

Winter Camps were FUN!

Five camps, 94 campers, 40 camp leaders and cooks, 50 loaves of bread!

Moments and memories and mountains of faith development. God is good!



Create camp, Hibburt Park, Christchurch

From a 2024 camp leader:

"I have been praying for you and the team. Camp really lit something up in me and helped me believe I could partner in God's work...I want to thank you...and encourage you that God is moving through and around these camps."

KEY DATES August - October

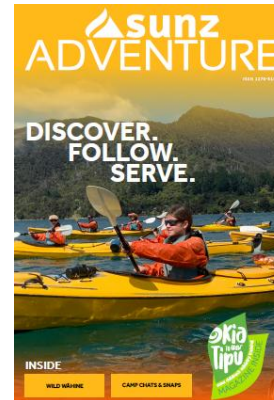
15-17 Aug	Gather South
22-24 Aug	Gather North
9 Sep	AGM Online
20-24 Sep	Going Deeper
21-25 Sep	Snow Blast, Gain
22-26 Sep	Creative Edge
22-25 Sep	SUPAKidz
27 Sep-1 Oct	Pōnui Spring Adventure
28 Sep-2 Oct	Sustain, Hanmer Explorers

Friday 1 August

Thank you for your prayer over our July camps. Pray for the carry-over of Bible engagement from camp into homes, schools, communities.

Sat 2 - Sun 3 August

Did you receive our ADVENTURE Issue 3? The cover is bright and cheery, like our youth, going places!



Download or read online here:

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

Monday 4 August

Give thanks for Hana Leofo, Operations Manager, able to step-up at short notice as camp leader and cook at *Whakapapa Classic*. What a star!

Tuesday 5 August

Read our SU Adventure Lodge renovations article here <https://sunz.org.nz/su-adventure-lodge-upgrade/>
We have been so blessed! Our campers loved the improvements and much warmer Lodge. Ngā mihi to all who donate and give time to help maintain the Lodge.

Wednesday 6 August

Piper Clare, Youth Consultant Wellington was engaged on 19 July to Kallan. Love is in the air!



Thursday 7 August

Liz Eichler is in Palmerston North meeting Children & Families workers and having a *Thrive* conversation with a church.

<https://sunz.org.nz/children-families/church-community/thrive/>

Friday 8 August

Paul Humphreys is winding down his work with SUNZ, with plans to finish after the summer 2026 camps. He will be looking after BE Kindred, E3 and health & safety on all camps.



Sat 9 - Sun 10 August

Larissa Pearce is speaking at East Taieri Church on Sunday 10am & 2pm and presenting how SUNZ can help with training in understanding mental health and how churches can support their team.

2 Timothy 1.7 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Monday 11 August

Registrations for E3 and summer youth camps are live. Pray for campers and camp leaders to sign up. Our beloved Pōnui camps are probably already full!

<https://sunz.org.nz/all-camps/>

Tuesday 12 August



Hilary Hague is involved with the Wilberforce mentoring programme and meets her mentoree today. Pray as they meet and pray for young leaders who are learning about Christian leadership.

Wednesday 13 August

We are so grateful and thankful for generous response to our staff appeal for Natalie Duchesne, Piper Clare and Larissa Pearce. It is humbling to see the donations coming in. We are blessed!



Larissa sharing at Mosgiel prayer group

Thursday 14 August

Pray over the production (and proof-reading) of Bible reading guides October-December issue.

One reader said, *"I've been reading SU notes since I was 18...I'm now 92!"*
A lifelong disciple of Jesus!

Friday 15 August

Gather South 15-17 Aug at Living Springs. This is for young people aged 16+ to train as camp leaders for our spring and summer camps.

Sat 16 - Sun 17 August

Pray for Gather South at Living Springs. And for Connect, the Presbyterian Youth Leaders conference at Willow Park. Annette Osborne speaking at a church about developing a vision for all-age worship.



Jayden Meads at Gather Spring 2024

Monday 18 August

Children & Families Team on a planning hui 18-21 Aug in Paekākāriki.

Tuesday 19 August

Andrea Lukin, C&F Wellington. Pray over planning and registrations for *Creative Edge* camp. Éliece Button, BE Kindred will be helping lead on this camp.

Friday 22 August

Gather North 22-24 August in Pirongia.

Sat 23 - Sun 24 August

Nigel Winder preaching on Malachi, Sunday (& 31 Aug) at Rosedale Bible Church. Peilin Cheng sharing at Light of Life church youth Bible study.

Monday 25 August

BE Kindred (Éliece, Ashton, Bella, Isaac, Josh) meet every Monday with Paul Humphreys at SUNZ Christchurch office. Pray over their growth into Christian leadership and service.

Tuesday 26 August

Our Children & Families team report a growing number of churches are running holiday programmes. Many love to use our Scripture Union resources. Pray for children attending, and for more volunteers to help.

Wednesday 27 August

Natalie Duchesne, Youth Camps Team Leader is away 7 July - 19 September, for a mix of leave, conferences, training, visiting.

Thursday 28 August

Pray for young people in school years 10-13 nominated by their churches for Exodus Prime, our young leadership development programme.



Exodus Prime January 2025

<https://sunz.org.nz/leadership-development/exodus-prime/>

“Please pray that God will continue to inspire churches to intentionally mentor and equip new and experienced leaders.”
(from Larissa Pearce prayer letter 5 June)

Friday 29 August



Annette Osborne has been heading up the development of new evangelism resources. The *Discovering Jesus* resource will be launched now and used on our spring camps.

Image is Annette as Luke acting out Acts 17.

Sat 30 - Sun 31 August

Prayer meeting for SUNZ camps on Sunday at Central Baptist Church, Invercargill.

