

Prayer Adventure August-September 2026

WHAT'S ON... August-September...

8 August	Kia Tipu Taupō
	BE get-together Auckland
13 August	BE get-together Hamilton
15-16 Aug	Gather Central
20-21 Aug	MHFA 2-day course
21-23 Aug	Gather South
12 Sept	Kia Tipu Whanganui
10 Sept	AGM Online
26 Sept	Spring Camps start

After publishing our June-July prayer points, more happenings happened at short notice.

Monday 20 July was an informal BE get-together at South West Baptist Church. Saturday 25 July was for BE'ers from Dunedin & Invercargill areas. Thank you to all who turned up to kōrero and catch up.



Image: BE April 2026

1 Thessalonians 5.11
Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up...

Beth Coates, BE (Beyond Experience) Leadership Development Admin resigned, leaving SUNZ on 30 July. She has taken up a role with Baptist Union. Beth continues in her role as Kaiārahi for this BE term (she mentors a young person). Pray for Bruce Crozier as he manages the BE programme.



Sat 1 - Sun 2 August

Hilary Hague is visiting Waidale Trust for their AGM. Liz Eichler is speaking about SUNZ and **Kia Tipu** at Wellington South Baptist. Andrea Lukin is involved with a national service for Seafarers at Old St Paul's. Sapati Tima is leading youth group Bible study at EFKS Sydney (see 8 Sep note).

Monday 3 August

SUNZ Invercargill prayer breakfast with Hilary Hague. She loves her morning muesli!

Psalm 90.14 "...satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love..."

Summer Youth Camps sign-ups open tonight.
<https://sunz.org.nz/event-category/sucamps/summer-youth-camps/>

Tuesday 4 August

SU International online Community Prayer is tonight. Give thanks for our faithful global community. Pray for safety over SU workers in unsettled areas.

Wednesday 5 August

Piper Reid (née Clare), Youth Team Admin relocated to Christchurch on 17 July. She will continue her 2-day pw admin work but has finished her youth consultancy role in Wellington.



Image: Piper, her hot water bottle and Hilary's lovely matching outfit.

Thursday 6 August

Hilary Hague speaking at Wilberforce Connect (in Wellington) today about SUNZ's evangelism project and resources.

Anitha Yadavaraj, Accountant, returned on 20 July after a wonderful long leave and adventure to Canada to visit her brother. It is so good to have our accountant back 😊

Friday 7 August

Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Coordinator, returned on 21 July following her church youth mission trip to Taiwan.

Sat 8 - Sun 9 August

Kia Tipu Taupō is on Saturday.

A BE get-together is also on Saturday, at Eden Community Church.

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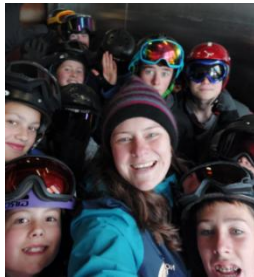
Monday 10 August

Thank you for praying over our winter camps. This week, please pray for these young campers who loved SUNZ camps and are so loved by God!

Ruapehu Adventure - 24 campers



Lydia Rennie with a happy group of campers ready for the snow (they got one day of snow fun).



Tuesday 11 August

Whakapapa Classic - 23 campers



Pray for NLT (National Leadership Team) meeting online 1pm today.

Liz Eichler & Andrea Lukin are at Intergenerate conference, Anchor Church.

Wednesday 12 August

Camp Mission - 22 campers

Thursday 13 August

Wakatipu Base Camp - 28 campers

Jesse Elias, BE Kindred (Beyond Experience) Jesse helped as camp leader at *Create* camp, and will lead (again) at Pōnui Spring Adv.

For his BE project, Jesse launched a "Training High School students towards youth leadership" series on 30 July. In person at Tawa Anglican Church, for up to 5 students.

Session dates: 30 July, 13 August, 27 August, 10 September. Pray for Jesse, the students and Bruce Crozier overseeing this.

Friday 14 August

Create - 8 campers

Donna Beech (camps admin) helped as camp cook...lucky campers! Hilary, Hana, Liz, Andrea, Meshach visited 8 July for the art showcase evening.

