

Hooray for SUMMER! Thank you for praying for our Summer Camps.

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58.11 NIV

Bible engagement is an integral part of SUNZ camps. Pray our campers will take home the FAITH IN ACTION learning from our summer camps and be kingdom builders for God! Jesus' disciples were young people; what a mission to live up to for our youth!

Campers reflected on key men & women of the Bible who lived their faith in radical ways. David who worshipped God. Esther who stood up to injustice. Jesus the servant leader. Paul's obedience. Mary who stopped and listened. We are all called to contribute to God's kingdom.

Our ASPIRE camp was cancelled as a key leader was unwell. All campers were accommodated on other camps.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe to Matson Kyte & Eli Savill who stepped up to lead Te Anau Wind'n'Water camp at short notice.

E3 was awesome! Our Central NI expeditioners were moved to Bol & Otago to ensure all expeditions were full and fun!

KEY DATES Feb-Mar

3-9 Feb	E3 Young Adults
8 & 15 Feb	MHFA Dunedin
11-12 Feb	MHFA Hamilton
11-13 Feb	NLT in Wellington
21-22 Feb	Board in Wellington
1 Mar	Anamata, Dunedin
8 Mar	Anamata, Auckland
15 Mar	Anamata, Wellington
17-20 Mar	Ministry Hui, Forest Lakes

Sat 1 - Sun 2 February

Liz Eichler was a guest speaker at Southern Presbytery Children's Ministry Leaders retreat in Queenstown at the end of January. Pray for good connections.



Monday 3 February

E3 Young Adults (for ages 19-25) starts today in Nelson Lakes area.

Tuesday 4 February

Anitha Yadavaraj, Accounts Manager is back in the Wellington office after a lovely holiday time seeing her family in India.

Wednesday 5 February

Natalie Duchesne, SUNZ Youth Camps team leader is journeying to Waitangi with Karuwā Mission Trust. Caitlin Janes, Hana Lefo, Annette Osborne & Karen Whitehead (an SU Advisory Board member) are also part of this haerenga.



Natalie at E3 Train the Trainers, Oct 2023

Thursday 6 February Waitangi Day

Friday 7 February

Pray for Caitlin Janes, NI Camps Facilitator. She is an incredible woman of God, loved and valued by campers and leaders. Caitlin is on leave until mid-March.

Sat 8 - Sun 9 February

MHFA Mental Health First Aid workshop on 8th & 15th Feb at Caversham Baptist Church, Dunedin. Pray for Larissa Pearce and Neville Bartley leading.

Monday 10 February

Hana Lefo, our new Operations Manager. She will be responsible for assets, property, contracts, policies, IT oversight, health & safety. Hana's brother was in the 28 Dec photo as part of Sustain camp! Read a note from Hana on page 6.

Tuesday 11 February

National Leadership Team (NLT) meet in Wellington 11-13th. The team are: Neville Bartley, Nigel Winder, Liz Eichler, Paul Humphreys, Hilary Hague. Also Natalie Duchesne who is on leave.

Wednesday 12 February

MHFA workshop in Hamilton 11-12 Feb. Neville Bartley & Eli Savill leading.

Thursday 13 February

Finance Committee meet online tonight. We are so thankful for Alastair Boulton, Meredith MacKenzie, Mark Nichols, Ruth Early, Hilary Hague, Andrew Slessor, Peilin Cheng.

Friday 14 February

John 13.35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Sat 15 - Sun 16 February

SUNZ Youth need a consultant in Auckland region. It's not an easy role to fill after Andy Banks, but so needed and so rewarding.

Monday 17 February

Pray for Neville Bartley, SUNZ Youth Team leader, and for Eli Savill, Larissa Pearce, Piper Clare. This team are so supportive of each other and our youth.

Tuesday 18 February

Piper Clare is visiting Kapiti Prayer Group today, 10am.

Wednesday 19 Feb

Pray for young people from Exodus Prime who are being mentored into leadership. Hilary visited EP one evening to encourage some of the young people who were speaking on Bible passages. Some were very nervous but so proud to be able to speak boldly about their Christian faith.

