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APODC

Update



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KIA ORA, Hi, Nau Mai,

and welcome families and whanau

There's a lot happening this month with NZSL week running from 9th-15th May. Please check out Deaf Aotearoa for more info. and resources: <http://deaf.org.nz/nzslw-2016-events>

- **APODC is:** a not-for-profit organisation made up of parents and carers of deaf and hearing impaired children, who may have additional special needs. We are a varied, friendly set of people who find support through sharing experience, & having 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.
- Members live across all corners of Auckland. A wide range of hearing levels and communication methods are used by our deaf and hearing impaired children, 0-18 years, but we are united by our mutual aim: That our kids grow to reach their full potential.

What's in this month's newsletter?

- **Gymnastic, fantastic family fun & AGM, Sunday 22nd May**
- **NZSL Week, 9th - 15th May: Art Workshops (Sat 14th & Sun 15th May), Zoo (Wed 11th May), Talk Show (Fri 13th May), & Family Gala (Sun 15th May)**
- **Tip Top Factory and Chipmunks Play event review**
- **Captioned Movie Event, Saturday May 21st**
- **NZ Federation of Deaf Children, Conference & AGM 4/5th June**
- **Introduction from new APODC Coordinator Cat, *and there's more...***

Gymnastic Fantastic!



AGM



Vote YES to keep events going for Auckland families with
deaf children

(At least 1 parent from each family to attend please)

- **Gymnastic fun and games for all ages**
- **FREE entry for Members, Associate Members and New families (come and see what we are about)**
- **Includes Yummy Lunch!**

WHERE: YMCA Mt Albert Community & Leisure Centre, 773
New North Road, Mt Albert (behind Rocket park)

WHEN: Sunday 22nd May

TIME: 12:00pm-2:00pm

Please confirm your place

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Event Review - APRIL

Tip Top



As you can see from this pic everyone really enjoyed their ice creams at Tip Top

Keep your eyes on the newsletter as there is another Tip Top tour booked for September.

Henderson Chipmunks

It was great to meet some new families at Henderson Chipmunks. Everyone had such a great time that we stayed for for an extra hour. The children refused to stop playing!

There will be more casual coffee/play date events like this one coming soon so please join our Facebook site (details below).



JOIN APODC on Facebook

Want to connect with other parents, families, share ideas and find out what's happening?

Check out the APODC Facebook page:

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

FREE Art Workshops in NZSL – Kids and Adults

New Zealand Sign Language Week at Auckland Art Gallery; Toi o Tāmaki



Kids Workshop (Age 6-12)

Sat 14 May 10.30am – 12.30pm

Booking required

Join artist and educator Rachel Coppage as we explore artwork and ideas from the exhibition Fluid Horizons and experiment with materials in the studio to create your own works. This workshop will be delivered in New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) only. Materials will be provided.

Book online via eventfinda on the link provided.

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2016/studio-workshop-for-children-in-new-zealand-sign-language/auckland>

Workshop for Adults

Sun 15 May 12.30 – 3.30pm

Booking required



Join artist and educator Rachel Coppage as we explore artwork and ideas from the exhibition Extra Ordinary Everyday and experiment with materials in the studio to create your own works. This workshop will be delivered in New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) only. Materials will be provided and no prior experience is needed!

Book online via eventfinda on the link provided:

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2016/studio-workshop-for-adults-in-new-zealand-sign-language/>



NZSL IN AUCKLAND

NZSL at the Zoo!

When: Wednesday 11th May, 10.00am to 3.30pm
Where: Auckland Zoo, Motions Road, Western Springs, Auckland
Cost: Adults \$28, Child (4-14 years) \$12, Students & Seniors (with ID) \$23,
Family Pass 1 (1 adult, 2 children) \$47
Family Pass 2 (2 adults, 2 children) \$ 72
Additional Children (added to either Family Pass) \$10 per child

Get up close for a real animal encounter, with NZSL access to Auckland Zoo! Bring the family, friends and a picnic!

Ellen - The Deaf Talk Show - Part 2

When: Friday 13th May, 7.00pm to 11.00pm
Where: Potters Park Events Centre (upstairs), 164 Balmoral Road
Balmoral, Auckland
Cost: Free entry
NZSL Interpreters provided. Bar and canteen will be open.

She's back! The 'Deaf Ellen deGeneres' is celebrating 10 years of official language status for NZSL!

NZSL Week Family Gala

When: Sunday 15th May, 11.00am to 3.00pm
Where: Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Road, Auckland
Cost: Free

Bring a picnic to Auckland Botanic Gardens for a free Family Gala!

For more information about these events please contact:

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nzslweek.org.nz



Captioned Movie Event



Captioned movies for deaf and hearing impaired youth, ages 12 -18 years (C2 group)

WHEN: Saturday 21st May – Late afternoon/ early evening

WHERE: Reading Cinemas, LynnMall (Brickworks, the new extension), New Lynn, West Auckland.

CAPTIONS: 5 CaptiView devices will be available to provide access to captions (be first to book!). 5 additional spots are available for those with aided hearing, who do not need a device.

