

“But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. And you shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.” Malachi 4.2

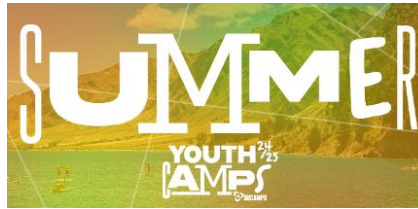
What a beautiful verse of the promise of restoration for those who honour and respect God. May we all leap with joy into Christmas, and summer and embrace the blessing God gives to those who honour his name.

Thank you to all who leaped to a SUPPORTERS’ EVENT, and especially those who helped run them. We sincerely appreciate all of you.

Our SUNZ Youth Consultant for Auckland, **Andy Banks** signs off after 20 incredible years with SUNZ.



“It has been a huge privilege to serve God here through SU in Aotearoa and I want to thank you for your incredible love, support and for your willingness to pray for this ministry over so many years, you have been such a blessing and gift, and we will always be thankful for the part you’ve played in this journey.”
Haere rā. Arohanui.



SUNZ Summer Camps

10-21 Dec	E3
29 Dec-3 Jan	Pōnui Family camp
3-9 Jan	Pōnui Junior
5-9 Jan	Aspire
6-10 Jan	Raglan Surfari
10-17 Jan	Pōnui Senior
12-16 Jan	Exodus Prime
12-17 Jan	Te Anau Extend
19-23 Jan	Summer Supreme
19-24 Jan	Te Anau Wind ‘n Water
19-24 Jan	Canterbury Wind ‘n Water
19-26 Jan	Pōnui Bible study camp
23-26 Jan	SUPAkidz Foxton Beach

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- # 335 campers + 48 E3 expeditioners
- # 115 leaders & helpers
- # safety, good health, fabulous weather
- # Bible engagement - FAITH IN ACTION

Pray for more SUPAkidz registrations!

<https://sunz.org.nz/event/supakidz-camp-foxton-2024/>

Sunday 1 December

SUNZ Board members who give their time and wisdom. Pray for rest after meeting in Wellington.

Monday 2 December

Neville Bartley, Youth Team Leader. Nev & Andy worked together in youth ministry for 13 years. Pray for Nev as he seeks a new Youth Consultant for Auckland area.

Tuesday 3 December

Our new Operations Manager, Hana Lefo starts in the National Office on 21 Jan. Hana is an engineer and did a Venn Fellowship in 2021 which you can read about here.

<https://www.venn.org.nz/article/hana-lefo-on-friendship-an-interview/>

Pray for Hana as she relocates to Wellington for this role.

Wednesday 4 December

Piper Clare at Wellington Regional Youth Workers Trust Training, Palmerston North.

Thursday 5 December

Liz Eichler is in Christchurch meeting with Children & Families leaders and groups. Pray for valuable discussion, planning and practical ways for SUNZ to support churches.

Friday 6 December

SUNZ gifted Bibles to Wellington City Mission, with the help of a kind donation from a supporter. Pray for these Bibles to be a blessing. Ngā mihi.



Sat 7 - Sun 8 December

Supporter Event in Christchurch on Sunday. Thanks to Neville & Penny Yeoman for hosting at their home.

Tēnā rawa atu koe.

Image: Mattias Barber (Te Anau WW, E3 Bol, leader at Ruapehu Adv) -Meshach- Lilly McLean (Pōnui Senior, BE, Wild Wāhine, helper at Creative Edge), at Supporters event, Wellington, 3 Nov.

Monday 9 December

Nigel Winder shared from SUPAkidz Southland camp: “It is such a privilege to share God’s love with kids and to enthuse them to keep discovering God. Thanks again for joining with us in this by your generous support and prayers.”



Tuesday 10 December

E3 is up and away. Cole Yeoman produced a brilliant promotional video of E3 Bay of Islands for our social media pages.

<https://sunz.org.nz/camps/e3/>

E3 Bay of Islands, Canterbury, Otago Leaders: Paul Humphreys, Anna, Kaitlyn, Sarah, Jason, Laura, Tim, Charis

Wednesday 11 December

Thank you for Longview Trust funding E3 for another 3 years, following a presentation by Paul Humphreys, Kristel van Houte (A Rocha), Tim Willis (Adventure Specialties Trust). Pray over the continued effort to plug E3 youth back into church. Many E3’ers sign up to BE and volunteer as SUNZ camp leaders.

