



# October 2023 - Newsletter

Kia ora #FirstName#

## President's Update

We are very excited to welcome **Duncan Henderson** to the APODC Committee. Duncan joined our Strategy day in September and expressed his interest in joining our team. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome, we have no doubt he will bring new ideas, fresh perspective and a host of useful skills that will benefit our APODC whanau.

A huge congratulations to **Keethan Sundar** who is now the President of the Auckland Deaf Society Committee. You may have met Keethan at our events as he is a well-respected and very talented photographer who has helped us capture the fun of our events.

Spaces are filling up fast for our **Christmas Gala** so get your tickets now!

Lastly, we are updating our systems, and we need your help to confirm your information. Check out the **Building a Better APODC** 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 🙌

Willa Hand on behalf of your APODC Committee ~ Anna Park, Duncan Henderson, 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

# REGISTER NOW!

Youth **EVENT**



# Football Skills Session



**Date:** Sunday 12th November

**Time:** 10am to 12.30pm

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

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, this session promises to plenty of fun for all. Come ready to learn, sweat, and, most importantly, have a blast on the field with fellow football enthusiasts!

Elevate your football game with a dynamic skills session led by our dedicated youth mentor, David. Join us for a fun-packed training experience where you'll hone your soccer skills, improve your technique, and develop a winning mindset.

[Click here to register](#)

**What to wear:** Comfortable clothes and sneakers. This will be an active session!



## 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  
16 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)

# Building a Better APODC

## 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.

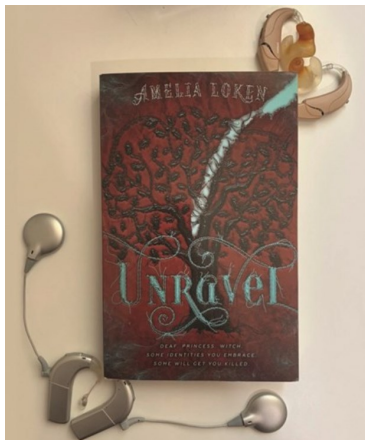
**Growing our community** - Having a robust system that is fit for growth means that we can reach more families across Auckland and build a community of support across the city.

## What does this mean for you?

You will receive and 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.

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## Representation and Resource Recommendations



### Unravel

Written by Amelia Loken

'Unravel' is a beautifully written book about a deaf princess named Marguerite who's secretly a witch.

The story follows the journey of the deaf princess, who loves her people and tries to save them, while her uncle treats her brutally behind the castle doors. She meets new people as she faces obstacles. It's a story about love, secrecy, bravery, identity and discoveries. But most of all, when she faces an unexpected hurdle, it causes the princess heartache and forces her to make the most difficult, heart-wrenching decision she has ever had to face. Will she be OK?

**Reading age:** 11-25 years old

You can buy this book online: [Fishpond.co.nz](https://fishpond.co.nz)

**Reviewed by Pearl (16), who is profoundly deaf and uses cochlear implants.**

I would totally recommend 'Unravel' to any teen who wants to read a story featuring a deaf character, because I'm sure they will enjoy the story as I did. When I received the book, I was immensely thrilled to start reading. I was completely hooked and lost in the story after two pages. 'Unravel' is a very engaging and captivating story that I'm very glad to have finally read.



### Kia Ora

Te Reo Singalong Books

This NZSL video from Te Reo Singalong Books will help you on your journey to add more NZSL and te reo Māori to your daily life.

[Click here](#) to sign and sing along to the book Kia Ora, written by Sharon Holt and illustrated by Deborah Hinde





## 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 it's a very hot day and Sally is looking for fun things to do. She finds Possum keeping cool under the shade of his tree. They decide to stay cool at the beach.

[Click here](#) to watch Episode 2, Season 1

## WHAT'S ON?

A Halloween-themed poster with a dark, textured background. It features illustrations of a pumpkin, a clown, a zombie, a hockey mask, and a skull. The text is in various colors and fonts, providing details for a Halloween party.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**THEME: HALLOWEEN COSTUME**

**SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER**

**16 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, THREE KINGS, AUCKLAND  
(AUCKLAND DEAF SOCIETY).**

**6PM TO 11PM**

**ANY GOLD COINS**

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

**ACTIVITIES**

**FREE CANDY**

**PRIZE**

**FACE PAINTING**

**SEE YOU THERE!**



Auckland Deaf Youth Group

## 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



For more information, please contact  
First Signs:

[first.signs@deaf.org.nz](mailto:first.signs@deaf.org.nz)



## Hockey Without Limits

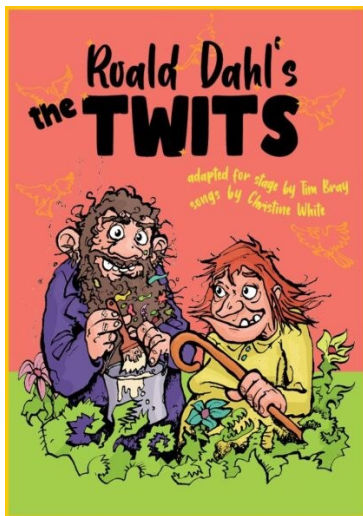
Hockey Without Limits is back for the summer months!

For more information and registration details please contact Carey - [carey@harbourhockey.org.nz](mailto:carey@harbourhockey.org.nz)





Join us on Saturday mornings - starting Saturday November 4th at 9.30am  
For more information contact Carey -  
[carey@harbourhockey.org.nz](mailto:carey@harbourhockey.org.nz)



## 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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