

Kia ora #FirstName#

November 2022 - Newsletter

President's Update

Kia ora APODC whanau,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Butterfly Creek for our Christmas Event. Thank you for helping us to make the day so special. We are so grateful that Santa was able to visit us and, thanks to our talented photographer, we were able to capture some lovely moments throughout the day. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of our amazing NZSL interpreters for your help on the day and everything you continue to do to support APODC and our whanau.







We are also pleased to announce that we have co-opted on our newest member Lydia Cook onto the committee. Please join us in welcoming her, we can't wait to see what she'll bring to her role and are so grateful that she has chosen to be part of our APODC committee.

We are very excited to announce that **Camp registrations are open!** See below for more information on camp and how to register. I can't wait to see you all there. Please remember that Camp is only available to APODC members. If you are unsure of your current membership status, or would like to renew your membership please reach out to Alison at coordinator@APODC.org.nz who will be able to help you.

Hand waves

Your APODC Committee ~ Anna Park, Jess Fonoti, Jo Weaver, Kirsten Davis, Lydia Cook, Tim Huang, Rhian Thompson and Willa Hand

A quick look at our upcoming events for 2022/23

APODC EVENT CALENDAR 2022/23 					
December	January	February	March	April	May
				 	

REGISTER NOW FOR CAMP!

We are so excited to see you at the Auckland Parents of Deaf Children family Camp in February! Please join us for a weekend of fun, friendships and family at [Camp Carey](#).

When: Friday 24th until Sunday 26th February

Where: Camp Carey, Waitakere

Spaces are limited so registrations will be managed on a first come first served basis. We will be running a waitlist but, if you don't want to miss out - **Register Now!** We will contact you in January to confirm your registrations and gather additional necessary information in preparation for the event.

No need to bring your tent because with APODC you can camp in style. You and your family will be sleeping in real beds in the Camp Carey dormitories. We have a fun filled weekend planned for the whole family. Activities throughout the weekend will include:

- Arts and crafts
- Deaf Deaf World
- Wai slide
- Flying Fox
- Climbing wall and more...

There will be an inside area with activities set up for very young children, and those who need a quiet space and some time out during the day. And we haven't forgotten the adults! We have games, presentations and fun activities for you as well. APODC camp truly is fun for all the family!

Please Note: This is a members only event. If you would like to attend and are not currently an APODC member you can simply [click here to renew your membership](#) or contact Alison on coordinator@apodc.org.nz who will be able to help.

[Click Here to Register for APODC Camp 2023](#)

Christmas with APODC



[Click here](#) to view photos from our Christmas event at Butterfly Creek

Welcome to our new Committee Member

Lydia joined APODC in 2022, looking for community after her daughter Thea was diagnosed with profound bilateral hearing loss. Thea's diagnosis came not long after her birth and during the 2021 Auckland lock down.

Thea is now coming up to almost a year wearing cochlear implants and is learning to sign with some excellent First Signs support.

Lydia and her family have enjoyed coming along to APODC events. Her son Ethan is extremely happy that there always seems to be a bouncy castle.

When Lydia isn't practicing her NZSL, she is working as an in-house legal counsel and company secretary.



WHAT'S ON?

Join us at the Auckland Deaf Society Kids Christmas Party on Saturday 3rd December



AUCKLAND DEAF SOCIETY INC

Kids Christmas Party

When: Saturday 3rd December 2022

Time: 10am-1:30pm

Where: 16 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough

Theme: Dress up forest eg Fairy, Elf, Flower....

Deaf Santa

Best Dressed Prize

Story Teller

Jumping Castle

and many more!!

Entry \$5. Pay on the day

RVPSP Wednesday 30th November

email to deatevents@auckland-deaf.org.nz

Bring your blanket and own lunch/picnic basket



Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee



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