Image: some of the art created.



Tonight is a BE get-together in Hamilton.

You see, when God gives a grace gift and issues a call to a people, He does not change His mind and take it back.
Romans 11.29 VOICE

Sat 15 - Sun 16 August

Gather Central Peka Peka 14-16 Aug - training for camp leaders.

Annette Osborne is presenting a two-part series on discipling children & young people (16 & 30 Aug).

On Sunday, Nigel Winder is speaking at Winton Presbyterian Church.

Monday 17 August

Children & Families Team retreat 17-20 August, at Paekakariki. Pray for good weather, as Liz Eichler, Team Leader, is planning a prayer walk.

Tuesday 18 August

Remain 'walking in prayer' with and for our Children & Families ministry team: Liz Eichler, Annette Osborne, Nigel Winder, Andrea Lukin, Myles Boag, Grace Matravers-Rock

Wednesday 19 August

Richard Willis, long-time supporter of SUNZ has organised a 6-day tour for SU friends; *Meadows, Missionaries and Māori*. It's 27 Oct-1 Nov Wellington-Whanganui-Taranaki-National Park (& Forgotten Highway). Interested? Email priorwillis.inaha@gmail.com or Richard 021 0257 8419

Thursday 20 August

Neville Bartley and Eli Savill running a MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) course 20-21 August at Te Whanau Putahi, Hamilton. Finance Committee meet online tonight.

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Friday 21 August

Gather South Takamātua - leadership training for camp leaders.

Sat 22 - Sun 23 August

Our SUNZ Adventure magazine was published mid-July. Themed on our youth camps - campers, leaders, helpers - pray this issue will be read, enjoyed, prayed over, camps signed up for, and for new donors to sign up to be a part of our Scripture Union community and movement.

Read it online and download it here:

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



Annette Osborne speaking at a Mission Sunday on 23 Aug.

Monday 24 August

Myles Boag and Larissa Pearce are speaking (online) about working with intermediates to Anglican regional children's ministry leaders.

Tuesday 25 August

Liz Eichler attending Abide conference in Auckland 25-27 August.

Wednesday 26 August

Thank you for your prayer and donations to increase funding for ministry staff. Join us in thanks for donors who are committing to sustained giving.

Thursday 27 August

Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager

Friday 28 August

Hana Leofo, Operations Manager.

Hana is project managing a major data platform transition at the recommendation of our auditors. Pray for efficient and correct data migration, and for all SUNZ staff learning the new system.

Sat 29 - Sun 30 August

Liz Eichler is at Gateways Christian Fellowship, revisiting our *Thrive* programme with them.

Monday 31 August

Sign up for our online AGM on 10 September.

We guarantee no ad breaks!

Our Annual Review FY2025-2026 is available here <https://sunz.org.nz/about-sunz/our-annual-review/>

Tuesday 1 September

Do you know - 1 September is World Letter Writing Day.

Initiated in 2014, it invites us to spend a slow day and connect through the timeless art of writing a letter.



Wednesday 2 September

Liz Eichler is in Christchurch 1-4 Sept. She is running an Advent resource evening at Ilam Baptist Church tonight.

Thursday 3 September

Give thanks for our Board. Neil Walbran was farewelled in July after 9 years on the Board.

Meredith MacKenzie (Chair), Mark Nichols (Deputy Chair), Hilary Hague, John Cleary, Jason Kelsey, Jo Overall, Ailis Asghar, Ruth Early (Treasurer), Tessa Behrent(observer), Catarina Young (BE intern)

Hebrews 13.17-18 NIRV

Trust in your leaders. Put yourselves under their authority. Do this, because they keep watch over you. They know they are accountable to God for everything they do. Do this, so that their work will be a joy.

Friday 4 September

Hilary Hague is planning a young adults team to attend SU Emerging Leaders Conference (ELC) in December, in Solomon Islands.

Sat 5 - Sun 6 September

The Global Week of Prayer is 6-13 September.

Themed **At the Name of Jesus** from Philippians 2.9-11. Visit <https://www.24-7prayer.nz/> to sign up and use free resources and ideas.

