



July 2023 - Newsletter



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President's Update








This month we have rented out **Inflatable World Manukau** for our family fun day on **Sunday 23rd July**. We will have the luxury of having the entire venue to ourselves. For those of you who have already signed up please note that the time as changed slightly to allow us full access to the venue. The event will now run from **midday until 3pm**. [Click here](#) to register and jump into an afternoon of fun with us !

Over the last few years we have been trying to grown the number of committee members we have. We want to have good and **fair representation** of our families so that we can make sure we continue to deliver to the needs of our community and ensure the long term sustainability of our organisation. We are now in a position where we are just maintaining our governance requirements. We urgently need up to **4 more members** to join the team. If you are interested in joining or finding out more about the benefits of **being part of the APODC Committee**, please email Alison@apodc.org.nz.

Part of **our mission** is to champion the right for deaf and hard of hearing children to realise their full potential, by developing a **positive, healthy, and secure self-identity**. With this in mind we are pleased to introduce a new section of our newsletter where we will share resources for our families that celebrate and normalise deafness. These will include things like books with deaf representation, books written or illustrated by Deaf or Hard of Hearing authors, films/TV with **deaf representation**, NZSL videos and more. If you have any suggestions please email Alison@apodc.org.nz and she will gladly include them in upcoming newsletters.

Hand waves

Willa Hand on behalf of your APODC Committee ~ Anna Park, Jo Weaver, Kirsten Davis,
Lydia Cook, Rhian Thompson

July	August	September	October	November	December
	  Youth Event	  Family Event	 Youth Event  Family Event	 Christmas Party	

REGISTER NOW



Family Day Inflatable World Manukau

Date: Sunday 23rd July

Time: Midday to 3pm - lunch will be provided

Location: 577 Great South Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland 2104

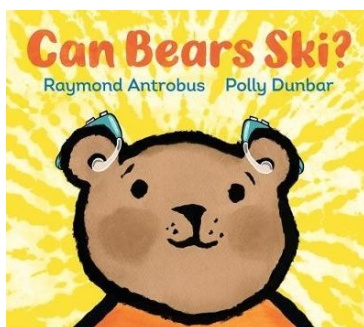
We will have the entire venue to ourselves for you and your family to enjoy. APODC will provide lunch so that we can all come together to meet and mingle.

Let your whānau jump into fun with us at the biggest indoor inflatable playgrounds in New Zealand. Food will be provided so please register and let us know if you have any dietary requirements

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

Please register before Friday 13th July - [Click here to register](#)

Resource Recommendations



Can Bears Ski?

Written by Raymond Antrobus
Dunabar

Illustrated by Polly Dunbar

Raymond Antrobus is a deaf poet and teacher. He has won the Ted Hughes Award and became the first poet to be awarded the Rathbones Folio Prize. About *Can Bears Ski*, he says, "It's the book I could see myself reaching for as a child, and I can't wait to have it exist in the world."

Polly Dunbar is a partially deaf author-illustrator who has created several books for young children.

About the Book

Is Little Bear ignoring his friends when they say hi, or is something else going on? A discovery opens new doors in a tale that will delight kids with deafness and all children learning to navigate their world.

Little Bear *feels* the world around him. He feels his bed rumble when Dad Bear wakes him up in the morning. He feels the floor shake when his teacher stomps to get his attention. But something else is missing, like when his friends tell jokes that he isn't sure he understands, or when all around him Little Bear hears the question,

"Can bears ski?" Then, one day, Dad Bear takes him to see an "aud-i-olo-gist," and Little Bear learns that he has been experiencing deafness and will start wearing hearing aids. Soon he figures out what that puzzling refrain is: "Can you hear me?" Little Bear's new world is LOUD and will take some getting used to, but with the love and support of Dad Bear, he will find his way. In this lyrical picture book, award-winning creators Raymond Antrobus and Polly Dunbar draw on their own experiences to tell Bear's story.

Suggested reading age: 3-7 years

This book is available at your local Auckland Library - [Click here to request a copy](#)



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 Sign Language Song

A short video by Rainbow Rosalind

The video features two deaf children singing and signing in New Zealand Sign Language. The video was made with the support of a qualified NZSL interpreter.

[Click here](#) to watch and sign along

Deaf Flag



On the 9 July 2023 the World Federation of the Deaf voted on the official flag for Deaf people and Sign language community. The flag was designed by French deafblind artist Arnaud Balard.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Behind the meaning of the Official Deaf Flag

Meaning of the hands:

The image represents two hands, one in yellow and the other in turquoise, these are vibrant hands that sign. Showing the diversity of speakers of sign languages and of sign language speakers in the world: deaf, deafblind, codas, hearing. Open hand means hope and brotherhood. Radiant hands means influence and affirmation.

Significations of the colours:

TURQUOISE BLUE: represents the deaf community and Sign Language, pride and unity

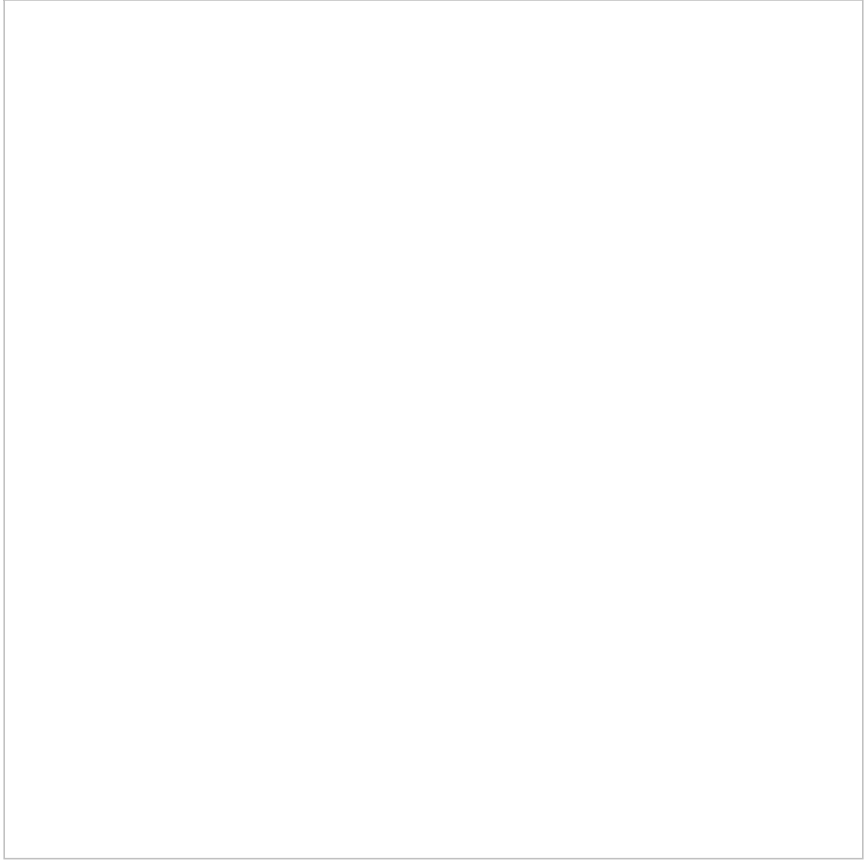
YELLOW: represents the color of light, enlightened spirit, life and "living together".

DARK BLUE: represents the earth, humanity and living together on the planet. It is also the color of the WFD and it is also the color of the ribbon of the concept of deafhood thus of the deaf culture, the enlightenment and freedom. Living together - awareness of societies for societies for the equality between sign languages and vocal languages.

WHAT'S ON?

Sign Play Together - Playgroup

The play group at The Hearing House is now called Sign Play Together and next term starts on 19th July. Get down to The Hearing House at 10am to have fun and learn NZSL together!



NZSL Courses at ADS

Term 3 of NZSL classes start on 24th July at [Auckland Deaf Society](#). Classes are filling up fast so register now to secure your spot!



Learn NZ Sign Language

Join our NZSL Community Classes run by
Auckland Deaf Society

Semester 2, 2023

Term 3 - 24 July - 15 Sept (8 weeks)

Term 4 - 16 Oct - 1 Dec (7 weeks) + Monday 4 Dec

Beginner 1

Kelston	Mondays	7pm - 9pm
Online	Tuesdays	9.30am - 11am
Online	Wednesdays	6pm - 7.30pm
Three Kings	Wednesdays	7pm - 9pm
Bayview	Wednesdays	6.30pm - 8.30pm

Beginner 2

Bayview	Mondays	7pm - 9pm
Online	Tuesdays	6pm - 7.30pm
Browns Bay	Thursdays	7pm - 9pm
Three Kings	Thursdays	7pm - 9pm

Intermediate 1

Three Kings	Tuesdays	7pm - 9pm
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Intermediate 2

Three Kings	Thursdays	7pm - 9pm
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Intermediate 3

Three Kings	Wednesdays	7pm - 9pm
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Auckland Central
16 Hillsborough Rd, Three Kings



North Shore
2 Glen Rd, Browns Bay
& 72 Bayview Rd, Bayview



West Auckland
1 Archibald Rd, Kelston



Online
Zoom



Register Online: <http://auckland-deaf.org.nz/learn-nzsl/nzsl-timetable-registrations/>

15 Week Courses | Online: \$200 incl GST | In Person: \$260 incl GST

For further information or general enquiries, please contact the Programme Administrator,
email: nzsl@auckland-deaf.org.nz | Phone: (09) 630 6980

NZSL Courses with NZSL4U

NZSL4U are offering over 20 in-person NZSL courses across 10 locations nationwide, starting soon. Find the location nearest to you! Beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels available.

Their experienced tutors will guide you through interactive sessions, covering essential vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills. You'll gain the confidence to communicate effectively in NZSL. Whether you're a student, professional, or simply interested in learning a new language, this course is for you.

Limited spots available! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to expand your communication horizons.

To secure your spot, visit www.nzsl4u.co.nz

Let's come together and embrace the beauty of sign language. Spread the word and make a positive impact on your community!

AUCKLAND

New Zealand Sign Language In-Person 8 weeks courses

Term 3

Grey Lynn

Monday (17 July - 4 Sept)

Level 1A

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Titirangi

Tuesday (18 July - 5 Sept)

Level 2A

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Level 1C

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Epsom

Wednesday (19 July - 6 Sept)

Level 1B

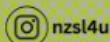
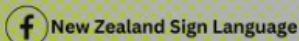
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Level 1A

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

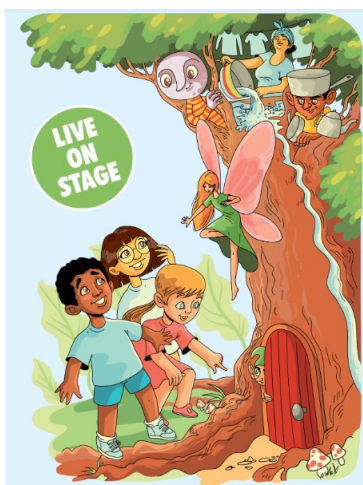
\$100 per person

(e-certificate for attendance & resources online included)



More details / register online:

www.nzsl4u.co.nz



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 ginormous 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



