

Kia ora #FirstName#

December 2021 - Newsletter

Kia ora APODC whanau and Meri Kirihimete,

Wow I can't believe it's December already. What a year!

Firstly, to your our members. It was great seeing many of you at coffee groups, at our family days with ADS, at Rainbows End, Inflatable world or on Zoom. We've managed to have a few great events this year even through lockdowns. Thanks for staying in contact and being a part of creating great memories for our kids.

Secondly, I'd like to take the time thank the APODC Committee for their continued mahi this year. We've had to adapt and change more than once in 2021 and this year has thrown us more than one curve ball for sure! So, to Kirsten our secretary, Leanna our treasurer and our wonderful committee Anna, Caroline, Jess, Jo and Tim. And to Sarah, Emily and Jess our support team, thank you for your contribution, passion, and commitment to the mahi we do for our members and our whanau!

Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you in 2022. Nga mihi nui, Willa







An update about APODC Family Camp 2022

It's with a heavy heart that the Committee has made the decision to postpone Camp 2022. We know it's a really important event for our family's. Throughout the year we have operated our events by making sure we can keep our members safe and have maximum fun and to hold an event like Camp safely, Auckland really needs to be at Green.

We are already planning an awesome family event for a little later in the year when alert levels permit.

* Huge thanks to the NZSL Board for their generosity in funding this event



Want to be a part of a survey on how Deaf and Hard of Hearing children learn NZSL?



We have research opportunity for any parents who wish to take part.

*** Parents & caregivers' knowledge and beliefs about how Deaf or hard of hearing children learn to talk/sign ***

Ellen McKee is a speech-language therapist and am interested in what

helps Deaf or hard of hearing children learn to talk/sign. You are invited to complete my anonymous survey if you are aged 18 years or older and are a parent/caregiver of a Deaf or hard of hearing child aged 0 to 5 years, living in New Zealand.

"The survey will contribute toward my Master of Audiology research at the Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha - the University of Canterbury. If you or anyone you know match this description. I would greatly appreciate it if anyone can take part in the survey"

Survey link: http://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 1BSi0tg7q8eaVj8

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