



May 2023 - Newsletter



Kia ora #FirstName#

President's Update

Kia ora APODC whānau,

NZSL week this year has been fantastic with extensive coverage across social media, TV, radio and throughout our community. Check out this article in [The Sapling](#) written by one of our APODC parents. Even our **APODC Connect - NZSL Day** was lucky enough to have special guest appearances from NZSL Week Hero Jon Tai-Rakena and Phillip King of the Deaf Blacks. Many thanks to NFDHH, ADS and iSign who all helped make our event possible. Read below to find out more about the day and everyone who was involved.

Our **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) will be held online on Tuesday 30 May this year and we hope you will join us as to have your say on our committee nominations and other important topics. [Click here](#) to register if you haven't already.

We have relaunched our **Parent Facebook group**. The purpose of this group is to help you connect, share questions and support each other. Please feel free to share and reply to posts. This is a private group for APODC members only and we will monitor requests to join so it remains a safe place for you to connect as a group. [Click here](#) to request to join.

Lastly, we are updating our systems and we need your help to confirm your information. Check out the **In other news** section of our newsletter to find out more about what we're doing, why we're doing it and what it means for you.

Hand waves

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

REGISTER NOW

APODC AGM 2023



Auckland Parents of Deaf Children - Annual General Meeting

We need you at the AGM!

As a parent lead organisation we want to ensure our parents are informed and able to vote on important matters. Together we can continue to build a strong and supportive community for our tamariki.

What is the AGM?

The AGM is our Annual General Meeting which will be held online via Zoom. Throughout the meeting we will look back on our year and celebrate what we've achieved together, we will talk through our finances and all attendees will have the chance to vote on new committee members and proposed changes to our constitution. Please join the AGM and make your vote count.

When is the AGM?

Date: Tuesday 30th May

Time: 7pm to 9pm









[Click Here to Register](#)

- Thank you for your support -

A quick look at our upcoming events for 2023

APODC EVENT CALENDAR 2023



June	July	August	September	October	November
	 		 	 	

Recent Events

APODC Connect



Celebrating and learning NZSL together

Thank you so much to the 85 guests who were able to join us for our NZSL Day to celebrate NZSL Week. Everyone was so enthusiastic and patient as we learnt and practiced NZSL together.

Thank you to our Northern Branch tutors, Monica, Julie-Anne, Shona, Wendy, Rachel, Pascal and Kerry who encouraged and supported our families as they stepped into Deaf Deaf World and turned their hands to NZSL. You really brought NZSL to life for us and helped us all learn so much.

I think I speak for everyone, especially our children, when I say thanks to ADS and iSign for their donation of ice blocks and ice creams at the end of the day! A perfect reward after all their enthusiastic signing. We also

want to thank ADS for use of their building and morning tea refreshments as well as Edwin's help throughout the day.

Thank you to the National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing for their grant funding which has made it possible for us to build our APODC Connect Education Series and offer these opportunities to educate our parents about Deaf Culture, New Zealand Sign Language, the services available for their Deaf or Hard of Hearing child and more.

Your feedback is important to us. Knowing what you enjoyed, and what you think we could do differently, will help us to create events that appeal to and benefit your family. We also use your feedback in our grant reports and applications which are vital to allowing us to continue our work.

[Click here to share your feedback](#)



[Click here](#) to request to view all photos. Photography by Keethan Sundar - www.keethansundar.com



It was so much fun to get 22 of our youth members together to have a day at Rainbow's End and thankfully even the rain couldn't dampen their spirits!

Some of our teenagers used this event to reconnect with peers and others forged new friendships. For some of those that attended this was a chance to gain the confidence to take part in an event on their own and realise their independence.

It is a privilege to be able to offer the C2 Youth Group an environment in which they feel comfortable, can be with other Deaf or Hard of Hearing peers and grow as individuals.

If you would like to share your feedback on this event [click here](#)



WHAT'S ON?



NZSL playgroup

Deaf Aotearoa and The Hearing House are excited to be establishing a regular NZSL playgroup for families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing preschoolers!

What will Deaf and Hard of Hearing children learn from this playgroup?