Thursday 12 December

E3 Central NI from SU Adventure Lodge Leaders: Natalie Duchesne, Reuben, Tim

Sat 14 - Sun 15 December

Pray for Grace Clark, Children & Families Admin & Dell, being married on Saturday at Carey Park Christian Camp.

Monday 16 December

Emerging Leaders conference in Fiji 14-21 Dec. Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager, Penelope Trought, Eleanor Fletcher, Patrick San Jose, Leanne Burton will attend this conference.

Patrick (25), from camping at Pōnui Junior in 2019, has developed his leadership skills through BE, Āpōpō and team lead on camps. (See our *Development of SUNZ Camp Leaders* in ADVENTURE Issue 3/24, page 10)

Eleanor (25), after attending WAY2GO in 2021, enjoyed Pōnui Senior camps and progressed through camp leader training.

Leanne (25), has been a skilled and awesome leader at our SU Adventure Lodge snow camps this year.

Penelope is one of our core supporters; involved in SUPAkidz, WAY2GO, helping at youth camps. She’s helping SUNZ build closer relationships with SU Pacific region.



Meshach is involved in church ministry as a worship leader, and youth group leader.



Keep an eye on <https://scriptureunion.global/> for news from Scripture Union around the world.

Tuesday 17 December

Read this inspiring story from Grace Wong, Scripture Union Malaysia.

<https://www.faithour.com/grace-wong-scripture-union/>

Wednesday 18 December

National Office staff enjoy a long Christmas Lunch today. Thank you to all who pray for our ministry support team.

Thursday 19 December

Pray our Christmas Appeal will be blessed. *“Together, in God’s Word and Love, we boldly go to grow and sow Christ’s Kingdom.”* - Albert Finch

Friday 20 December

Feedback from *Going Deeper*: “...excellent leadership by Caitlin Janes and Ailis Asghar. They led camp very competently and prayerfully and ensured that camp was at all times safe, fun, and engaging. I commend their efforts!”



Sat 21 - Sun 22 December

Liz Eichler is involved in the Wellington CBD Christmas Crawl; 5 central churches open their doors 21-24 Dec for visitors to rest and receive the good news.

Monday 23 December

Pray for our E3 expeditioners, safely home and soothing sore muscles. As they stretched their physical strength, pray they also grew their love, faith and desire to serve our God, whenever and wherever.

Tuesday 24 December

Pray for security over our SUNZ offices and camp gear during the holiday season.

Christmas Day



“To what degree do the Scriptures direct my decisions and values? This Christmas, may we be humbled again by the story of the baby who submitted himself to us.”
-Encounter with God, page 102

Thursday 26 December

Pray for our children and young people, that in the excitement and joy of Christmas, they will find Christ, the Saviour.

Friday 27 December

Children & Families team are working on resources to help train and support children’s ministry workers, so they can help their churches connect with their communities. Pray for the C&F team to be effective in their support of the Church’s mission.

Sat 28 - Sun 29 December

Natalie Duchesne reported the October *Sustain* camp achieved their goal of only ONE 30cm bag of camp rubbish went to landfill. Awesome! Pray the campers will continue to live into stewardship.



“Do you not know? Have you not heard?”
Isaiah 40.28a God shows through his sovereignty over nature that all people are accountable to him.

Monday 30 December

Our camps team of staff, leaders & volunteers, are packed (we hope!) and ready (always!) to go for another season of summer camps. Pray for health, safety, joy in serving God.

Tuesday 31 December

Psalm 65.11 “He crowns the year with His goodness, your carts overflow with blessing.”

New Year’s Day

Pray for Hilary Hague, National Director. Today, Hilary will be relaxing on her garden lounge surrounded by whānau. Pray for good rest and renewed focus for a new year.

Thursday 2 January

SUNZ are gifting new Bibles to campers who are new believers. These Bibles have an image of Mitre Peak on the cover, and a reading plan inside. Pray for our new believers.



Friday 3 January

CAMP Pōnui Junior 3-9 Jan

Team Leaders: Georgia, Mikkah, Natalie

Speaker: Caleb Rollerson

Leaders: Frankie, Jamie, Stirling, Patrick, Paul, Isaac, Josh, Eva, Tessa, Sienna,

Christina, Shelly, Mia, Lilly, Hannah, Thomas, Nick, Toby, Isaac, Cameron, Dylan

Cooks: Katrina, Lou, Kirsty, Jen, Erin

Nurses: Brenna, Emma

Camp Family: Joji & Laura Ratuva

This camp is full-80 campers, Y8-Y10.

