

Kia ora #FirstName#

October 2022 - Newsletter

President's Update

Kia ora APODC whanau,

It's so exciting to be able to get our community together in person once again! We have more and more events coming your way and you can register for our Christmas event now!! Just use the link in this newsletter to sign up. Planning is also well underway for 2023 Camp so keep an eye out for the opportunity to register in the coming months.

It was great to see so many of you at our recent Family Fun day at Inflatable World Albany. Thank you for joining us and for sharing your feedback. It seems everyone had so much fun that next time we will need to book in a longer session so our children can have maximum bouncing time and the big kids (aka parents) can have more time to connect.

This month we have one of our educational APODC Connect events and are lucky enough to have Margaret Patrick as a guest speaker. Her session will explore how we can plan ahead for our children as they transition to early learning services or schools. We have no doubt that this will be a valuable session for so many of our parents and we look forward to seeing you there.

Our committee met at the end of September for our strategy day and we discussed lots of exciting plans for 2023. We are also pleased to announce that we have co-opted on our newest member Rhian Thompson 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.

Hand waves

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



A quick look at our upcoming events for 2023/23

October	November	December	January	February	March

APODC Connect - Navigating Change



Date: Tuesday 18 October

Time: 7.30pm

Location: The Hearing House, 251 Campbell Road, Greenlane

Guest Speaker: Margaret Patrick

Spaces are limited so please make sure you register to attend.

[Click here to Register](#)

Parents transition children through many stages of development, including moving from home-based learning to more formal educational settings.

The focus of this session will be looking at ways we can build success into these significant shifts, for deaf and hard of hearing children and their parents, when they are transitioning into Early Learning Services and school.

Come and join us as we explore what planning ahead looks like.

Welcome to our new Committee Member



Rhian is married to Michael and has two children Audrey and Gethin. Her son Gethin was born profoundly deaf and received bilateral cochlear implants at the age of 6 months. Rhian joined APODC in 2022 as she wanted to re-build connections with other families of deaf and hearing impaired children, which she felt had fallen away since her son had started school.

Rhian believes that having a support network connecting families of deaf children is vital for the wellbeing of our parents and their children. She feels APODC provides a valuable service allowing families to share knowledge and experiences, access information and build relationships and wishes to give back some of her time to help improve and grow the organisation.

Rhian has a background in banking and commercial law and has worked at law firms, financial institutions and publicly listed companies. She is currently a stay at home mum and chair of the school board of her children's primary school. Rhian has experience in project management, governance, finance and compliance. She has recently started learning NZSL with the intention of teaching it to her children and hopes to reach a level where she is able to easily converse with other NZSL users.

REGISTER NOW!



Youth Event

Date: Sunday 30 October

Start Time: 10am

Location: Vector Wero Whitewater Park, Manukau

This event is aimed specifically at our teenage members aged 13 to 18. We have a great morning of fun on the water planned for you and food will be provided.

[Register](#) before **Friday 21 October** if you would like to attend.



APODC Christmas Party

Date: Saturday 12 November

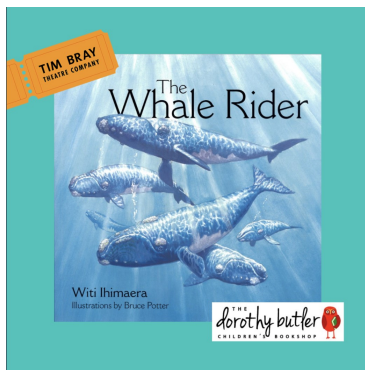
Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Butterfly Creek, 10 Tom Pearce Drive

Get the whanau together for some festive fun at Butterfly Creek. There will be food, fun, presents and more!

[Register here](#) if you would like to attend

WHAT'S ON?



The Whale Rider by Witi Ihimaera

NZSL interpreted performances (October & November)

This beautifully rich story of whānau and tikanga is masterfully translated into a live performance that will absorb the viewer, from start to end. A poignant tale of forging paths and self-belief, this is the show all children need to see.

[Click here](#) to find out more about accessible performances dates, locations and available tickets



Southern Stars Summer Festival

A family fun day out - Children's entertainment, market stalls, street food, live music and free carnival rides!

Date: Saturday 26 November

Time: 10am to 7pm

Location: Kumeu Showgrounds

We have been gifted 20 tickets - If you would like to request a ticket please email Alison at coordinator@apodc.org.nz

Coffee Group



Willa Hand, Committee President, will be hosting a coffee group this month. If you would like to attend this month, or host a future coffee group, please [click here](#) and complete this short survey.

Date: Friday 29th October

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Suggested location: Cornwall Park Cafe, Pohutakawa Drive, Epsom, Auckland 1051

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 new families attend and we aim to provide a warm welcome and the opportunity to connect with others who are at a similar stage.

Is there a charge?

No. Coffee groups are free!

Do we need to book in to attend?

Yes, we do need to know if you are planning to attend so we can arrange interpreters, if needed

SAVE THE DATE



2023 Camp

Friday 24th until Sunday 26th February
Camp Carey, Waitakere

It's time to go wild in the wilderness! Fun games, Outdoor activities, flying fox, wai slide, climbing wall, arts and crafts, deaf deaf world and much more!!!

More details to come...

In other news...

...Auckland Museum has launched their NZSL Online Hub

Auckland Museum have just launched their new New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Online Hub for our Tāmaki Herenga Waka Stories of Auckland and Te Whiwhinga the Imaginarium galleries.

Accessing the Online Hub is simple

Bring your own mobile device, jump on our free WiFi and scan the QR codes on display in these galleries, to play NZSL videos about many of the displays in each gallery. Discover all sorts of interesting things, such as the connection between elephant ears and hand fans, and how waka were hauled across Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

[Click here](#) to plan your visit to Auckland Museum

Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee



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