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APODC

Update



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KIA ORA Hi

NAU MAI to all our APODC whanau. It's springtime! According to the calendar, that is... which means the end of 2015 isn't so far away. It certainly does fly by. APODC has plenty of family-friendly-fun to pack into the year before it's out. Read about it in this month's issue.

A heartfelt welcome to all our new and re-newed APODC families. Your membership to APODC means:

- You are part of a group run by parents, for parents. All of our families have a deaf or hearing impaired child in common.
- Most parents in our group (but not all) are hearing. Most of us have never been in contact with deaf or hearing impaired people until our child joined the family.
- All of us want the best for our deaf or hearing impaired child. We want them to have the same access to educational and life opportunities that hearing children have.
- When families get together they share information. Such connections not only help the deaf child to reach their potential, but also supports the rest of the family.

Scaling the dizzy heights...

Check out the photos from **Climb Zone, Panmure**, Sunday 30th August on Facebook. Not in our Facebook group? No worries, just request to join.

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We hope our new families enjoyed this event. Sometimes the kids are so busy and active that parents don't get a rest... We try to strike a balance with events at quieter places where parents can sit and talk while the children let off some steam. If you have ideas for future events, let us know. We're always keen to hear from you.

What's happening in September & October?

Get together with other families of deaf and hearing impaired children at these awesome events. We've arranged some activities to suit a variety of ages. Do join us!

School Holiday Event – THE TIP TOP ICE CREAM FACTORY TOUR



Come with us to see how Tip Top mix fresh New Zealand milk and cream to make award winning ice cream. Then get to try some for yourself...

There's just a few spaces left so hurry and email apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 084 2244 to secure your family's place.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- The Tip Top factory is located at 113 Carbine Road, Mt Wellington.
- You'll need to be parked and ready at the entrance by **11.10 a.m. on Wednesday September 30th**. Our tour starts shortly after and you won't be able to join us if you're late.
- We will watch how ice cream is made through the viewing windows.
- After the tour we get to enjoy an ice cream while we watch a video.
- Your family can use the outside children's' playground for up to 45 minutes after the tour (children must be accompanied by an adult while on the playground).



Remember to find APODC on Facebook.

The Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Facebook page is an additional way to connect with other parents and families, share ideas and learn what's happening in APODC and the Deaf world!

Join our group today and check out our latest photos!

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Sunday 11 October

2 - 3 pm

7A Arwen Place

East Tamaki



JUMP is made up of hundreds of square metres of interlocking trampolines covering the floor space and going up the walls. In addition there's a massive foam pit area to JUMP into from a set of 'runway' trampolines, a trampoline dodge ball court and other fun accessories like a basketball hoop for extreme dunking.



Free family event for full members of APODC.

\$13.50 pp for CODA and/or Associate members.

Contact Chris on apodc@orcon.net.nz if you'd like to JUMP on Sunday 11th October.

What's happening in December?

Get the calendar cleared on **SUNDAY 6th December from 11.30 - 1.30** for the Awesome APODC end of year event! Families of deaf and hearing impaired children are invited free of charge to our extravaganza at **YMCA Mt Albert Community and Leisure Centre, 773 New North Road, Mt Albert (behind Rocket Park)**

Games, gymnastics, food — there's something for all ages to enjoy.

Keep the date free and watch your newsletter for more information. If you have **FACE PAINTING** experience we need your help on the 6th December. Please contact us on apodc@orcon.net.nz or 022 084 2244.

CAMP RAGLAN — APODC 2015

WTF? (Where's The Fun)? Friday evening 6th November - Sunday afternoon 8th November 2015 at Camp Raglan, 578 Wainui Road, RAGLAN.

What's happening? I haven't seen a registration form? Due to high demand, APODC have sent a 'first round' of registration forms to the families who, throughout the year, have already indicated their interest in the camp. Once their registrations are processed we will be in a better position to know how many spaces are left. Then we will open registrations to the rest of APODC members on a first come, first served basis.