Sat 4 - Sun 5 January

CAMP Aspire, Lake Hāwea 5-9 Jan

Leaders: Jayden, Nathaniel, Grace

Cook: Ann

Give thanks for local churches who support our camps and ministry.

Monday 6 January

CAMP Raglan Surfari 6-10 Jan

Leaders: Lydia, Caitlin, Emily

Cooks: Alice, Suzanne

This camp is full, with 30 campers loving the surf and learning about faith.



Tuesday 7 January

From Liz Eichler: “A friend let me know about three teenage baptisms at her church recently. Two of them spoke of the importance and significance of SU camps in their faith journeys.”

Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith.

Hebrews 12.2 (NIRV)

Wednesday 8 January

Praise God for an amazing leadership team on our October Pōnui Spring Adventure camp. From a camper’s parent: “[The leaders] spent time regularly talking to them and teaching them about God throughout the day and she just loved that so much!” Stafford Frost was unexpectedly sole charge for one day as Annette injured her back. We are grateful for his willing and confident attitude and service.



Thursday 9 January

BE finished their year with a study on discernment, and Caitlin Janes, North Island Camps Facilitator, sharing her approach. They considered a good question: What do you do when after committing to a period of discernment, you still don’t have an answer?

We are so humbled by Longview Trust’s financial commitment to fund Beyond Experience for a further three years.



This ministry is growing our young people into a *Discover, Follow, Serve* faith.

Friday 10 January

CAMP Pōnui Senior 10-17 Jan

Team Leaders: Jo, Jaz, Rene

Speaker: Caitlin Janes

Leaders: Megan, Lucy, Stafford, Jason, Bri, Briana, Ailis, Eleanor, Danielle, Anna, Renee, Fraser, Daniel, Stephen, Josh, Robbie, Alex, Bethany, Sarah

Cooks: Nicola, Tegan, Annalise, Gary

Camp Family & Medics: Liz & Ben Goodgame

Sat 11 - Sun 12 January

CAMP Te Anau Extend 12-17 Jan

Leaders: Jayden, Courtney, Gabbie

Cook: Sheryl

CAMP Exodus Prime 12-16 Jan

Leaders: Neville, Eli, Larissa, Piper, Jordan

Monday 13 January

Pray for our Youth team on EP camp, at Brookfield, Wainuiomata.

This ministry training camp is for up to 30 young people (Y10-13), nominated by their churches. They will then be mentored for 12 months. Give thanks for churches who fund and support their youth into lifelong discipleship.



EP Jan 2024

Tuesday 14 January

Ephesians 6.18 *Keep on praying...*

Pray for our prayer warriors, supporting and surrounding our campers and leaders in prayer and love.

Wednesday 15 January

Ministry Team Leaders:

Liz Eichler, Children & Families, SUPAkidz

Neville Bartley, Youth

Paul Humphreys, Leadership Development

Natalie Duchesne, Youth Camps

Thursday 16 January

Budget for April 2025 - March 2026 needs to be submitted by ministry teams. Pray for clarity, stewardship, bold decision making by our Finance Committee in their approval of the budget.

Friday 17 January

Our SUNZ ADVENTURE magazine Issue 1/2025 goes out this week. The focus is on our Children & Families team and the ripple effect of their ministry and camps and church connections. Pray for our children.

Download it here:

<https://sunz.org.nz/adventure-magazine/>

Thank you to all who gave positive feedback on our ADVENTURE Youth Issue (October 2024).

Sat 18 - Sun 19 January

CAMP Summer Supreme 19-21 Jan

Leaders: Caitlin, Cole, Hannah, Alex, Luke

Cook: Joshua

CAMP Te Anau Wind`nWater 19-24 Jan

Leaders: Jayden, George, Christina, Talia, Jacob

Cook: Marian

CAMP Canterbury Wind`nWater 19-24 Jan

Leaders: Natalie, Chelsea

Cooks: Katharine, Gaye



Bible engagement on Summer Supreme. SU Adventure Lodge behind campers.

Monday 20 January

Nigel Winder is at NZ Rally Young Leaders Cadet camp at Woodend. Pray these 15-18yr olds will be well equipped and encouraged in their growing leadership roles at rally clubs. Kids reaching kids for faith and life!

Tuesday 21 January

Our new Operations Manager, Hana Leofa starts today in the Wellington office. This role is to oversee property & assets, policy & processes, HR & IT and many other little, important things. We will introduce her properly in our Feb-Mar issue.

