

Thank you for praying for Scripture Union NZ. You are a blessing!
We loved our Ministry Hui on 9-12 March, when we gathered to connect, pray for each other and learn.



We focused on the first part of our mission statement, "We support churches..." This image shows what are huge boxes with colourful images. Hilary had fun turning them around to match each session.

KEY DATES April - May

3-7 April	Easter
17-19	Wild Wāhine Kauaeranga
25-27	Wild Wāhine Tararua
23 May	Kia Tipu Christchurch

Wednesday 1 April

Lydia Rennie, our new youth camps facilitator for Central NZ has started, based in our Wellington office. *Image: Praying for Lydia and our youth camps team at ministry hui.*



Thursday 2 April

Sapati Tima will be at Anglican 'E-Fest' on 2-6 April at Willow Park.

Good Friday - Easter Sunday

Pray for young people attending Easter Camps. SUNZ have provided our *Follow Jesus* discipleship leaflets to the main EC camp leaders.

John 11.25 Jesus said, I am the Resurrection and the Life!

Monday 6 April

While on her long service leave, Annette Osborne visited Devon and uncovered the gravestone of Josiah Spiers founder of CSSM. Watch her exciting video clip here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01uozFePI2E&t=16s>

Also enjoy reading this article about the origins of Scripture Union music, in particular the Song, *Wounded for Me* <https://www.christiantoday.com/news/how-a-chance-encounter-led-to-an-easter-song>

Tuesday 7 April

All SUNZ staff take Easter Tuesday as a reflection day. Lay our work aside. Lay our praise and worship at the feet of our resurrected Saviour.

Our wonderful Board will have an online meeting tonight.

Wednesday 8 April

Nigel Winder has been on SUNZ staff for 20 years (@ 30 Jan). Give thanks for all who financially and prayerfully support Nigel in his ministry in Otago & Southland.



Nigel speaking at Hui

Thursday 9 April

Myles Boag, Children & Families Auckland is visiting the North Shore prayer group today (thanks Sylvia!).

Friday 10 April

Peilin Cheng (with her son & friends) visited Colin & Vivienne Child and their Wairarapa prayer group on 5 Feb. *Image: Bill Jamieson and Colin Child Bill used to host SU camps on his farm!*



Sat 11 - Sun 12 April

Praise for waves of fun and precious sharing of God's faithfulness at our Pōnui Island thanksgiving picnic on 21 March.

Monday 13 April

Thank you to all who read our ADVENTURE magazine, gave it to others to read, and donated to this January appeal. We raised \$13,800 for our Children & Families ministry. Thank you.

Tuesday 14 April

Peilin Cheng's friends treated our Wellington team with dumplings to celebrate Lunar New Year. It was lovely to sit with Hannah & Joseph, making dumplings and chatting about Christian faith and life in their home country. Hannah reminded us that taking time to prepare helps us to slow down and connect with each other.



1 John 4.16b God is Love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

Wednesday 15 April

Our Finance team are working through end of financial year processing and reporting.

Thursday 16 April

Liz Eichler started a THRIVE journey with a church in Palmerston North last year. She is also working with Hilary Hague and Auckland churches who want to re-THRIVE. "Wrapping around our young people and all our church people is really important." - from Liz's February prayer letter.

Friday 17 April

Pray for young people to sign up for our super winter and spring youth camps. See the adventures here <https://sunz.org.nz/camps/> We need campers and we need camp leaders.

Sat 18 - Sun 19 April

Eli Savill has been appointed as Pastor at Eastside Community Church. He will be doing this part-time. Pray for Eli and his family as they truly live out the prayer of Jabez on their lives.

Monday 20 April

We are delighted to have Jesse Elias as our BE Kindred. He is an exceptional young man on an exciting journey in Christian leadership.

**Mā te Atua koe e Manaaki
May God bless you**



Tuesday 21 April

Give thanks for Cole McConnell who has developed our Engage Bible Reading App. We are so grateful for him, and for all readers of English, Te Reo Māori, Mandarin who have spent hours of time recording for this.

Check it out here:

<https://sunz.org.nz/youth/engage-bible-reading-app/>

Wednesday 22 April

Pray for our children and young people who are hungry for the word of God. Pray for all those who work alongside, shaping and guiding and discipling.

Thursday 23 April

Our new *What's Up?!* newsletter has been emailed and linked on social media. This replaces our ADVENTURE April issue.

This is themed on John 15.11 *that your joy may be made full and complete and overflowing*

Pray for good impact and sharing of our stories and ministry, and for young people to take up our appeal for faithful financial support.

Friday 24 April

Praise for our National Director's appeal which raised \$28K for our general funds to help our new financial year. We are blessed and so humbled by your generosity and commitment to our ministry. 2 Corinthians 9.

Sat 25 - Sun 26 April

Neville Bartley, Youth Team Leader.

He is speaking at a youth camp over Anzac weekend.



Neville playing the piano at Christ Church, Taitā.

We visited this church at Hui.

Monday 27 April Anzac Day

Tuesday 28 April

Pray for our BE (Beyond Experience) participants and Kaiārahi as they settle into their mentoring relationships. We have 25 first year, and 8 second year young people in the programme, and Jesse as BE Kindred. SUNZ have gifted every BE'er a beautiful Gospel of Luke to read and journal as they discover what God is teaching them through the life of Jesus Christ.

Your word is a lamp to my feet

He rama tāu kupu ki ōku waewae

And a light to my path

He mārāma ki tōku ara

Psalm 119.105 ESV

Wednesday 29 April

Lucas Slessor, Accounts Assistant

Thursday 30 April

Hana Leofo, Operations Manager

Friday 1 May

Larissa Pearce, Youth Otago-Southland is involved with the *For This City* youth event in Dunedin. <https://forthiscity.co.nz/> Pray she will make good connections with youth ministry leaders and young people seeking Jesus.