Name of movie, and time of screening to be confirmed nearer the time. Keep an eye on Facebook for further info:

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

CONFIRM YOUR PLACE: Please provide your name, & mobile number: apodc@orcon.net.nz or Text/phone: 022 084 2244

Look out for organiser Rachel Coppage, and the new green APODC banner inside the foyer at the meeting point.



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



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

Thank you Exhibit Group

APODC sends sincere thanks to Craig Joynt and the team at Exhibit Group for this fabulous pull-up banner. As you can see from the photo the banner is in action already, helping new families locate the APODC group in busy surroundings.

No more Following children with hearing aids to find their parents! This funky bright sign standing 2 metres tall is an excellent pointer for all our meetings and gatherings.

We thank Exhibit group for their generous donation of a high quality product and recommend their services if you are looking for signage.



Introduction from new APODC Coordinator, Catriona Sainsbury (Cat)



Apologies for this ancient photo.
I don't encourage pics of me being taken anymore!

Hello everyone,

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Coordinator of APODC. The needs of families with d/Deaf children are of the utmost importance to me on a personal and professional level. I am a qualified social worker, with a BA in Deaf Studies, 2 small children and an avid interest in all things Deaf Community. I can sign at a basic level and am very focussed on developing this further wherever I can. I still have a long way to go!

For the last 8 years I have been working closely with the Deaf Community in the mental health field. I worked for the former Deaf mental health services in the Central Region, and upon their closure became the coordinator of voluntary group, the Coalition of Deaf Mental Health Professionals (CDMHP). This group is invested in lobbying Government on the urgent need to develop nationally coordinated, signing fluent mental health services.

Wellbeing is critical to us all, and APODC has an invaluable role in connecting families, and building relationships through shared experience, to make sure that kids and parents get the most out of life together.

The work that APODC does in helping parents and care-givers to access information and peer support at the earliest possible stage is a crucial protective mechanism. With timely access to the right resources, d/Deaf and hearing impaired children have what they need to lead healthy, happy and

rewarding lives, developing independence, and celebrating individuality. I look forward to contributing and being part of that journey.

My husband is a Kiwi, and we have a very busy and happy life living on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. I grew up in the UK and I go back each year with our 2.5 yr old son, and 4.5 yr old daughter to spend time with family and friends. It is important to me to make sure that our children are also connected to their English heritage.

My own support networks include a fantastic group of international and local friends with whom we share our experiences, parenting challenges and good times. The next challenge in our personal parenting journey will be navigating the pathway to school, and launching our eldest into the big wide world without me by her side!

I am very excited to have the opportunity to work alongside the APODC Committee and its members in spreading the word about what this group does and what it offers. I also very much look forward to seeking out and developing new opportunities to benefit APODC members, and to ensure that the group continues to grow and flourish. I will try my utmost to follow in the tracks of Chris Shields who I can see has done a gold class job over the past 2 years, and I look forward to meeting you all.

Thank you, and see you at the AGM on Sunday 22nd.

Cat

For your calendar...

<p>Monday 9th – Sunday 15th May</p> <p>Celebrate NZSL Week 2016</p>	<p>Zoo - Wednesday 11th May, 10:00am - 3.30pm. Deaf talk Show (Take 2) - Friday 13th May, 7:00pm -11:00pm Family Gala – Sunday 15th May, 11:00am – 3:00pm FREE Art Workshops – Saturday 14th (10:30am) & Sunday 15th May (12:30pm). Please see below</p>
<p>Saturday 14th May, 10.30am-12.30pm (Kids), and...</p> <p>Sunday 15th May, 12.30-3.30pm (Adults)</p> <p>Free kids and adults art classes in NZSL</p>	<p>Auckland Art Gallery. Do something especially creative for NZSL Week 2016. Free art classes (online booking required), taught entirely through NZSL. Ages 6-12.</p> <p>Join artist and educator Rachel Coppage as we explore artwork and ideas from the exhibitions Fluid Horizons and Extra Ordinary Everyday. Experiment with materials in the studio to create your own works. No prior experience is needed!</p>
<p>Saturday 21st May, afternoon/early evening</p>	<p>FREE captioned Movie Night for Deaf youth 12-18. 5 CaptiView and 5 regular tickets available. Lynn Mall, New Lynn.</p> <p>Film details and session time to available from 17th May. Check Facebook page: : apodc@orcon.net.nz or Text/phone: 022 084 2244</p>
<p>Sunday 22nd May, 12.00 p.m – 2.00 pm</p> <p>Gym fun and games, Annual General Meeting and a yummy lunch</p>	<p>YMCA Mt Albert Community & Leisure Centre, 773 New North Rd, MT ALBERT.</p> <p>Try out gymnastic equipment and games for all ages in a great indoor location. One adult from each APODC family is required in attendance at our AGM. Come along and vote YES to APODC running for another year. Without your vote we cannot provide support for families with deaf and hearing impaired children across Auckland.</p> <p>Oh yeah and we're having an awesome feed afterwards!</p>
<p>Saturday & Sunday, 4th & 5th June 2016</p> <p>NZFDC 40th Anniversary Conference and AGM</p>	<p>Blue Skies Conference & Training Centre, 12 Williams St, Kaiapoi, CHRISTCHURCH. <i>Some subsidised funding available for Members to attend the conference in Christchurch. Contact APODC with your expression of interest.</i></p>



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