



# November 2023 - Newsletter

Kia ora #FirstName#

## President's Update

Please join us in congratulating Carter Ferguson, Peyton Slattery- Holtz, Nova and Magnus Greenwood and Sayf Youssef who are all the news stars **The Kids of Kōrero Lane**, Season 2!

A reporter with Newshub is interested in learning about your experiences finding **accessible swimming lessons** for your Deaf or Hard of Hearing children. If you would like to share your experience and raise awareness about the need for more NZSL/DHH friendly swimming lessons please email Grace directly on [grace.thomas@wbd.com](mailto:grace.thomas@wbd.com) using "DHH Swimming" as the email subject.

If you have questions or queries about anything concerning your Deaf or Hard of Hearing child please feel free to share them in our **Parents Only facebook group**. All of our members are always happy to help you by sharing their thoughts and experiences in this private group.

Hand waves 🙌

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

## APODC EVENT CALENDAR 2023/24



### A quick look at our upcoming events for 2023/24

Watch this space! We will be sharing more information and registration links for our upcoming events in future newsletters. We look forward to connecting with you all in 2024.

December	January	February	March

## Hearing Loss Research

Linda Palavi is a PhD candidate in Population Health at The University of Auckland. She is conducting research to highlight the role parental involvement has among Pacific children and adolescents with hearing loss within hearing health services.

She is looking for volunteers to take part in this study. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please email Linda on [linda.palavi@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:linda.palavi@auckland.ac.nz). Participants will receive a \$50 gift vouchers for their time.

**THE NATURE OF HEARING LOSS AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT  
AMONG PACIFIC CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN THE WIDER  
AUCKLAND REGION**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR STUDY!**

**WHO: A PROFESSIONAL WORKING IN THE HEARING SECTOR THAT PROVIDE CARE TO PACIFIC  
CHILDREN/ADOLESCENTS WITH HEARING LOSS WITHIN THE AUCKLAND REGION**

**WHAT: A 1-ON-1 INTERVIEW ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES WORKING WITH PACIFIC  
CHILDREN/ADOLESCENTS WITH HEARING LOSS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**WHEN AND WHERE: A PLACE (OR VIA ZOOM) AND TIME THAT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU**

**YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT VOUCHER FOR YOUR TIME 😊**

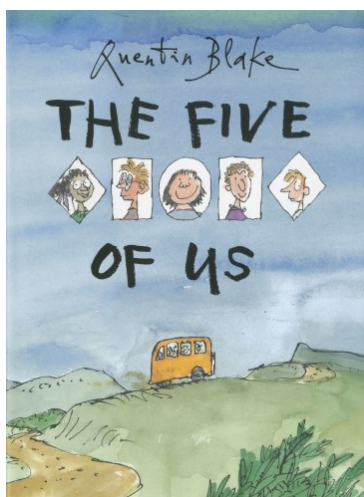


**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,  
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## Representation and Resource Recommendations



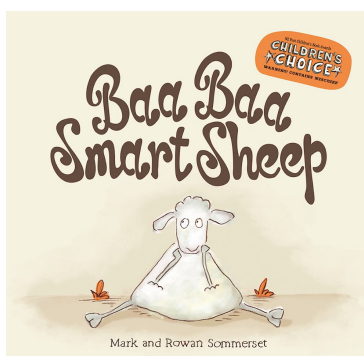
### **The Five of Us** Written by Amelia Loken

THE FIVE OF US is a captivating tale of adventure, friendship and teamwork: Angie, Ollie, Simona, Mario and Eric are five fantastic friends, each of whom has an unusual ability. Disaster strikes on a day out to the countryside but, working together and combining their individual powers, the Fantastic Five save the day.

Teeming with Quentin Blake's characteristic sense of fun and his exuberant illustrations, THE FIVE OF US is also a powerful, though subtle, reminder that the world is a better place when we focus on what we can do, rather than on what we can't.

**Reading age:** 5 - 7 years old

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



### **Baa Baa Smart Sheep** Turi TV - Picture Books

Turi TV has a great picture book series with 20 episodes. This episode tells the story of Smart Sheep who is bored... can he get Quirky Turkey to try a smarty tablet? Watch and see!

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



## Sally & Possum

Turi TV - Picture Books

Possum is busy painting when Sally notices he is not letting the paint dry properly. Sally teaches Possum how to let the wet paint dry first before touching it. Sally sees some of her plants have wilted and need water. Sally and Possum watch kids visit a farm to see how important water is for crops and animals. It's thirsty work, so Sally and Possum make lemonade.

[Click here](#) to watch Episode 3, Season 1

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# WHAT'S ON?



## The Santa Claus Show '23

NZSL interpreted performances  
Weds 6th Dec & Sat 16th Dec - The PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna

### Ho-ho-ho, it's Christmas show time!

Tim Bray Theatre Company presents our hugely popular family favourite, The Santa Claus Show, back for its 19th season and more lovable than ever! Written in 1991 and now New Zealand's best-selling Christmas show, this unmissable experience tells a merry tale about finding the true meaning of Christmas, with special guest appearances from Santa's chief elf and Mr Claus himself.

Join Kelly and Alana on their epic adventure dashing through the snow to the North Pole, with singing and laughing all the way. Bring your little elves along (and big ones too) and get ready for a jolly entertaining Christmas show!

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

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# Learn NZ Sign Language

Join our NZSL Community Classes run by Auckland Deaf Society

## Semester 1, 2024

Term 1 - 19 February - 12 April (8 weeks)

Term 2 - 5 May - 21 June (7 weeks) + Monday 24 June + 1 July

### Beginner 1

Bayview	Mondays	7pm - 9pm
Three Kings	Tuesday Mornings	9am - 11am
Online	Tuesdays	6pm - 7.30pm
Flat Bush	Wednesdays	7pm - 9pm
Three Kings	Thursdays	7pm - 9pm
Browns Bay	Thursdays	7pm - 9pm

### Beginner 2

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

### Intermediate 1

Three Kings	Thursdays	7pm - 9pm
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### Intermediate 2

Three Kings	Tuesdays	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



**South Auckland**  
42 Kerrykeel Drive, Flat Bush



**West Auckland**  
1 Archibald Rd, Kelston



**Online**  
Zoom



Register Online at [auckland-deaf.org.nz](http://auckland-deaf.org.nz)

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

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

## 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  
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Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee



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