Photo: Neville & Piper sharing the meaning of baptism at EP.

Thursday 20 February

Donna Beech, Camps Admin is back from leave following the busy summer camps season. Pray she is refreshed and ready to go again! Her *How To..* guide for camp cooks was completed for summer and is an invaluable resource for our volunteers.

Friday 21 February

SUNZ Board meet in Wellington 21-22 Feb to approve the Budget FY 25-26.



Sat 22 - Sun 23 February

SUNZ Youth team run Anamata at Eden Community Church. These are training workshops for youth leaders. A youth leader is looking out for, being with and building relationships with young people. Pray for our youth leaders.

Monday 24 February

BE 2025 starts this week! Pray for all BE participants. BE Tuatahi (new) & BE Tuarua (second year) & Kaiārahi (mentors). And our 5 BE Kindred who will join us at Ministry Hui on 17 March.

Tuesday 25 February

Beth Coates, BE Admin. Pray over final prep for 'The Weekend', the Beyond Experience get-together at Carey Park, Waitākere on 4-6 April.

Wednesday 26 February

Pray for Children & Families ministry team as they plan the new WAY2GO workshops. These training events are being refreshed and rebranded to KIA TIPU meaning to grow, to cultivate.

Mark these dates now:

May 10 Wellington

May 24 Auckland

June 7 Christchurch



Thursday 27 February

Pray for more accommodation bookings at SU Adventure Lodge, Whakapapa Village. We need to increase our Lodge income to offset the operating expenses of depreciation, insurance, DoC lease & levies. Please encourage your church & family groups to use our Lodge.

<https://sunz.org.nz/su-adventure-lodge/>

Friday 28 February

Praise for our Christmas 2024 Appeal which raised \$26,749. Thank you to all who generously donated to SUNZ ministry.

Sat 1 - Sun 2 March

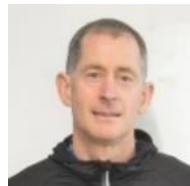
Anamata youth leaders training in Dunedin on Saturday.

Monday 3 March

Pray for a successful and quick packout of Bible reading guides (*Encounter with God* and *Daily Bread*), April-June issue. We have 660 direct subscribers (@14.1.25), with more books distributed through in-church reps, multiple & gift subs, and bookstores.

Tuesday 4 March

Nigel Winder, Southern Director, and Children & Families consultant.



Wednesday 5 March

Give thanks for our amazing camp volunteers. Hilary received an email about one: *She is so great at connecting with older teens and young adults. She had a big conversation with a camper who said he didn't believe the Bible - just liked the community. After they chatted, he told his leader he was going to try reading the Bible this year. God has been obviously drawing that young man to Him for years.*

[Hilary gifted new Bibles to new believers on camps this year.]



Pōnui Junior, Jan 2025. Campers starting camp with prayer & praise!

Thursday 6 March

Annette Osborne in her ministry partnership role with SU International.

Friday 7 March

THANK YOU to all volunteers who are part of SUNZ movement and ministry.

Sat 8 - Sun 9 March

Anamata in Auckland on Saturday.

Monday 10 March

Glenis Silby, Auckland office manager.



Tuesday 11 March

Grace Clark, Children & Families admin.

Wednesday 12 March

Paul Humphreys shared from E3: *Thank you for your prayers. There are some very tired bodies & minds for campers & instructors. Our organisation is served by some very talented young adults who facilitated & instructed over 31 youth through some difficult terrain & weather. E3 is an amazing time of learning about endurance, faith and purpose.*



E3 Canterbury, Dec 2024

Thursday 13 March

Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager reports on the Emerging Leaders conference:
Patrick - Leeanne - Eleanor - Penelope - Meshach



We made strong connections with our Pacific neighbours, with discussion to collaborate on ministry. The food was amazing, the worship was phenomenal and the SUNZ team learned how to lean into relaxed island time;

“hey guys, we’ll start the meeting soon, let’s have some pineapple first!”

