



## August 2023 - Newsletter

Kia ora #FirstName#

### President's Update

Last month we had a great event at Inflatable World Manukau. **Thank you** to everyone that was able to attend and to those who shared their feedback. It was amazing to have such a strong attendance. Our events have grown so much over the past few years and we're grateful to you all for making them so much fun.

This month we have organised a fantastic event at **Wētā Workshop Unleashed** for our youth members. They will enjoy a private APODC only tour, followed by a hands on special effects workshop. There are limited spaces so please [register now](#) if you would like your child (aged 12 to 18) to attend.

It has been brought to our attention that some of our parents aren't aware of some of the **support available** to them. We will continue to do our utmost to share this information with you in our newsletters, on our website and via Facebook. If there is anything you think more parents should know about please email our Operations Manager on [alison@apodc.org.nz](mailto:alison@apodc.org.nz) and she will share it with our membership. This month we are sharing information about funding available to you from Deaf Children New Zealand. Check out our **Deaf Children New Zealand Funding** section below.







Lastly I would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who have reached out to discuss the possibility of becoming **APODC Committee** Members. We are so excited to connect with you to chat more about the possibility of you joining our team.

Hand waves 🙌

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

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**A quick look at our upcoming events for 2023 and 2024**

August	September	October	November	December	January
		 			

## REGISTER NOW



### Wētā Workshop Unleashed

Youth Event (ages 12-18 years old)

**Date:** Sunday 27th August

**Time:** 9am - 12pm

**Location:** Convention Centre Level 5/88 Federal Street, Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010

**Spaces are limited! Register before Friday 18th August**

Wētā Workshop Unleashed invites guests to step into a fantastical film effects facility inspired by Wellington's Academy Award-winning Wētā Workshop. Join your personal Unleashed crew member on a 90-minute guided tour through three original movie projects. It's the ultimate celebration of creativity: combining traditional handcraft with modern technologies.

At the Horror Unleashed Creative Workshop, the Wētā Workshop Unleashed crew will teach the basic tricks of the trade to deliver realistic prosthetic effects that will make your friends and family cringe in terror and giggle with horrified delight. The thrill of hands-on, creative workshops is experiencing what it's like to be a practical effects artist working on movies, creating ghastly effects for various scenes.

This event is aimed specifically at our teenage members aged 12 to 18 and will be hosted by Kirsten Davis, APODC Committee. Parents will need to ensure transport is arranged for safe drop off and pick up for those youth members attending. Food will not be provided at this event.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## RECENT EVENTS



Lydia Cook, APODC Secretary, and Rhian Thompson, APODC Treasurer hosted our recent Family Day at Inflatable World Manukau.

We had 101 guests attend on the day so it was lucky that we booked out the entire venue just for us! We were able to meet and welcome some new members and catch up with some familiar faces.

In their feedback about the event, one of our parents said "Feels good to give assurance to new parents that their kid will flourish like any other." Another parent expressed how amazing it was to see her little one feeling comfortable wearing their hearing aids as they had been nervous about wearing them until then.

One of the Inflatables World employees took time to ask about the Deaf community and even learnt a few phrases in NZSL which he later used to communicate with our tamariki. It feels very rewarding to be able to put on great events for our members while simultaneously educating the wider public about our community.

We can't wait to see you all at our next event.



[Click here](#) to view photos from the event

## Deaf Children New Zealand Funding



Deaf Children NZ (DCNZ) can provide financial assistance in a number of different ways and as Full Members of APODC you are eligible to apply.

Each year DCNZ also recognises the top achievers throughout New Zealand with awards from Year 1 to Year 13. Nominations close on Friday, 29 September 2023

We have listed the available funding below. To find out more visit [Deafchildren.org.nz](https://Deafchildren.org.nz)

### Available Funding

- Smoke Alarm Subsidy Fund
- NZ Sign Language Classes Subsidy Fund
- Tutor Fees Subsidy Fund
- Speech Language Therapy Fees Subsidy Fund
- Assistive Devices Subsidy Fund
- Advanced Learning Scholarships

## Petition

We are very proud to share information about this petition which was started by Felix, a 15 year old APODC member. He was encouraged by his teacher and Ko Taku Reo representatives to take action after he delivered a moving and mind blowing speech at school.

Felix's petition addresses the fact that people who are born deaf in New Zealand will have to start paying around \$360 a year for hearing aid batteries once they turn 18. Hearing is a human right but

some people are forced to pay simply just because they were born deaf.

You could help change this by signing the petition and making people more aware of this issue. We have linked the petition below and would like to leave you with some of Felix's empowering words:

*"So to my fellow deaf peers, let's take pride in who we are. Let's start the fight to get equal hearing... I am proud to be me, I am proud to be deaf but I am not proud of me and my peers being discriminated against."*

[Click here](#) to find out more about this petition and how to sign it.

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## Representation Recommendations



### Jake and Jasmine to the Rescue

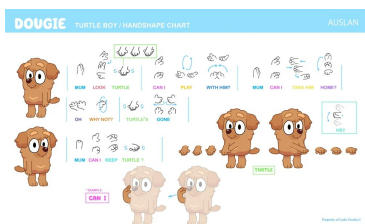
Written by Karen Harlow, Illustrated by Sandra Aguilar

When Jake, who is deaf and has a cochlear implant, returns to his superhero school after the summer he finds out that Tilly, the school's tortoise, has gone missing.