Wednesday 22 January

Pray for Hilary managing Hana’s induction and training into the SUNZ way. As many of you already know, there may be an office relocation at a later date which Hana will project manage.

Thursday 23 January

CAMP SUPAkidz 23-26 Jan

Pray for Andrea Lukin at SUPAkidz Foxton Beach. The theme is ‘Deep Sea Divers’; deep diving into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus using the book of Matthew. Pray for campers to discover the depth of Jesus’ love for them.



Andrea joyfully welcomed a second grandchild, Jasper, in November.

Friday 24 January

From a parent: “You made [camp] a warm and welcoming environment...The Bible Engagement booklet was cool. Thank you for creating these spaces. G really needed this safe and fun, God-loving space (had quite a tough time at school recently) , so I really appreciated the mahi, joy and fun that SUNZ camp provided. A definite highlight and so looking forward to the next one!”

Monday 27 January

Glenis Silby, Auckland Office Admin.

Tuesday 28 January

Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager.

Sat 25 - Sun 26 January

The SUNZ youth camps team will have a much needed rest...after the gear is cleaned, checked and stored away. Who does this? Caitlin Janes & Jayden Meads, our camp facilitators, with huge help from a team of volunteers.

Wednesday 29 January

Hilary Hague, National Director.

Image is Hilary with ‘Tricia & Ron Fountain at Supporters Wellington on 3 Nov.



Thursday 30 January

Pray for students heading back to school. Pray for those involved in Christian groups and programmes in school.

Friday 31 January

Andy Banks officially signs off from SUNZ today (following sabbatical). He & Carol have now moved to UK.

But wait, there’s more...

E3 Young Adults 3-9 February, Nelson Lakes. Pray over final preparation and logistics for this expedition.



Paul Humphreys with E3YA Feb 2024



Prayer Adventure December – January 2025

SUNZ Prayer Group Information

Warkworth

10-11:00am, Mon 2 Dec

Contact Ann Cates: 09 425 0966; 021 0677 404, ann.f.cates@gmail.com

North Shore

1:00-2:15pm, 2nd Thursday of month.

Next 12 Dec, 11 Jan

Contact Sylvia Coulter: 021 047 4206 sylvia.coulter@outlook.co.nz

Auckland - West (Henderson)

10:00-11:00am, 3rd Monday of month.

Next 9 Dec, 15 Jan

Contact Diane Smith: 027 279 0612; diane.smith@extra.co.nz

Auckland - Central (Epsom)

1:00-2:15pm, 3rd Wednesday of the month. 18 Dec, 17 Jan

Contact Jill Walker: 09 630-0094; alinejillwalker@gmail.com

Hamilton

1:30pm, usually 1st Friday of even months at Central Baptist Church.

Next 6 Dec

Contact Jenny Halse: 07 855 5764; jenny.halse@icloud.com

Tauranga

2:00-3:00pm Sun, bimonthly.

Contact Esther Grubb: 07 570 3312; 027 416 5165; esrayg@gmail.com

Kapiti

Contact Maureen Gunston: 027 404 7868; maureen.gunston@gmail.com

Wellington

7:30-9:00pm, Friday, date tba. 32 Paremata Crescent, Porirua.

Contact Ken Edgecombe: 021 065 3450 kennard.edgecombe@gmail.com

Christchurch

1:00-2:30pm Sunday, date tba. Contact Paul Humphreys 027 520 3513

paul.humphreys@sunz.org.nz

Ashburton

2pm, 3rd Thursday of the month.

Next 19 Dec, 18 Jan

Contact Jim Young: 021 063 9204; Jim.Young@sim.org

Dunedin

7:30-8:30pm, 1st Tues every odd month (Mar- Nov).

Contact Margaret Smith: 03 484 7488;

027 201 6888 mlstap@extra.co.nz

Invercargill

7:15am, (first Mon of month), Next 2 Dec

Contact Karen Poy: 021 089 92604; karenjpoy@gmail.com

SUNZ Prayer Groups are guided by Hilary Hague, National Director.

Hilary also sends e-prayer updates.

Contact her on hilary.hague@sunz.org.nz or info@sunz.org.nz for more information.

SUNZ Ministry Staff often visit Prayer Groups to share updates on their ministry and needs and pray together. Thank you for inviting them.

If you would like to receive Ministry Staff newsletters, let us know on marketing@sunz.org.nz or call 04 385 0485

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