

Kia ora #FirstName#

August 2021 - Newsletter

We hope that you are all keeping well and warm during this cold blast! Having a few months of uninterrupted event time this year has been a real blessing in terms of us being able to do what we love best, connecting Auckland families and whanau!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you next Sunday at Inflatable World. There are only a few spaces remaining so if you haven't booked yet, please get in quick to reserve your spot.

** **Please can you give 5 minutes to complete the following member survey (closing date 6th September)? It is really important that we get as much member feedback as possible so that the APODC Committee can plan effectively for the next year and beyond:***

[SURVEY LINK](https://forms.gle/nYzbMFUeo2caXzUk8): <https://forms.gle/nYzbMFUeo2caXzUk8>



Combined APODC & Ko Taku Reo free family event

Inflatable World

When: Sunday 15th August 2021, 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Where: 577 Great South Road, Papatoetoe

Tickets limited, get in quick! To book, visit:

<https://bit.ly/3zsGZfL>

Guest Speaker
from Ko Taku Reo

Cat Sainsbury APODC Coordinator
coordinator@apodc.org.nz
022 084 2244 (ph or txt)



Book Tickets

2 hours of kids play!
Parent catch-up time
Opportunity to chat with Deaf Education staff

Limited spaces left



RAZZA MATAZZ Family Show

SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST 2021 AT 11:00am AND 2:00pm
Avondale College Theatre, 51 Victor Street, Avondale, Auckland 1026

A family fun day out with laughs galore!
Best suited for kids aged 12yrs and under

Event by Razzamatazz New Zealand and IDFNZ Kids Foundation

Tickets are "sponsored" by local businesses to give families the chance to enjoy this engaging performance for FREE

Complimentary tickets by special invite only!



Coffee Group, Sunday 5th September, 2pm

Mitre 10 Mega, 9 Bishop Dunn Place, Flat Bush, Auckland 1013

What?

APODC Coffee groups are casual gatherings which bring parents and caregivers together for a coffee and chat, whilst

the children play. Coffee groups are often the first events that families attend and we aim to provide a warm welcome and the opportunity to connect with others who are at a similar stage.

Who are Coffee Groups for?

Coffee groups are aimed at families and whanau with young children (under 5's), HOWEVER all APODC families are welcome to attend.

Who hosts them, and how regularly are they held?

Parent hosts usually run coffee groups. Their first hand experience is valuable in supporting new families. We aim to schedule coffee groups through the year in local venues across Auckland so that families can meet others in their area.

We haven't been able to deliver as many coffee groups this year due to Covid, but we are working on it!

Is there a charge?

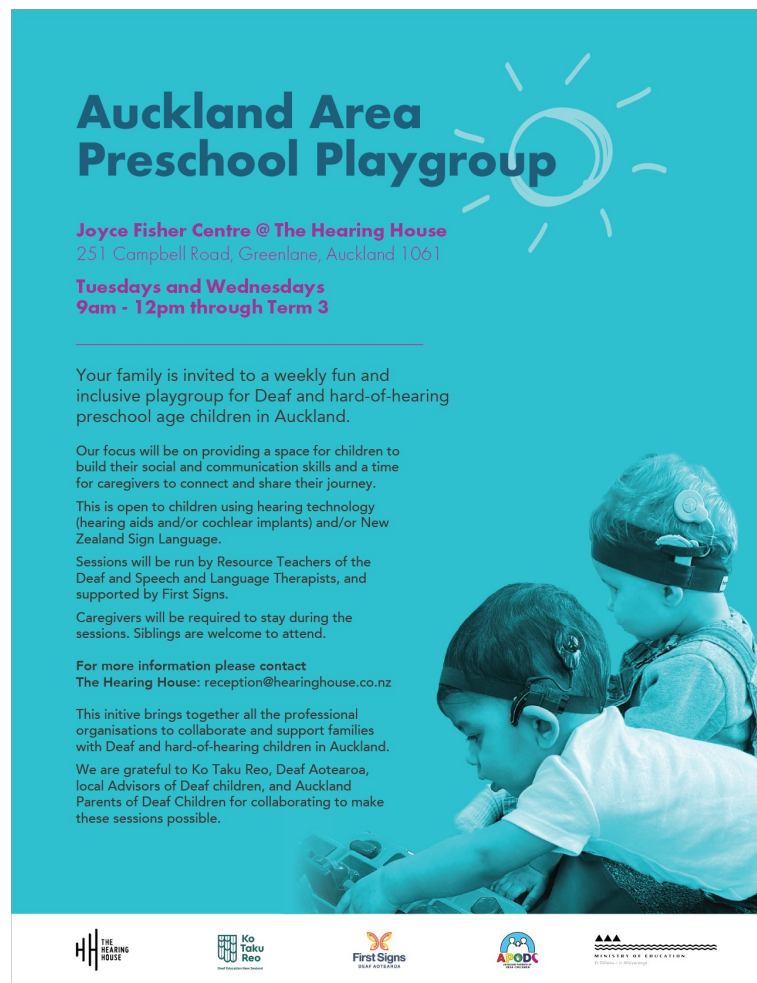
No. Coffee groups are free. All participating adults will be offered 1 free hot drink.

Do we need to book in to attend?

Yes, we do need to know if you are planning to attend so we can manage capacity, and sort interpreters if needed

TO BOOK: Text: 022 0842244 or Email: coordinator@apodc.org.nz

* If you have ideas of where else we could run a coffee group, we would love to hear from you!



Auckland Area Preschool Playgroup

Joyce Fisher Centre @ The Hearing House
251 Campbell Road, Greenlane, Auckland 1061

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
9am - 12pm through Term 3

Your family is invited to a weekly fun and inclusive playgroup for Deaf and hard-of-hearing preschool age children in Auckland.

Our focus will be on providing a space for children to build their social and communication skills and a time for caregivers to connect and share their journey.

This is open to children using hearing technology (hearing aids and/or cochlear implants) and/or New Zealand Sign Language.

Sessions will be run by Resource Teachers of the Deaf and Speech and Language Therapists, and supported by First Signs.

Caregivers will be required to stay during the sessions. Siblings are welcome to attend.

For more information please contact
The Hearing House: reception@hearinghouse.co.nz

This initiative brings together all the professional organisations to collaborate and support families with Deaf and hard-of-hearing children in Auckland.

We are grateful to Ko Taku Reo, Deaf Aotearoa, local Advisors of Deaf children, and Auckland Parents of Deaf Children for collaborating to make these sessions possible.

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New Playgroup initiative for ALL Deaf and HOH preschoolers

TERM 3, Tuesday's and Wednesdays, 9am-12pm

*Sessions run by Resource Teachers of the Deaf, and Speech and Language Therapists, supported by the First Signs team.

Wellbeing session for parents and caregivers with young deaf and HOH children

Thursday 23rd September @ 7:30pm

The Hearing House, 251 Campbell Road Greenlane



- * This is the 2nd session in our wellbeing series focusing on the needs of parents and caregivers with newly identified deaf & hard of hearing (HOH) children
- * This session will be facilitated by experienced deaf sector psychologist, Sandra Smith. Sandra works between the Ministry of Education, Ko Taku Reo, and The Hearing House
- * Learn about strategies to promote positive family wellbeing, and build your toolkit!
- * Small group session. Enjoy a hot drink and chat with other parents.

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