



APODC Newsletter, May 2019

HAPPY NZSL WEEK



Welcome to our New Look Newsletter!



Thanks to our helpers **Patreena Bryan (founding child member, 1945)**, and **Apii Pukeiti (newest APODC member)**, who helped us cut the launch cake on Sunday 28th April. Thanks to everyone else for helping to eat it!!

We loved that so many of you came along to our website launch event at Butterfly Creek. We hope you all had a fabulous time, and that you like the new logo, and website. You can now do all of the following on the website:

- Sign up OR Renew your membership (1, 2 & 3yr options): <https://apodc.org.nz/get-involved/become-a-member/>
- Register to attend events (bottom of home page)
- Check out all the services and supports that we offer: <https://apodc.org.nz/how-we-help/>
- Volunteer, or connect others to volunteering options at APODC: <https://apodc.org.nz/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Donate, or send people information on how to donate, <https://apodc.org.nz/get-involved/volunteer/> OR how to become a corporate sponsor: https://apodc.org.nz/get-involved/become_a_sponsor/
- Contact us: <https://apodc.org.nz/contact/>
- Read and post on our Facebook Page via the feed: <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandparentsofdeafchildren/>

Whilst there's lots of new online capability, you can still talk to us via Phone/text: [022 084 2244](tel:0220842244) AND email: coordinator@apodc.org.nz We hope that you like the new look. Your feedback is always appreciated.

WIN A STUNNING MOTHERS DAY POSY BAG - Competition

Follow us on Facebook

Kindly supplied by The Flower Vault in Hobsonville



- 1) FOLLOW the NEW [Apodc.auckland.newzealand](https://www.facebook.com/apodc.auckland.newzealand) Facebook page (click on the link).
- 2) LIKE and COMMENT telling us who is deserving of a gorgeous posy
- 3) AND if you like, share the post to help us get our name out there (third step is not a requirement)!!!!

A winner will be drawn in the morning on Friday the 10th of May. Flowers will be delivered on Friday the 10th of May.

We will announce the winner before 10:00am on Friday.

Good luck everyone!!!!!!



NZSL Coffee and Play group, this Saturday - Only a few spots left

NZSL Week, coffee and Xtreme play group, Saturday 11th May, 2pm, Xtreme Entertainment Wairau. Hosted by APODC and First Signs. FREE to those with a deaf child (spaces are limited). Try your hand at some NZSL with First Signs tutors, whilst the kids have a ball in the largest NZ indoor playground.

Coffee Groups are a chance for parents of children 12 years and under to meet together. Siblings are invited too! We try to find play spaces where kids can play happily and safely, whilst parents have an opportunity to talk.

BOOK HERE TO ATTEND: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/apodc-and-first-signs-nzsl-week-coffee-and-play-date-tickets-61080947759?aff=ebapi>



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

C2 Youth Horse Riding FREE to full members aged 10yrs and up.



Last years C2 riding program in Clevedon was so well enjoyed, we have scheduled a further 4 week program, to be run on Saturdays at 1pm. **The dates are 18th and, 25th May, and 8th and 15th June (No session on Queens Birthday weekend).**

The course is run out at a farm in Clevedon, by dedicated and experienced teacher, Lisa Olsson, of Saddle Up Ltd;
<https://www.facebook.com/SaddleUpNZ/>

The C2 group is designed to help youth develop quality relationships with one another, whilst building confidence, independence, and some cool new skills! The program is tailored to individual needs, and includes the following:

- Introduction to horses & riding
- Games
- Vaulting/balance exercises
- Obstacle courses/polework

The group will be split into 2 groups of 4/5, starting at 1pm, and 2:30. We will organise some kai, and completion certificates, to celebrate youth achievement, following the final session on 15th June.

We already have a number of names for this activity, and places are limited, so please book in quickly if you wish to attend, using the button below. We will also keep a back up list, if any spaces become available during the course.

C2 means Communication 2 ways; New Zealand Sign Language and English.

BOOK TO ATTEND: <https://apodc.org.nz/2019/02/17/c2-youth-group/>

Jump Jump Jump.....



Gravity South, Sunday 26th May Jumping for all!

We encourage your family/ Whānau to join us for this active fun fest at **Gravity Trampoline Park, 5 Ronwood Avenue, Manukau, at 10:30am, on Sunday 26th May.**

MUMs and DADs can jump too!

