

Kia ora #FirstName#

April 2021 - Newsletter



RAINBOWS END, Sunday 9th May, 10am-5pm

Places are limited, and are available to members, AND families who have not been to an APODC event in the past

Tickets are limited and offered on a first come first served basis.

Please complete the BOOKING FORM (blue button below), making sure you enter the details of each attendee

MEET US IN THE BARN for a CATCH UP AT 12pm (we have exclusive use of the barn all day so you can take a breaks!)

The barn is a private function venue, centrally located in the park (please check map on arrival)

*Please note that you can't bring food into the park, but there are several food vendors onsite. You can also leave the site and re-enter if you wish to purchase food outside the gates

STRICT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS apply on all rides

PLEASE CHECK HEIGHT RULES HERE: <https://rainbowsend.co.nz/rides/height-restrictions>

This extra special trip has been made possible thanks to funding made available through Deaf Children New Zealand, allowing us to increase our normal per head budget. **THANK YOU DCNZ!**

[Rainbows End Booking Form](#)



NZSL Storytime

Join us in Mt Albert Library for songs,
rhymes and stories in NZSL.

All welcome.




10:30 Tuesdays except during school
holidays

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APODC Coffee Groups - Could you help us to get a regular group going?

Coffee groups offer families with young deaf and HOH children living across Auckland with the opportunity to meet others in their area in an informal & relaxed setting. It's an important space where families can start making connections.

If you could offer a friendly welcome to new families at a coffee group or 2, we would love to hear from you.

As a volunteer we pay your return kms, and the coffees (1 each!) would be on us.

PLEASE EMAIL CAT: coordinator@apodc.org.nz OR TEXT: 022 0842244



Interactive Family Fun Day - Sunday 21st March

19 families attended this action and info packed day. We had a Mermaid, a Pirate, a mad but very clever scientist!, a face painter and a balloon twister for the kids. A team of 5 young adult volunteers buddied up with APODC youth ages 10yrs and up, to provide them with a well connected memorable day with their peers. Thank you Madeleine, Lance and Christy, Monari and Sejin.

We also had 2 staff from 1st Signs looking after our precious small people, Victoria from Merge doing signed story time, a team from Ko Taku Reo pre-school, an AODC and RTD, and many Deaf Community and ADS members who came along to support and help out.

Richard, Amanda, Rachel and Daniel delivered 4 incredible presentations sharing their own journeys through childhood, with their families and then into the wide world as Deaf adults. Parents and caregivers really enjoyed the new perspective that listening to your own experiences gave them.

We LOVED that so many professionals and community members were willing to work together in this way. A connected experience where families and whanau can freely ask questions in a relaxed space is our number 1 aim. Thank you all for giving your time and support to help families reconnect and have fun together after a long time apart.

I have left the flyer with presenter bios below so anyone who missed this event can read about these community members and think about any questions that you may like to ask them. Please feel free to forward these to me: coordinator@apodc.org.nz

Thank you so much Amanda, Daniel, Richard and Rachel for being willing to tell us more, and to ADS and Brent for hosting this innovative event in your wonderful new premises.



INTERACTIVE FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY, 21ST MARCH

16 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, THREE KINGS, AUCKLAND | 10AM TO 3.30PM

PRESENTERS



AMANDA EVERITT

Born and bred in New Zealand, Amanda is a graduate of the University of Auckland Law School. Amanda is the mother of two children, one who is Deaf. Both children use four languages including English, French, New Zealand Sign Language and French Sign Language. Amanda has established a career working across many areas in London and Paris, including working with Deaf Youth, within Learning Technology and the Media. Amanda is currently the Deaf Strategic Lead at Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education New Zealand.



DANIEL GREENWOOD

Daniel has been involved in the Deaf community from a young age, attending Deaf units in West Auckland and participating in different Deaf sports. Daniel has a keen interest in travelling, sports, Deaf leadership, and Deaf youth. He is the only Deaf member of his family, and his family learnt sign language after finding out Daniel was born Deaf. Daniel comfortably mixes with both the Deaf and hearing communities. Daniel's wife is Deaf too, and they have 2 beautiful bilingual children who are CODAs (Children of Deaf Adults). He is currently one of the Assistant Head of Enrolled School at Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education NZ.



RICHARD PERI

Ko Te Rarawa me Ngati Porou nga Oku Iwi
Richard Tuhorouta Peri, a long-time member of ADS, Deaf Sports and the Maori Deaf Community. Richard's philosophy is to help Tamariki te reo Maori Deaf develop a sense of identity and to motivate others to improve the development of Maori Sign Language which also includes Maori concepts. Richard has completed the Victoria University Certificate in Deaf Studies and a Massey University Diploma in Adult Education. From 1991 to 2018, Richard has also been involved with Ruamoko Marae.



RACHEL COPPAGE

Rachel Coppage, a long-time member of ADS and APODC, an UK-trained art psychotherapist and a Deaf Studies lecturer at AUT, has raised a Deaf child with her Deaf husband and is currently serving on the Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education Board as a parent representative, committed to all deaf children's language acquisition and concerned for Deaf social and emotional wellbeing.



C2 Youth (ages 10yrs and up)
30th May - SAVE THE DATE

We are hoping to schedule a 2nd cookery session on 30th May, but will confirm this in the May newsletter. Can't wait to bring this group back together for round 2, and to welcome some new youth into the group.

If you are keen to put your name forward for this event, please let Cat know
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