online resource for families, providing quick access to information on a wide range of services for children from birth onwards, including Information.**
- ② **Designed and updated by a team of parents and teachers, KidsLink offers information and testimonials to help you find the best, from after school care, to learning specialists**
- ② **Visit [www.kidslink.co.nz](http://www.kidslink.co.nz) then hit the HOME tab, and select the relevant large coloured category tab on the right of the screen. You will also find a range of related articles there.**
- ② **Refine your search by clicking on a subheading in the category, or just type in what you are looking for eg 'in-home child care' or 'sensory aids' in search. Find local services by clicking on your region.**

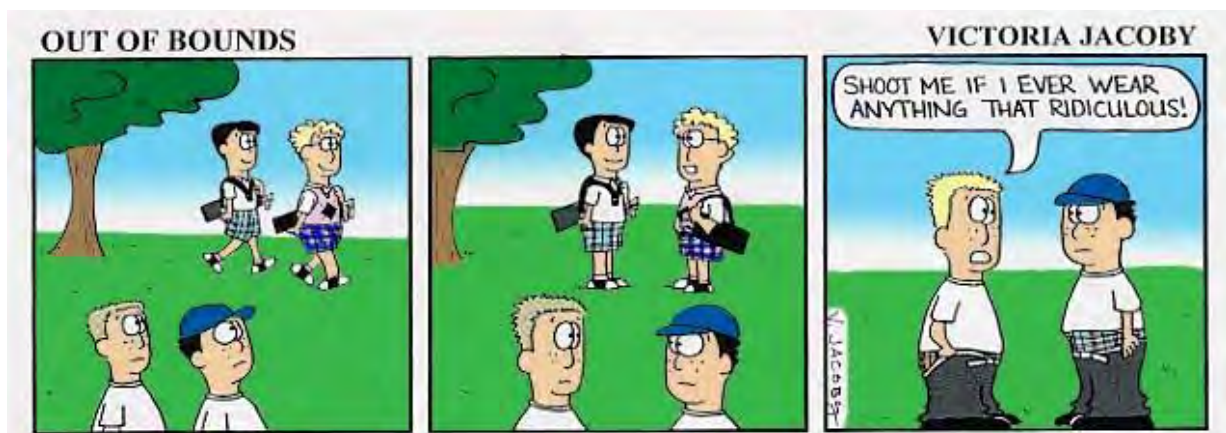


# C2 Youth

Learn with the pros!  
(10yrs and up)



- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm
- Royal Auckland Golf Club, Otahuhu  
Hospital Road, Otahuhu, Auckland 1640
- Join us for a fun intro. to golf which could lead to more...
- We will go for a bite to eat afterwards

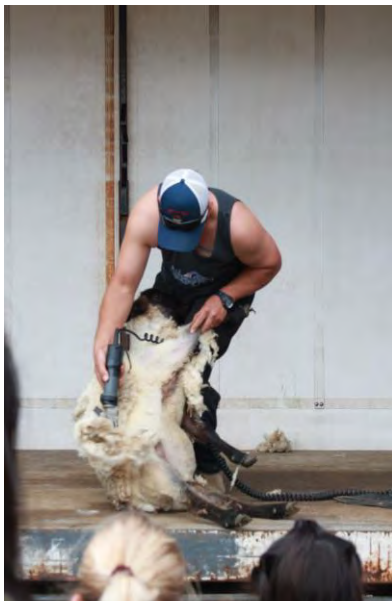


# IT'S CHRISTMAS!

COME CELEBRATE WITH YOUR APODC FAMILY



**There's gonna be:**



- **Gumboot throwing** and **Whip cracking** competitions
- **Poo racing** - Teams compete to fill buckets of hay and race through an obstacle course.
- **Egg throwing** - 2 people to 1 egg, see who can throw the furthest without breaking it!
- Get lost in the Maze, explore the Hidden Caves and have a horse, pony, or tractor ride
- Plus hand feed the Baby animals
- Prizes, raffle and time to eat, drink and be very merry!



**FREE for Members & Free Entry for Associates (associates pay only \$10/head for BBQ).**

**PLEASE confirm your attendance:**  
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## Event Review

### Tip Top, Razza Mattazz & Rock Climbing

We all had a fabulous time at **Top Tip**, with some scrummy ice-cream, and a welcome break in the rain for some outside fun in the playground.

**Razza Mattazz** was well attended by APODC families across the 2 shows. Thank you Kids Foundation for keeping our under 10's amused for 1.5 hours!

**Extreme Edge** Glen Eden gave everyone a run for their money with walls & friendly instructors on hand to help all levels of climbing ability. Watch out for a re-run!



\* Please remember to let us know if you can't make an event you are booked in for, so that others on our waiting list can attend

# KDEC Stakeholder Meeting & KIT Day

24th November 10am - 2pm, *Parkside School, 184 Wellington St, Pukekohe.*

- Team building activities for students, and a chance for families to meet others, ask Q's and share experiences.
- Find out about the latest in NZ Deaf Education.
- All whanau welcome and encouraged to attend :)
- Book your place: [paul.taylor@kdec.school.nz](mailto:paul.taylor@kdec.school.nz)



## APODC SCHOLARSHIPS APPLY NOW!

**Purpose:** to help Deaf and hearing impaired children and/or their families to achieve something that is important and relevant to them.

**What it covers:** The Scholarship (maximum amount of \$2,000) can be awarded for any project aligned with the APODC purpose "*to champion a better quality of life for Deaf and hearing impaired children*" for example

- Attendance at a training course, conference or camp (inc. international)

### Who can apply?

- Children who are Deaf or have a degree of hearing impairment
- Those who have not yet left secondary school
- The family is a full member of APODC & has been for a minimum of 2 yrs

**Click the link below for the Application Form**

<http://www.apodc.org.nz/system/files/Scholarship%20Application%20Form%20202010.pdf>

# For Your Calendar...

<p><b>Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>APODC Committee Meetin</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. Observers and visitors are always welcome.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm</b></p> <p><b>C2 Youth (Ages 10 &amp; up), Golf Event</b></p>	<p><b>Royal Auckland Golf Club, Hospital Road, Otahuhu</b></p> <p>Come and try out this increasingly trendy game and see where you can get to. The sessions will be focused on having fun and making friends with the basics. If we get good interest, we will make this a series.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>KDEC Picnic in the Park and Stakeholder Meeting,</b></p>	<p><b>Te Kupenga, Parkside School, 184 Wellington St, Pukekohe</b></p> <p>All whanau welcome and encouraged to attend :) A fun day of indoor and outdoor team building activities, and a chance for families to meet with others. Shared lunch at <u>12.30pm</u> for the students, and Stakeholder meeting for adults interested in Deaf Education</p>
<p><b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November,</b></p> <p><b>Farmers Santa Parade</b></p>	<p><b>Left of The Scenic Hotel, 380 Queen Street</b></p> <p>Join us to welcome in the festive season. Get in the mood with Auckland's largest and most prestigious parades. This is its 83<sup>rd</sup> year! APODC gets a prime position to watch the parade, alongside other entertainment and nibbles for all.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 11th December, 11AM</b></p> <p><b>APODC Christmas Party</b></p>	<p><b>Kiwi Valley Farm Park, Henderson</b></p> <p>Make space in your diaries for this fabulous end of year get together. We will be riding tractors, horses, feeding baby animals, exploring caves and mazes and watching various farm shows. BBQ lunch and time to socialize, with prizes and a raffle. <b>NOT TO BE MISSED!</b></p>



**Join APODC on Facebook.** *Connect with other parents and families, share ideas and find out what's happening for deaf and hearing impaired children:*

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