Sat 2 - Sun 3 May

Pray for our Children & Families team finalising the details for Kia Tipu training days starting on 23 May.

<https://sunz.org.nz/children-families/kia-tipu/>



Image: C&F team planning at Hui

Monday 4 May

Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager holds the responsibility of producing our Annual Review.

Tuesday 5 May

Myles Boag, Children & Families Auckland.

“It’s been a real privilege to join the incredible work Scripture Union is doing. I’ve loved becoming part of an organisation with such a rich history of ministry, and I’m grateful for the faithful supporters who continually pray for what God is doing across the nation.

I’m looking forward to being involved in our Children & Families trainings, Kia Tipu – connecting with, supporting, and learning from the dedicated leaders and helpers who create spaces for children to encounter Jesus on Sundays and in their wider ministries. I would appreciate your prayers for these upcoming events: that all the moving parts come together smoothly, and for the ongoing work of supporting and resourcing volunteers and leaders throughout Aotearoa.”



Myles-Andrea-Hilary-Annette-Nigel-Liz-Grace

Wednesday 6 May

Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager

Thursday 7 May

Grace Matravers-Rock, Children & Families admin

Friday 8 May

Piper Clare, Youth Consultant Wellington.
From her Feb prayer letter: loved presenting a workshop to Exodus Prime on **unity not uniformity in leadership** (1 Cor 12.27).
[God has given us all a purpose to build His kingdom.](#)



Meshach and Piper at Exodus Prime. They are great buddies and support each other in ministry and helps.

Sat 9 - Sun 10 May

Pray for solid bookings of our SU Adventure Lodge, especially over winter. Give thanks for the blessing it is to many youth groups and church groups who use it. Many young people have been baptised in the freezing Whakapapa river beside the Lodge.

Monday 11 May



Natalie Duchesne, Youth Camps team leader. She coordinates the roll out of..drum roll please.. 2 autumn camps, 7 winter camps (including Gather leader training camps), 4 spring camps, 9 summer camps.

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

Tuesday 12 May

Andrea Lukin, Children & Families Wellington

Wednesday 13 May

Our Children & Families team are preparing for SUPAKidz (primary school) camp and two intermediate camps for spring school holidays.

Thursday 14 May

Our Youth Team have been asked to run in-church training for Auckland churches who are committing to upskilling their youth leadership teams. Pray as they tailor the *Anamata* workshops to meet this need.

Friday 15 May

Janet Walbran, Database Admin

Sat 16 - Sun 17 May

Sapati Tima, Youth Auckland

Monday 18 May

Glenis Silby, Auckland Office Admin

Tuesday 19 May

Pray for our Resources ministry. This includes our Bible reading guides (Daily Bread & Encounter with God), sales of books which fund the resources role, evangelism resources and Bible engagement tools for our ministry teams.

Wednesday 20 May

Donna Beech, Camps Admin

Thursday 21 May

Finance committee meet online tonight. Alastair Boulton joined us for an evening at Hui.
Neil - Meredith - Mark - Alastair - Hilary



Friday 22 May

Pray for our C&F team gathering in Christchurch for the first Kia Tipu training day.

Sat 23 Sun 24 May

Kia Tipu is on Saturday, St Albans Church in Christchurch. An excellent full-on day about children's ministry with workshops on faith formation, curriculum & holiday programmes, cultivating community, prayer, storytelling, crafting and how to lead children to Jesus.

Monday 25 May

Bruce Crozier and Beth Coates, Leadership Development

Tuesday 26 May

Pray for our Youth Camps facilitators:

Jayden Meads - South

Lydia Rennie - Central

Caitlin Janes - North. Caitlin leaves SUNZ staff end May. Pray for a new person to join SUNZ in this position.

Pray over the challenge of continually finding leaders and helpers for our camps.

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

Wednesday 27 May

At Hui, we spent time praying for and thanking God for our tūao, our volunteer community. That's you! Thank you!
We talked about how to recruit, engage, empower and care for our volunteers.

Thursday 28 May

Annette Osborne, Children & Families and SU International representative

Friday 29 May

Hilary Hague, National Director

Sat 30 - Sun 31 May

Give thanks for our Christian Church, and all who faithfully attend and serve and worship together.

Image: SUNZ staff at Central Baptist Church on our first day of Hui.



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SUNZ Prayer Group Information

Warkworth

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

North Shore

1:00-2:15pm, 2nd Thursday of month
Next: 9 April - Myles Boag is visiting
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@xtra.co.nz

Auckland - Central (Epsom)

1:00-2:15pm, 3rd Wednesday of 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

Kāpiti

10am, 2nd Tuesday each school term
Contact Maureen Gunston: 027 404 7868
maureen.gunston@gmail.com

Wairarapa

Contact Colin & Vivienne: 021 022 22679
colinchild4@gmail.com

Wellington

7:30-9:00pm, Fri. 32 Paremata Cr, Porirua
Contact Ken Edgecombe: 021 065 3450
kennard.edgecombe@gmail.com

Christchurch

3rd Friday of month
Contact Lesley Anderson
lesleyanderson@inspire.net.nz

Ashburton

2pm, 3rd Thursday of 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: 027 201 6888
mlstap@xtra.co.nz

Invercargill

7:15am, 1st Monday of month
Prayer Breakfast at Rosedale Bible Church
Contact Lois Conway; 027 434 2612
blconway@inspire.net.nz



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