The NZSL playgroup will provide a balance of Deaf and Hearing professionals, interacting with Deaf and Hard of hearing children ages 0-6 years old. This is a fantastic opportunity for whānau to observe how their child is interacting with other children, as well as learning language using New Zealand Sign Language.

What resources or equipment will playgroup have access to?

A NZSL signing space - The Hearing House staff know some NZSL and Deaf Aotearoa's First Signs Facilitators will be there. There are lots of toys, books and play space provided by The Hearing House.

You can bring a support person with you for this playgroup, such as friends, family or a professional. See you there!



- 10th May 2023 *Hands up if you're ready to sign with us!*
- 24th May 2023 *Bring your favourite toys*
- 7th June 2023 *Bring what you see that has wheels*
- 21st June 2023 *Teddy Bear Picnic*



10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



The Hearing House, 251 Campbell Road,
Greenlane, Auckland



For more information, please contact
First Signs:

first.signs@deaf.org.nz





Free Workshop - Driver's License Theory

You must be 16+ to attend

This workshop is focused on learner's license theory and is great for those wanting to learn more about the road code. It could help you to get jobs that requires a driver's license, and give you your independence. [Click here](#) to view the NZSL video

Where: Auckland Deaf Society, 16 Hillsborough Road, Three Kings

When: 2pm to 5pm on...

- Thursday 8th June 2023
- Thursday 15th June 2023
- Thursday 22nd June 2023

What: You will learn about the road rules and how to be safe on the road. The course will have activities and quiz. Refreshments provided. **Please note:** Doing this course does not mean you will get the license, this is for learning only.

If you want to attend, please contact Pia Jane.

Email – Pia.jane@deaf.org.nz

Mobile – 021 722 953

You must register by **Monday 5th June 2023**.

For more information or to register [click here](#)

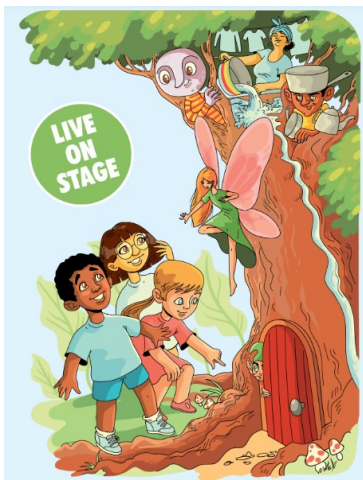


The Kids of Kōrero Lane

Made with the support of NZ On Air. Stream now on TVNZ

A group of Kiwi kids - some deaf, some hearing - come together to learn about diversity and acceptance, playing together and using sign language to communicate.

[Click here](#) to start watching and learning!



The Magic Faraway Tree

NZSL interpreted performances (June & July)

Don't miss this fabulous, fantastical story by one of the world's best-selling authors, Enid Blyton, adapted for the stage by Tim Bray.

Jo, Bessie and Annie move to the country and discover an enormous tree in the midst of an enchanted wood. Things get really strange when they climb it and discover magical people living there, like Silky, Moon-Face and the Saucepan Man.

At the very top, a ladder leads them to magical lands which are sometimes nice (like the Land of Birthdays and the Land of Take-What-You-Want), but sometimes not-so-nice (like the Land of Tempers and the Land of Dame Slap). Along the way, the children have some thrilling adventures!

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

In other news...

We are improving our systems...

As we welcome more and more families each month we need to ensure that our systems can grow with us so we can continue to offer valuable experiences for all our members.

What are we doing?

We have a project underway to maximise the potential of our Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. With the help of Vega Works, our CRM provider, we are going to check and update the membership information currently stored in our database.

Why are we doing it?

- **Tailored to you** - We want to offer support and events that can be tailored to our members. In order to do so we need to be confident that the information we have is accurate. For example, correct address information will help us to plan events in suitable locations.
- **Less admin, more fun** - By better utilising our CRM we can spend less time on administrative tasks and more time creating events, offering support and seeking out resources for you and your family.

- [Growing our community](#) - Having a robust system that is fit for growth means that we can reach more families across Auckland and build a community of support across the city.

What does this mean for you?

You will receive an email asking you to confirm or update your information, including (but not limited to) name, date of birth, address, ethnicity etc. All data will continue to be gathered and stored in line with our data and privacy policy. Please keep an eye out for the email, it should only take you a few minutes to review and update your information.

Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee



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