



December 2023 - Newsletter

Kia ora #FirstName#

President's Update

Meri Kirihimete whānau!

Thank you all for another fantastic year. It was great to be able to close out 2023 by bringing together our communities at our joint Christmas event with Auckland Deaf Society. It was lovely to see so many of you there and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

We wish you all a lovely summer break and we look forward to reconnecting in 2024.

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 2024

APODC EVENT CALENDAR 2024

January	February	March	April
	<p>Under 5s COFFEE GROUP</p> <p>Family DAY</p>	<p>APODC Connect</p>	<p>Youth EVENT</p>

Christmas Event Photos

Thank you all for joining us for some festive fun. We have included links below for you to view the photos taken on the day:

[Santa's Grotto Photos](#) - By [KStudio](#)

[Event photos](#) - By [KStudio](#)

[Photobooth](#) - Password apodc2023



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 does this mean for you?

In the new year, you will receive an 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.

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'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

Representation and Resource Recommendations



Noelle

2019 Disney Movie

The family Christmas film stars Anna Kendrick and Bill Hader as the daughter and son of Kris Kringle. When Santa Claus decides to retire, his daughter, Noelle, is forced to take over the family business as his son gets cold feet.

The film features Deaf actress Shaylee Mansfield whose role is critical to the plot. In her first-ever acting gig, Shaylee played Michelle, a Deaf girl living in Phoenix with her mom. Michelle helps Noelle not only learn that she can pick up any language, including American Sign Language, but also helps Noelle accept her role, enabling the lead character to find success in her mission.

[Click Here](#) to watch TikToker Jon, a CODBA, react to Shaylee's scene

You can stream this movie on Disney Plus



NZSL Christmas Carols

Deaf Aotearoa First Signs

Deaf Aotearoa First Signs get us feeling festive with their brilliant NZSL Christmas Carols.

We've linked a few below for you to enjoy and sign along:

[Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer](#)

[Red Red Coat](#)

[Busy Elf](#)



Aotearoa Christmas Song

NZSL YouTube Video

Enjoy this Christmas song and sign along with NZSL Interpreter Moana-Kirikiri.

Moana-Kirikiri learned NZSL as a child with a profoundly deaf childhood friend and has been signing ever since, she also has two deaf nieces so NZSL is a language of her whānau.

She says "I'm very passionate about my mahi. I just love my job, love my culture, my language, and I just really enjoy sharing that with people."

[Click here](#) to get into the festive mood and sign along

Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee



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