Friday 14 March

Hilary Hague, National Director.

Sat 15 - Sun 16 March

Anamata in Wellington on Saturday. On Sunday evening, Meshach is running an online Social Media training session for our Youth team.

Monday 17 - Thursday 20 March

Ministry Hui (SUNZ staff retreat) at Forest Lakes, Ōtaki Forks 17-20 March. Pray for Hilary guiding us.

W Crighton Charitable Trust own Forest Lakes and are generous donors to SUNZ. And our Dunedin prayer group leader, Margaret Smith’s daughter works at Forest Lakes, so we are delighted to hui there.

Friday 21 March

Camps Team: Natalie, Jayden, Caitlin, and Donna - are meeting today for a debrief.

Sat 22 - Sun 23 March

Pray for our Prayer Group leaders who kindly open their homes and hearts to faithful pray-ers: Ann, Sylvia, Diane, Jill, Jenny, Esther, Maureen, Ken, Paul, Jim, Margaret, Karen.

We appreciate you!

Monday 24 March

AnnaMarie Slessor, Resources Admin undertaking the end of year inventory stocktake of ministry resources. Remember SUNZ have Easter resources for sale and free download:
<https://sunz.org.nz/product-category/seasonal/easter/>

Tuesday 25 March

Pray for Eli Savill preparing for the Pōnui Fishing Camp. This camp was run by Andy Banks for many years. It’s on 12-16 April, for boys Y9-13.

Wednesday 26 March

Caitlin Janes will lead the Wild Wāhine group on Pōnui Island 12-14 April. For girls in Y11-13.

Thursday 27 March

Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager.

Friday 28 March



Did you read our ADVENTURE Issue 1/25 (Jan). Pray for churches running holiday programmes for children in their communities. Please help SUNZ promote our resources and ministry help for churches.

Sat 29 - Sun 30 March

Give thanks for generous church communities who host and support our ministry staff and office locations:

Agora Church - Eli Savill & Caitlin Janes
Rosedale Bible Chapel - Nigel Winder
Beckenham Methodist Church - Paul Humphreys, Beth Coates, Jayden Meads
East Taieri Church - Larissa Pearce



Prayer Adventure

February - March 2025

Monday 31 March

And it's the end of our financial year, April 2024 - March 2025. Pray for our Finance team.

e-Prayer

SUNZ email prayer updates and requests are sent by Hilary Hague. Contact her directly or email marketing@sunz.org.nz to be added to our e-prayer updates.

SUNZ Ministry Staff often visit Prayer Groups to share about their ministry needs and pray with our prayer warriors.

Thank you for inviting them.

If you would like to receive Ministry Staff newsletters, let us know.

Prayer Adventure is issued by SUNZ Communications & Marketing (AnnaMarie)
Tel 04 385 0485 marketing@sunz.org.nz

Thank you for praying for SUNZ!

SUNZ Prayer Group Information

Warkworth

10-11:00am, Mon 10 Mar (2nd Mon of month)
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 13 Feb, 13 Mar

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

Auckland - West (Henderson)

10:00-11:00am, 3rd Monday of month
Next 17 Feb, 17 Mar

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

Auckland - Central (Epsom)

1:00-2:15pm, 3rd Wednesday of month
Next 19 Feb, 19 Mar

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

Hamilton

1:30pm, usually 1st Friday of even months at Central Baptist Church. Next 7 Feb.

