



# September 2023 - Newsletter

Kia ora #FirstName#

## President's Update

Spring has finally sprung! I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine as much as we are.

The committee recently met for our annual Strategy Day where we discussed the importance of our purpose as an organisation. We want to ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of our current members while we grow our community and support a wider population of families across Auckland. We were lucky enough to have a few guest parents attend the Strategy Day and may soon have a new member of the committee to announce. Watch this space!

More exciting news.... Registrations are now open for our Christmas Gala! This will be a joint event with ADS so check out the information below and get your tickets now!

Hand waves 🙌

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

## A quick look at our upcoming events for 2023

### APODC EVENT CALENDAR 2023



September	October	November	December
		<p>Family Event</p> <p>Youth Event</p>	<p>Christmas Party</p>

# REGISTER NOW!

## Children and Whanau Christmas Gala

APODC & ADS Joint Event

**Date:** Saturday 2nd December

**Time:** 10am - 2pm

**Location:** Auckland Deaf Society, 16 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough

[Click Here to Register](#)



Auckland Parents of Deaf Children  
and Auckland Deaf Society  
are excited to invite you to our



# Christmas GALA 2023

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

10.00AM - 2.00PM

AUCKLAND DEAF SOCIETY

10 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH

Join us for a day of fun for the whole family. Mix, mingle and make new friends. We will provide a tasty lunch and plenty of entertainment for everyone:

SCIENCE  
SHOW

BOUNCY  
CASTLE

GIANT  
BUBBLE  
SHOW

CHRISTMAS  
CRAFTS

DEAF  
SANTA  
+ MORE

**HELP US BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO  
CELEBRATE AND MAKE LASTING CONNECTIONS.**

Please register to confirm your attendance. If you have any questions please contact us directly by text or call 022 084 2244 or email [coordinator@apodc.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@apodc.org.nz)

## RECENT EVENTS

### Youth EVENT



Kirsten Davis hosted our recent youth event at the Wētā Workshop Unleashed experience. All 13 of our attendees had an amazing time throughout the interactive tour and the hands on creative workshop where they made brilliant gory special effects. The feedback overall was that it was "Awesome, creative, visual experience!"

We can't wait to get our youth members together again to see what other skills they can uncover!



## Representation and Resource Recommendations



### Soon, Your Hands

Written by Jonathan Stutzman, Illustrated by Elizabeth Lilly

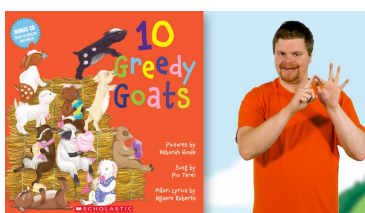
Tonight, each small hand fits inside their parent's hand. But soon, this hand will grow—to dig deep in the dirt, make masterpieces and mistakes, and tell stories only it can tell.

With text that captures the potential in every child and glowing art that exudes warmth, this book braids three children's stories into one of family love.

One of the characters is Reyna. She is deaf, wears hearing aids and uses ASL with her family. At the end of the book there is an ASL Glossary which includes illustrations and written explanations of the different signs you see her use throughout the book.

**Reading age:** 3-5 years old

You can get this book at your local library: [Auckland Library](#)



### 10 Greedy Goats

Turi TV - Picture Books

Turi TV has a great picture book series with 20 episodes. This episode is 10 Greedy Goats, find out what these 10 greedy goats get up to on their way to the fair as they disappear one by one!

You'll learn signs for numbers, animals and much more.

[Click here](#) to watch the NZSL telling of the story



### Sally & Possum

Turi TV - Picture Books

Follow the fun adventures of Sally and Possum as they explore, discover and learn about the world around them using Auslan sign language. In this episode Sally is making glue for a papier-mâché ball. Possum finds himself in a sticky situation of his own.

[Click here](#) to watch Episode 1, Season 1

# WHAT'S ON?

# International Week of Deaf People 2023 Webinar



Deaf Aotearoa has a wonderful line up of parents of deaf children and young Deaf adults including our very own APODC President Willa!

Come and learn about their NZSL journeys and role NZSL plays in their daily lives. Our Children & Youth Team Leaders, Cheryl and Liz, will be facilitating the webinar and will discuss with our panelists their hopes and dreams for the future as we work towards "A world where anyone can sign everywhere", which is this year's theme for International Week of Deaf People.

This event will be NZSL Interpreted.

[Click here to register](#) and join us on 29th Sept 9am!

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## Sign Play Together - Playgroup

Sign Play Together term 4 starts next week on 27th September. Get down to The Hearing House at 10am to have fun and learn NZSL together with First Signs, Deaf Aotearoa.



## 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!

-  27th September 2023
- 11th October 2023
- 25th October 2023
- 8th November 2023
- 22nd November 2023
- 6th December 2023 **(LAST ONE FOR 2023)**

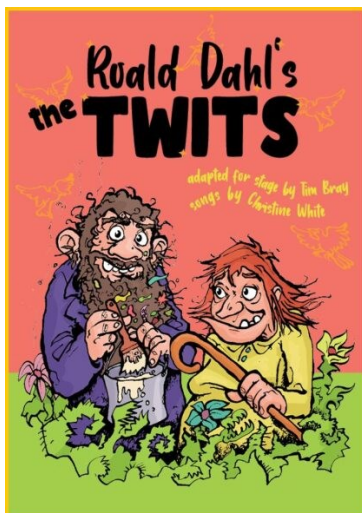
 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

 The Hearing House, 251 Campbell Road, Greenlane, Auckland



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### 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



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