How do I get a registration form? These are sent to you directly by email or post. Payment details are included. The cost for full members is \$70 per family.



Keep your eyes on your inbox or if you have a question, email or phone/text: apodc@orcon.net.nz or 022 084 2244

Spotlight on committee:

Every month we throw the spotlight on the people who work hard behind the scenes on the APODC management committee.

Name: Debra Bellon
Role: Committee Member

Hello everyone,

My name is Debra and I am the mother of two children, an 8-year-old boy named Noé (which is the French version of Noah, in case you were wondering), and a 6-year-old profoundly deaf girl named Lucia (pronounced like Lucy with an 'a' on the end). We moved to New Zealand a little over a year ago so that my husband Gilles could take up a lecturer position at the University of Auckland, where he studies climate science (I asked to move to a tropical island -- we got the island part right, I suppose!)

Before that, we lived in various parts of the world, including southwestern France, Manhattan, southern India, and California, where I am originally from. I have been learning various sign languages since I was a teenager and am now thoroughly confused, but I am trying to learn NZSL with the help of KDEC's parent education classes and very patient Deaf New Zealanders. I currently work as Communications Coordinator at the Spark Centre of Creative Development, which is an art centre for people with disabilities, and my background (read: what I did before I had kids) is in writing and filmmaking.

Lucia is a student at the KDEC satellite unit at Kelston Primary School, which she loves, and Noé attends the French bilingual unit at Richmond Road School, so my second job is taxi driver (I even drive a white Toyota Prius). Lucia has additional needs in addition to her hearing loss, so we have tried just about every form of therapy and communication out there. She has bilateral cochlear implants and communicates with a mix of spoken language, sign, and pictures. I have a particular interest in cultivating relationships between families of deaf children and Deaf adults. I look forward to helping to plan and coordinate activities as part of the APODC committee.



For your calendar...

<p>Tuesday 6th October, starting at the later time of 8 pm.</p> <p>October APODC committee meeting</p>	<p>The Hearing House, 251-253 Campbell Rd, GREENLANE. Meet the APODC management committee. Watch how we work for the families with deaf and hearing impaired children or have a say on what you'd like to see happening with APODC. New committee members welcome.</p> <p>Please note, our meeting starts at 8 p.m. in October, half an hour later than usual.</p>
<p>Wednesday 30th September, 11.10 am</p> <p>Tip Top Ice Cream factory tour – School Holiday Event</p>	<p>Tip Top Factory Tour – 113 Carbine Rd, Mt Wellington Keep the kids happy these school holidays with a tour of the Tip Top factory. Taste test the product at the end of the tour if you must... Contact Chris on apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone 022 084 2244</p>
<p>Sunday 11th October, 2–3 pm</p> <p>JUMP Trampoline Park</p>	<p>JUMP Trampoline Park, 7A Arwen Place, EAST TAMAKI. Experience a floor of interlocking trampolines, a foam pit with runway trampolines, a dodge ball court and more. Contact Chris on apodc@orcon.net.nz or text/phone on 022 084 2244 to secure a place for your family at this 'spring' event (no pun intended). Free for financial members of APODC, Associate and CODA \$13.50 pp.</p>
<p>Friday 6th – Sunday 8th November, 2015</p> <p>APODC Camp 2015</p>	<p>Camp Raglan, 578 Wainui Rd, RAGLAN. Registrations currently underway for our bi-annual camp. If you've received our registration form, please register and pay promptly before the 25th of September 2015 if you wish to attend.</p>
<p>Sunday 6th December 11.30 am - 1.30 pm</p>	<p>APODC Christmas Party at YMCA Mt Albert Community & Leisure Centre, 773 New North Rd, Mt Albert. Meet up with your friends from camp or make some new ones as we mark the end of another successful APODC year. Food, fun, festivity. Please contact us if you have face painting skills on apodc@orcon.net.nz</p>

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