

Kia ora #FirstName#

July 2021 - Newsletter

Committee update:

It's been a busy couple of months for the Committee with our AGM in May, and then straight into our June meeting with 2 new members!

Welcome Jess and Anna who have joined the Committee, it's great to have you on board. I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank 2 of our team who stepped down this year. Renetta, and Viv (our grandparent volunteer and accounts expert!), a special thank you both. The biggest round of thanks goes to Kirsten who stepped down as APODC President after 8 years. Her guidance and leadership has been outstanding. We haven't let her go too far though, she's still on the Committee as Secretary which is great news!

This last year has shown us that if we don't adapt quickly things can get pretty tough. So with that in mind, the Committee is thinking about all the ways we can ensure this whanau led group can remain relevant to it's members, and be financially viable for many years to come. We're looking for your feedback about what you'd like us to focus on, making sure that what we offer still hits the mark. We also want to ask if you feel there are any gaps in what we provide!

We'd love it if you could take 5 mins to share your thoughts with us. This feedback will guide the Committee in its decision making and direction setting when they meet for the annual strategy day in September.

SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.gle/nYzbMFUeo2caXzUk8>

We are always looking for volunteers for events and sub-groups. If you think this is something you might be interested in, please let us know.

We look forward to updating you more regularly on Committee news and welcome your feedback!

Thanks

Anna, Caroline, Jess, Jo, Kirsten, Leanne, Tim and Willa



Coffee Group, Saturday 12th June

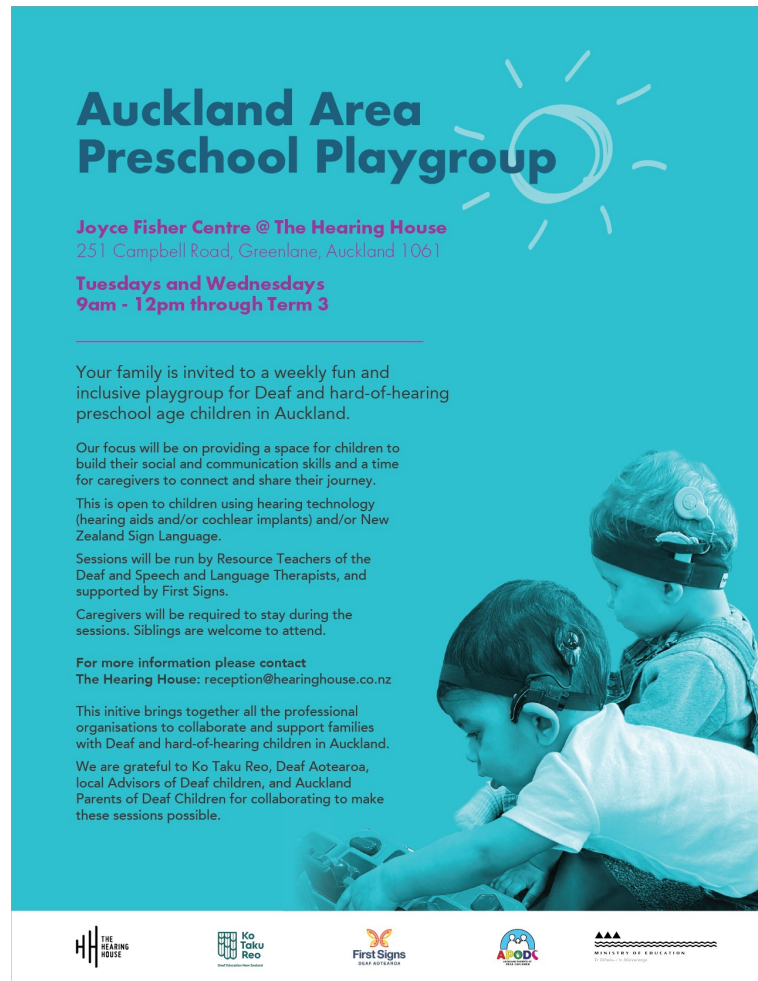
Thanks to parents Jennie Yang & Amanda Everitt for hosting our most recent coffee catch up at St Lukes Garden Cafe.

This was a really successful event with 9 families attending with children aged from 4wks to 12yrs old. Having named parent hosts was a large part of the draw and we very much appreciated your willingness to step up and assist as hosts, and for the warm welcome which you provided to all.

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, usually with a small play zone to keep young children entertained. They offer an important space where families can start making connections.

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

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

The poster has a teal background. At the top right is a white sun icon. The title 'Auckland Area Preschool Playgroup' is in large white font. Below it, the location 'Joyce Fisher Centre @ The Hearing House' and address '251 Campbell Road, Greenlane, Auckland 1061' are in smaller white font. The schedule 'Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9am - 12pm through Term 3' is in a larger white font. A horizontal line separates this from the main text. The text describes the playgroup's purpose, focus, and eligibility. It mentions that sessions are run by Resource Teachers, Deaf and Speech and Language Therapists, and supported by First Signs. It also states that caregivers must stay and siblings are welcome. Contact information for The Hearing House is provided. A paragraph mentions collaboration with professional organizations. The bottom of the poster features a row of logos: The Hearing House, Ko Tuku Reo, First Signs, APODC, and the Ministry of Education. On the right side of the poster, there is a photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, both wearing cochlear implants, looking down at something they are playing with.

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.

THE HEARING HOUSE
Ko Tuku Reo
First Signs
APODC
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Brand 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.



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

Once again we are partnering with Ko Taku Reo to deliver an awesome whole family event

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



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!



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