[Home](#)

If you are a full APODC member, or a new family with a deaf child, wanting to try us out, this event is FREE for you.

- 1000 square meters of fun with connected trampolines
- Ninja course
- Extreme trampoline dodgeball
- Foam pit
- Basket ball hoops
- Under 5's area
- Central spectators platform. Watch all the action

Please book the number of jumping places you require (no need to book tickets for those who are not jumping, but please provide your names), via the pink button below.

BOOK HERE TO REGISTER: <https://apodc.org.nz/2019/04/03/jumping-fun-for-all/>

Website Launch, and AGM Special Family Event at Butterfly Creek on 28th April, 2-5pm

We only have a few family spaces available for this event, as it has been extremely popular. Please book in this weekend if you would like to attend. Once places are full, we won't be able to take any further bookings. You can book your places, by clicking on the '[Special Family afternoon and AGM event](#)' box, in the events section, at the bottom of the home page, and hit the pink, 'Register Free Today' button.

Event Review - Website launch, AGM and family event

Thank you to all who made this event such a success: the APODC Committee for all of your hard work which led us to being able to launch the new site, and plan this wonderful event, parent helper for assistance with logo design, Richard Peri for your cultural leadership and guidance, Patreena Bryan and Rachel Coppage for bringing the past into focus, Exhibit Group for 2 new stand out banners, Butterfly Creek for providing 1st prize for our soft launch competition, and to all of our fabulous families and whanau who listened patiently for a long time, and then contributed to a successful AGM. Nga mihi nui.



We were really priveleged to welcome a former pupil of the original deaf school in Titirangi, Patreena Bryan, who shared some of her story and experiences from her time at the school. It was parents of the children shown in the 1945 full school photo below (Patreena is in the 4th row from the front, 3rd from the left), who got together and established the parent support group that we are all part of, almost 75 years later! Patreena shared the full school image below with us, and we will replace the partial shot on our website.

Patreena shared a funny story with the audience at the launch, however some of this was lost in translation, so the gaps have been filled below. It is easy to see that school wasn't easy back in 1945, however the ingenuity of kids has remained the same! Thank you Patreena for sharing this.

'I have a funny story to share with you. One day when I was feeling sick at Titirangi boarding school. I didn't want to eat dinner but all the children had to eat it all. There was a matron, housemistress, a burly woman, who would check on us, to see if we had eaten everything on the plates. When she was turning around, a Deaf girl had a clever idea to suggest that I move my plate to the end of the table, on the edge, so when the matron leaned back on the table, she would accidentally put her fingers into my dinner so I didn't have to eat it. She would have to discard it. Phew! Her expression of disgust was very clear to see - she shook her fingers free from the mashed potato and gravy. I secretly thanked the girl' (Patreena Bryan, APODC Launch, 28th April, 2019).



Circus Quirkus



2019 Newmarket Rotary Club's Circus Quirkus Invitation.

Sunday 9th June 2019 (3 Shows): 11:00am, 2:00pm & 5:00pm

Logan Campbell Centre - ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane

We are very fortunate to have been provided with complimentary tickets for APODC families and Whānau to attend this wonderful show.

Tickets have been donated by the Newmarket Rotary Club, and many kind people and businesses throughout the greater Auckland areas.

- Non-Animal Circus Spectacular!
- 'Circus Quirkus' will astound and delight both Young and Old! '
- 90 Minutes of Acrobatic Fun and Fantasy!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/auckland-parents-of-deaf-children-circus-quirkus-tickets-tickets-61484138714>



One New Organisation – One New Executive Principal

KDEC wants your help to find the right principal to lead the merged national deaf education organisation.

Please find below, a list of stakeholder suggestions. You are welcome to add any additional comments about the type of person you want to see in post (please use the link below).

One New Organisation – One New Executive Principal

- 1. Can communicate with all members of the Deaf community, through NZSL or can learn to do this quickly
- 2. Understands the Deaf Community and Deaf Culture or is willing to learn about it
- 3. Has experience successfully running a similar organisation and the ability to advocate for Deaf Education at a government level.
- 4. Strives for excellence for all students.
- 5. Promotes equality, values all children as individuals and understands that one size does not fit all.
- 6. Is a “people-person” who can manage, listen, and negotiate with people from all backgrounds.
- 7. Is friendly, patient and welcoming.
- 8. Is a “deaf ally”



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