



Kia ora #FirstName#

February 2021 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone - we have really missed you!!



RAINBOWS END, Sunday 28th February, 10am-5pm

Yep, it's true, we want to start 2021 off in the best way possible so we are off to Rainbows End!

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

Tickets are offered on a first come first served basis.

Please note that we are unable to take any extra people for this event.

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

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

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

APODC Fundraising Officer - help us find the best person for the job **Flexible part time work hours, working from home**

Job Description

To undertake and oversee fundraising work, as a core member of the APODC team, ensuring that funding requirements to run, deliver, and develop programs, and support the operations of the organization, are met in a timely, and efficient manner. The post holder will work closely with the Committee, to ensure diversification of funding streams which respond effectively to emerging membership and organizational needs.

Key responsibilities:

- 1) Working to APODCs sustainable funding plan, whilst contributing to further development
- 2) Working through the Vega Works CRM
- 3) Responsible for establishing, and sustaining relationships with fund holders, donors and sponsors
- 4) Providing supporters regular updates which showcase the value of their contributions
- 5) Development of donor program and sponsorship opportunities
- 6) The role will sit alongside the new Accounts Officer role, and contribute to accountability measures.

Enquiries to: Catriona Sainsbury (APODC Coordinator): 022 0842244 coordinator@apodc.org.nz



South Coffee Group - Red Shed Palazzo, 16 Jesmond Rd, Karaka
Saturday 6th March, 2pm

This coffee group offers a chance for families living in South Auckland to meet, or catch up with others living nearby. Coffee groups are informal & relaxed, providing families with babies & young children a great place to start making connections.

We are grateful to parent volunteer, Jennie Yang for offering to support this event.

Thank you Jennie!

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



Caregivers Zoom Wellbeing Session, Wednesday 10th March

Zoom link will be sent to those who register

2020 certainly made us all aware of our wellbeing, or lack of it. This year, we are going to further explore this important aspect which shapes all of our lives, with the help of psychologist Sandra Smith. Sandra has worked in the deaf sector for much of her career. You can read more about her below:

'Hi, my name is Sandra Smith. I have been involved with deaf education since 1988. I worked as a classroom teacher at the school for deaf, a signed English tutor, and the first bilingual/bicultural coordinator at Kelston. I also worked as an AoDC and briefly as an RTD. After training and working as an Educational Psychologist for the Ministry of Education, I returned to Kelston to work as their school psychologist.

I have also worked as an Educational Psychologist at the Ministry of Education, and The Child Development Unit at Auckland City hospital. I trained as a counsellor in 2015 and 2016, and worked as a school counsellor in an Auckland Secondary School for three years. I now work between the Ministry of Education, Ko Taku Reo and Hearing House.

Looking forward to meeting you all
Sandra'

*This will be a small group session where caregivers can learn strategies to promote positive family wellbeing

Depending on how this session goes, there may be an opportunity to offer more.

PLEASE Email or text Cat to confirm your attendance: coordinator@apodc.org.nz 022 0842244

* We will hold a session focusing on the needs of those with newly identified deaf children a little later in the year

INTERACTIVE FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY, 21ST MARCH

16 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, THREE KINGS, AUCKLAND
(AUCKLAND DEAF SOCIETY - NEW PREMISES)
10AM TO 3.30PM

CULTURE DEAF CONNECTION FAMILY
IDENTITY LEADERS KNOWLEDGE FUN
PRIDE WHANAU YOUTH
POSITIVITY
KIDS BELONGING FRIENDS

FOR THE KIDS:

- ★ Make lots of new friends
- ★ Balloon twisting
- ★ Face painting
- ★ Bouncy castle
- ★ NZSL story telling
- ★ Science show & games for older youth
- ★ Supervision & facilitation by Deaf youth members of Auckland Deaf Society
- ★ A great way for children to meet older role models & make lasting connections

FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS:

- ★ Hear about the journeys of 4 prominent Deaf adults; family, growing up, identity, passions & adult life
- ★ Choose 1 morning session & 1 after lunch session (speaker bios to be sent out soon)
- ★ Find out what's on offer through ADS (activity groups, support, & social events)
- ★ Ask any questions that you may have
- ★ Mix & mingle over the tea breaks & family lunch (provided)

Petrol vouchers available for those living 25kms or more from Auckland Deaf Society

eventbrite

TO BOOK ONLINE GO TO EVENTBRITE
<https://bit.ly/3ohREmz>

CONTACT BRENT MACPHERSON
Manager of Auckland Deaf Society
Email: brent@auckland-deaf.org.nz
Mobile: 027 721 9918 (text only)

NZSL
New Zealand Sign Language
Board

Interactive Family Fun Day - Sunday 21st March 10-3:30pm

ADS and APODC are working together to bring you this incredible whole family event, featuring back to back entertainment for kids of all ages (see flyer above)

For the adults, you can enjoy a bit of time out, and pick from the awesome line up of 4 Deaf presenters (see bios below), who will share a little of their own personal journeys, the challenges, and successes which have helped them get to where they are today.

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

Book to attend Interactive Family Fun Day

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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 Ruamokoko 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 events (ages 10yrs and up) are coming soon
Watch out in the March Newsletter!



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