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

Tauranga

2:00-3:00pm Sun, bimonthly. Next 9 Feb.
Planned: 13 Apr, 15 Jun, 10 Aug, 12 Oct, 7 Dec

Contact Esther Grubb: 027 416 5165
esray@proton.me

Kapiti

10am, 18 Feb: Piper Clare, 29 April: Liz Eichler
Contact Maureen Gunston: 027 404 7868
maureen.gunston@gmail.com

Wellington

7:30-9:00pm, date TBA
Contact Ken Edgecombe: 021 065 3450
kennard.edgecombe@gmail.com

Christchurch

1:00-2:30pm Sunday. Contact Paul Humphreys 027 520 3513
paul.humphreys@sunz.org.nz

Ashburton

2pm, 3rd Thursday of month
Next 20 Feb, 20 Mar
Contact Jim Young: 021 063 9204
Jim.Young@sim.org

Dunedin

7:30-8:30pm, 1st Tues every odd month (Mar- Nov). Next 4 Mar
Contact Margaret Smith: 03 484 7488; 027 201 6888 mlstap@xtra.co.nz

Invercargill

7:15am, (first Mon of month)
Next 3 Feb, 3 Mar
Contact Karen Poy: 021 089 92604
karenjpoy@gmail.com

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Hana, and I'm delighted to have started my role as Operations Manager for SUNZ!



I've recently moved to Wellington from Tāmaki Makaurau, my hometown. I'm proud to be of Samoan heritage on my father's side and Pākehā, with primarily Scottish lineage on my mother's side.

Before joining Scripture Union, I spent the past few years working as a Water Resources Engineer for an environmental consultancy. My academic background is in Civil Engineering, though I've also completed theological studies at the Venn Foundation and Otago University.

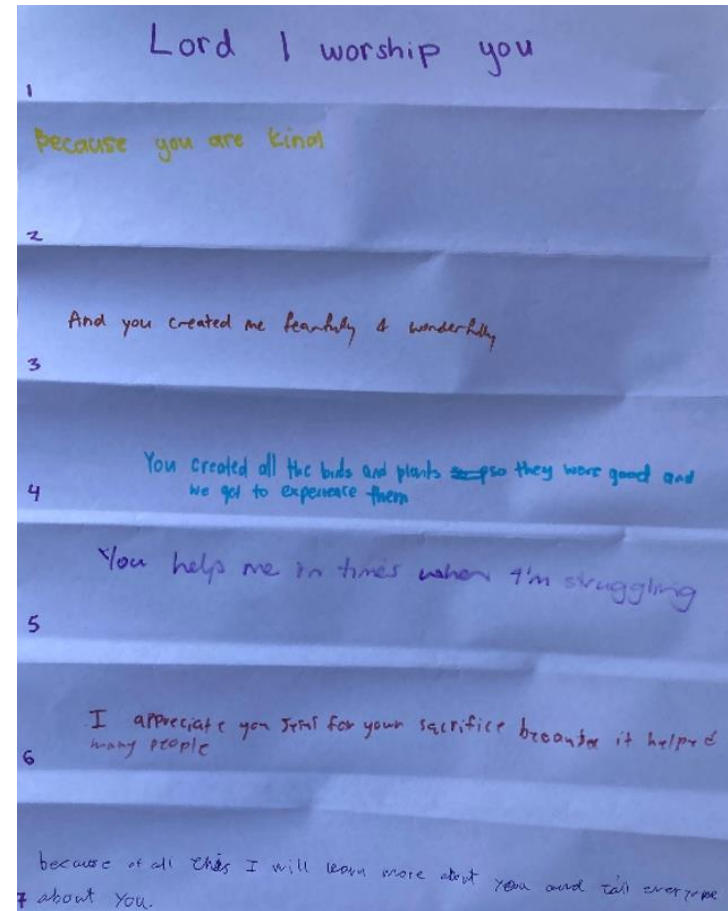
Outside of work, I love spending time with whānau and friends, enjoying live music, reading a good book, and making the most of good weather!

Ngā mihi, Hana

Ed. Hana was a camper at SUPAKidz Going Bananas in January 2015. "That was such a fun camp!" She was a camp leader at Ruapehu Adventure July 2022 and training at NILT August 2022.

Hana will work Monday-Thursday with National Support Office.

Caitlin Janes shared this psalm written by Summer Supreme campers:



We are so thankful to our camp leaders and volunteers who are shepherding our young people to lifelong discipleship and joy with Jesus.