Monday 1 September

Youth Camps Team in Wellington for camps planning. Natalie Duchesne joining online.

Tuesday 2 September

Mosgiel prayer group meet tonight. Here's Clare Falconer with her famous cinnamon oysters.



Wednesday 3 September

Our regular giving appeal is on now, managed by Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager.

Thursday 4 September

Sapati Tima, Youth Consultant Auckland, opened the Samoan Language Week at Alfriston College on 6 June. He led the opening prayer and blessing at assembly. Pray for his ministry into schools.

Friday 5 September

Liz Eichler & Andrea Lukin in Whanganui preparing for Kia Tipu on Saturday.

Eli Savill speaking at Greenwood Park, Tauranga.



Sat 6 - Sun 7 September

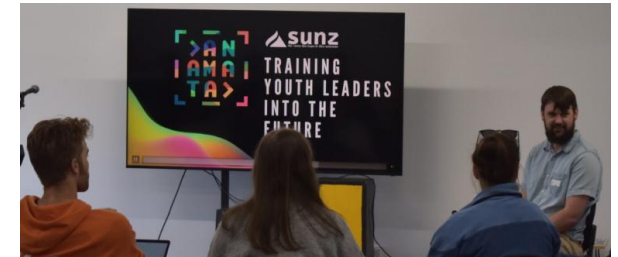
Nigel Winder training leaders at St Margaret's Church, Frankton in preparation for their school holiday programme.



Helpers at St Margaret's, April

Monday 8 September

Eli Savill, Youth Consultant Waikato-BoP



Eli presenting Anamata, April

Tuesday 9 September

Our AGM is online tonight! At 7pm! Pray for our tech set-up to behave.

Wednesday 10 September

Beth Coates, BE Admin. Beth now manages the BE programme.

Thursday 11 September

Peilin Cheng is on leave in China. Pray for special time with her father and sister.

Friday 12 September

Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager

Sat 13- Sun 14 September

Andrea Lukin is speaking at St Barnabas, Roseneath. Eli Savill at St Francis, Hamilton.

Monday 15 September

Liz Eichler in Christchurch 15-17 Sept, meeting Children & Families workers there.

Tuesday 16 September

Liz Eichler at a NZ Children's Ministry Network evening. She is a bizzzy Lizzy!

<https://www.nzcmn.org.nz/>

Wednesday 17 September

Jayden Meads, South Island Camps Facilitator
Caitlin Janes, North Island Camps Facilitator

Thursday 18 September

Grace Matravers-Rock, Children & Families admin. *"What I love most about my role is being part of a supportive team where we work well together and can enjoy a bit of friendly banter. It's a blessing to be in a Christian workplace and we genuinely care for and encourage each other."*

Friday 19 September

Pray for our 8 spring camps! From Pōnui to Pukerau, camp leaders and campers are on the move.

Sat 20 - Sun 21 September

Liz Eichler involved in an all-age service on Sunday at Porirua Gospel Chapel.

Monday 22 September



Nigel Winder leads the SUPAKidZ Southland camp on 22-25 Sept.

Campers will enjoy fast-paced games and be inspired by the fast-paced writing of Mark. SUNZ are gifting every camper with a devotional - XTB Footprints. Pray they will take home the joy and discipline of Bible study time.

Tuesday 23 September

National Leadership Team (NLT) meet online today, for prayer and planning. Hilary Hague, Hana Leofo, Liz Eichler, Nigel Winder, Neville Bartley, Natalie Duchesne.

Wednesday 24 September

We are so grateful to a generous supporter who funded a delivery of devotionals for 55 students at a school. Wow! Pray for the living word of God to set young hearts aflame.

Thursday 25 September

Finance committee meet online tonight.

Friday 26 September

Leaders training day for Pōnui Spring Adventure.

Sat 27 - Sun 28 September

Pray for safety and good health for our campers, leaders and cooks.

Monday 29 September

Pray for churches planning outreach and alternate celebrations for end October (Halloween).

Tuesday 30 September

SUNZ Board meet online tonight for AGM debrief.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ruth Early (Chair)
Neil Walbran
Alastair Boulton
Hilary Hague
Meredith MacKenzie
Mark Nichols
Andrew Slessor
Peilin Cheng

Thank you for praying for Scripture Union!

1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ.

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Prayer Adventure

August-September 2025

SUNZ Prayer Group Information

Warkworth

10-11:00am, usually 2nd Monday each month, but venue changes.
Contact Ann Cates: 09 425 0966; 021 0677 404, ann.f.cates@gmail.com

North Shore

1:00-2:15pm, 2nd Thursday of month.
Contact Sylvia Coulter: 021 047 4206 sylvia.coulter@outlook.co.nz

Auckland - West (Henderson)

10:00-11:00am, 3rd Monday of month.
Contact Diane Smith: 027 279 0612; diane.smith@extra.co.nz

Auckland - Central (Epsom)

1:00-2:15pm, 3rd Wednesday of the month.
Contact Jill Walker: 09 630-0094; alinejillwalker@gmail.com

Hamilton

1:30pm, usually 1st Friday of even months at Central Baptist Church.
Contact Jenny Halse: 07 855 5764; jenny.halse@icloud.com

Tauranga

2:00-3:00pm Sun, bimonthly.
Contact Esther Grubb: 027 416 5165 esray@proton.me

Kapiti - Tuesday 22 July 10am

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

Wellington

7:30-9:00pm, Fri. 32 Paremata Cr, Porirua.
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 the month.
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)
Contact Lois Conway; 027 434 2612 blconway@inspire.net.nz

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

Keep an eye on our <https://sunz.org.nz/about-sunz/news-stories/>