Jake teams up with Jasmine, a new girl in his class, and together they go on a quest to find the school's much loved pet and show that anyone can be a superhero!

**Reading age:** 4-7 years old

[Click here](#) to watch an NZSL telling of this book on TuriTV

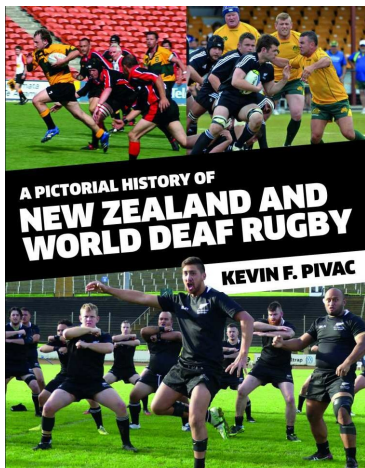


### Bluey

Made in partnership with Deaf Connect

The creators of Bluey have introduced a new deaf character, Dougie. The animators worked hard to create 62 additional handshapes to be able to depict Auslan on screen. The Bluey creators, with the help of Deaf Connect, met a family with a hearing mother who signs and a profoundly deaf child that uses Auslan to ensure the communication between Dougie and his mum was authentically reflected

[Click here](#) to see a video of the positive impact of representation



### A Pictorial History of New Zealand and World Deaf Rugby

Written by Kevin Pivac

'A Pictorial History of New Zealand and World Deaf Rugby' leads readers through events and timelines, with a spotlight on rugby in New Zealand Deaf schools, Deaf teams, National Deaf Championships, Province Unions, Premiers, Club levels, Deaf Women, and Golden Oldies. It also contains Deaf Blacks profiles, New Zealand Deaf rugby Executives, All Blacks linked to Deaf Relatives, the International Deaf Rugby Organisation and World Deaf Rugby. Deaf Rugby World Championships, rankings and statistics. A comprehensive and fascinating visual guide for all fans and supporters of Deaf Rugby.

To order your copy please email [nzdru.resources@gmail.com](mailto:nzdru.resources@gmail.com)

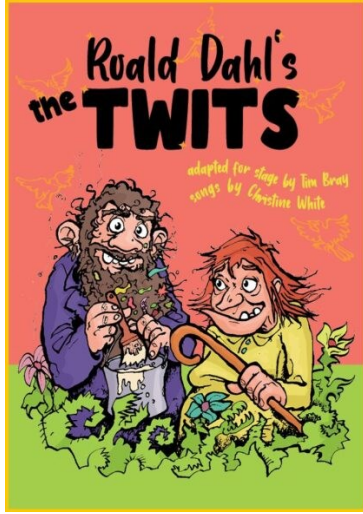
**Deadline for orders & payment:** 31 August 2023

**Cost:** \$60 (including shipping within NZ)

All money goes to the New Zealand Deaf Rugby Union to cover printing costs and postage.

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## WHAT'S ON?



## The Twits

NZSL interpreted performances (September & October)

Roald Dahl continues to delight readers of all ages, and now Tim Bray Theatre company brings this iconic story to you live on stage!

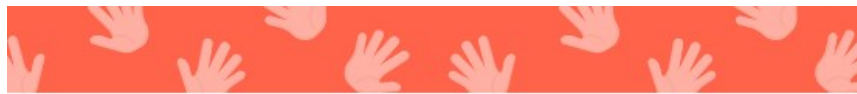
Giggle and gasp at the antics of Mr and Mrs Twit, a hideous and hilarious couple who love to play nasty pranks on each other and their pet monkeys, the Muggle-Wumps. Glass eyeball in your drink anyone? How about worm spaghetti made with real worms? And bird pie made with real ... you get it. Ugghh! Luckily, when Mr Twit tries to create the world's first Great Upside Down Monkey Circus, the Twits get a dose of their own nasty medicine.

A brilliantly entertaining show for Roald Dahl fans of all ages.

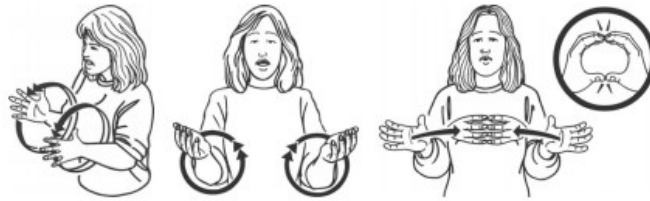
[Click here](#) to find out more about accessible performances dates, locations and available tickets

## 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!



### SIGN PLAY TOGETHER



Come and Join us at "SIGN PLAY TOGETHER" on a Wednesday morning at The Hearing House!

We will learn NZSL, play, read books and HAVE FUN together! Your First Signs Facilitators will organise a fun and educational programme for your preschoolers in NZSL.

Your children will have the opportunity to meet other Deaf or Hard of Hearing children like themselves, and use NZSL to communicate!

	19th July 2023	<i>Matariki</i>
	2nd August 2023	<i>Greedy Cat</i>
	16th August 2023	<i>Winter</i>
	30th August 2023	<i>My Dad</i>
	13th September 2023	<i>Honeybee</i>

 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

 The Hearing House, 251 Campbell Road, Greenlane, Auckland



For more information, please contact  
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Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee



