



January 2024 - Newsletter

Kia ora #FirstName#

President's Update

Nau mai, haere mai - Welcome to 2024! We can't wait to kick start this year with you all. We hope you had a lovely break over the holiday season and are feeling rested and rejuvenated at the start of the new year.

This year we are excited to continue our work developing our events and education series designed to connect families with each other and the Deaf community and help our tamariki develop positive and confident identities. Our focus for the year is to provide you with the opportunities to catch up and connect with our awesome community, tools to continue to learn new skills (such as NZSL) and better understand how they can support their child/ren. As an APODC member, by sharing more about what you want and need from us, you've helped shape our focuses for the year!

So, with this in mind we are excited to announce our partnership with Clare Best, Founder of [Raising the Bests](#). We are currently working behind the scenes with Clare and her team on some exciting offerings for you, so keep an eye on your emails and our [Facebook](#) page for future announcements. We are so excited to introduce Clare to our whanau and the wider New Zealand Deaf Community! For those who don't already know who Clare is and want to find out more about what she does please read on!

Hand waves 🙌

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

Who is Clare Best?



Clare Best is the founder of Raising the Bests who believe that every Deaf and Hard of Hearing child deserves the best start in life and she's made it her mission to make that happen.

Clare has 13 years experience in deaf education working with children from ages 0 to 18. She is Auslan fluent and strongly believes in the power of bilingual bimodal pathways for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.

She supports and empowers parents on the journey raising their brilliant Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kids.

Two and a half years ago Clare gave birth to her second baby boy and found out that he was deaf. So she is uniquely experienced as a Teach of the Deaf and a mother of a bilingual Deaf child.



She believes that **you** are the expert of your child. She simply strives to give you the tools and strategies to take control of that role and ensure the best start for your Deaf or Hard of Hearing child as they grow.

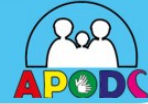
Clare's coaching programs and individualised trainings have helped over 1000 people build more confidence, gain deeper knowledge and make more informed decisions around their child's needs.

You can learn more about Raising the Bests or follow them on:



A quick look at our upcoming events for 2024

APODC EVENT CALENDAR 2024



January	February	March	April

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US!

Stay connected!

Over the next few days, we will be emailing all of our current members asking you to confirm or update your information, including (but not limited to) name, date of birth, address, ethnicity etc. Please keep an eye out for the email, it should only take you a few minutes to review and update your information.

All data will continue to be gathered and stored in line with our data and [privacy policy](#).

Why is this important?

Updating your information will ensure that you are invited to all of our future events!

If you no longer wish to be a member of APODC please email Alison directly on alison@apodc.org.nz and she will help to update your records accordingly.

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?



Zoom - A family-friendly, visual light show of storytelling that is NZSL interpreted.

Date: Sunday 10th March

Time: 11am

Venue: Rangatira, Q Theatre, 305 Queen Street

[Click here to book tickets](#)

Unable to sleep, a child goes on an imaginary adventure to explore what dreams are made of.

Captivatingly told through original music, lasers and projections, *ZOOM* takes youngsters on a journey to help a lost star find its way home.

This charming interactive experience for children and their families begins at home, where you are invited to bring 'a piece of dark' along. Upon arrival, your dark is exchanged for your own personal light – a little spark that will keep you safe and guide you through the story.

A beautifully crafted show from family theatre experts Patch, *ZOOM* is inspired by Harold and the Purple Crayon – and in the spirit of that iconic children's book, celebrates making sense of the world through art.

Sign Play Together - Playgroup

First Signs, in collaboration with The Hearing House, have expanded their playgroup offerings. Their Wednesday morning group is now fortnightly and they have set up an additional weekly Saturday morning group. Check out their flyers below for more details.



SIGN PLAY TOGETHER - Fortnightly Auckland 2024



Come and Join us at "SIGN PLAY TOGETHER" on **FORTNIGHTLY** Wednesday mornings 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!

	FEB: 14, 28	JUN: 5, 19	OCT: 9, 23
	MAR: 13, 27	JUL: 3, 17, 31	NOV: 6, 20
	APR: 10, 24	AUG: 14, 28	DEC: 4
	MAY: 8, 22	SEPT: 11, 25	

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The Hearing House, 251 Campbell Road, Greenlane, Auckland



SIGN PLAY TOGETHER - Saturdays Auckland 2024



Come and Join us at "SIGN PLAY TOGETHER" at The Hearing House every first Saturday of the month!

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!

	10th February	8th June	5th October
	2nd March	6th July	2nd November
	6th April	3rd August	7th December
	4th May	7th September	

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Auckland Deaf Society - NZSL Courses

Learn New Zealand Sign Language with the help of Auckland Deaf Society.

Semester 1 Registrations for 2024 are open. Term 1 begins in mid February.

Auckland Deaf Society have courses all over Auckland as well as online. They run scheduled courses for the public.

The courses are held once a week for 15 weeks- usually in an 8 week term, then a break, followed by a 7 week term.

Course fees for online courses are \$200, and in-class courses are \$260 (for the full 15 weeks)

Register online at:

auckland-deaf.org.nz

For further information please contact the NZSL Administrator.

email: nzsl@auckland-deaf.org.nz

phone: (09) 630 6980



Learn NZ Sign Language

AUCKLAND DEAF SOCIETY INC

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

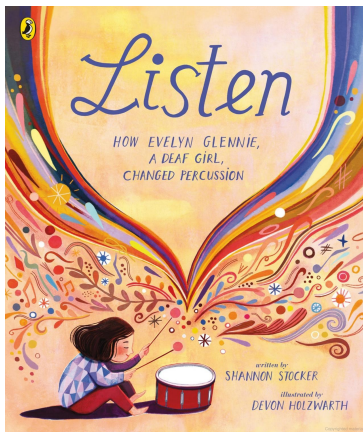


Register Online at auckland-deaf.org.nz

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 | Phone: (09) 630 6980

Representation and Resource Recommendations



Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion

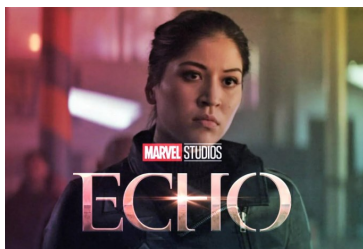
Written by Shannon Stocker

As a child, Evelyn Glennie's ears began to hurt. Voices became distant whispers. Ringing phones sounded like muffled crunches in her ears. But when she was told that she would need to wear hearing aids for the rest of her life, Evelyn was determined that this would never stop her from playing music. Instead of giving up on her dreams, Evelyn found new ways to listen...

With stunning illustrations from Devon Holzwarth, and a special note from Evelyn Glennie herself, this is the perfect book to inspire children to never give up on their dreams.

Reading age: 4 - 8 years old

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



Echo - Marvel

Disney+

This is one for our big kids! Recommended age is 17+

The protagonist of the Marvel Cinematic Universe series Echo, Maya Lopez, is not your typical superhero. The Native American is also deaf and an amputee with a prosthetic leg and the actress who plays her, Alaqua Cox, shares all these characteristics - making her the first disabled actress, as well as the first indigenous American, to be the lead in a Marvel production.



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