Monday 7 September

Glenis Silby, Auckland Office Administrator Give thanks for the fantastic office space for our Auckland team, at Elim Christian Centre. Pray for good teamwork and relationships.

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Tuesday 8 September

Youth Team: Neville Bartley, Sapati Tima, Eli Savill, Larissa Pearce - attended Converge Oceania and IASYM* conferences 27-31 July in Sydney. Pray over the *Your Story* research plan for NZ.

Refer to ADVENTURE October 2025

*Intl Assn Study of Youth Ministry

Wednesday 9 September

Pray for *Exodus Prime* 2027 nominees - young people with leadership potential, nominated by their church to SUNZ youth leadership programme.



Exodus Prime January 2026

Thursday 10 September

AGM tonight 7pm! Pray for Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager who manages the media tech for this. Pray for Meredith MacKenzie, Board Chair.

Friday 11 September

Hilary Hague, National Director

Sat 12 - Sun 13 September

Kia Tipu Whanganui on Saturday

Pray for all involved in children's ministry. Pray for Christians committing to the discipline of church involvement.

We support churches...

Monday 14 September

These are the camp leaders who helped our Winter camp season. Give thanks for the blessing they gave.

Natalie, Lydia, Jayden, Donna, Andrea, Jesse, Sophie, Aria, Jakob, Ruby, Zac, Devon, Grace, Maire, Jodi, Chris, Cole, Hannah, Carter, Alexandra, Michelle, Kristina, Charis, Trish, Mattias, Neil, Elijah, Jasmine, Emily, Stella, Chelsea.

Tuesday 15 Sep

Pray for Spring Camps prep.

5 youth camps

1 intermediate

1 primary camp

Image: Annette took this at Pōnui Spring Adv 2025



Wed 16 Sep

Pray over our sustainability and stewardship practices. This is so important to our young people who notice whether our actions match our values.

**This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought**

(Hymn by Maltbie Babcock 1901)

Thursday 17 September

Pray for security over our national office, 9A Oxford Terrace and continued good relationships with TSCF and our Wellington City Mission neighbours.

Friday 18 September

SUNZ staff meet online for chapel.

Larissa Pearce, Youth Otago-Southland is involved with *ForThisCity* combined youth group event in Dunedin.

Sat 19 - Sun 20 September

Eli Savill, Youth Waikato

Pray over his ministry as a pastor.

Monday 21 September

Pray for our Bible reading guides (*Daily Bread* and *Encounter with God*) ministry. Pray for the new October-December issues to be safely delivered to subscribers.

Tuesday 22 September

What is the etymology of the word PRAYER? From mid-14c Old French *prier* and Middle English *preiere*, an earnest request; "the practice of praying or of communing with God"

Wednesday 23 September

Thank you to all who purchase online from SUNZ <https://sunz.org.nz/resources/> Pray for consistent sales and for strong Christmas demand for our resources.



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Thursday 24 September

Finance committee meet online tonight

Friday 25 September

Our spring youth camps continue Bible engagement on prayer with first day study on **Psalm 27.13-14 NIV**

I remain confident of this, that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Sat 26 - Sun 27 September

Pray for spring camps with up to 190 campers on adventures from Pōnui to Pukerau.

Monday 28 September

Pray for all SUNZ staff involved in spring camps. For good health, safety and discernment. Give thanks for volunteers who give time, funds and cover our camps in prayer.

Tuesday 29 September

Board meet online for an AGM debrief

Wednesday 30 September

Pray over our Supporters event planning. We'd love you to join us to catch up and kōrero and pray together for SUNZ ministry.

More details will be on our website and by email.

COMING UP... October - November

27Sep-1 Oct	Snow Blast
	Gain
28Sep-1 Oct	SUPAkidz
	Creative Edge
29Sep-3 Oct	Pōnui Spring Adventure
4-8 Oct	Hanmer Explorers
6-10 Oct	Going Deeper
20-21 Oct	NLT in Wellington
27Oct-1Nov	SU Friends Tour
29 Oct	Supporters Auckland
1 Nov	Supporters Wellington
3 Nov	Supporters Dunedin
14-15 Nov	Board meeting
28-29 Nov	Gather Pōnui

SUNZ Prayer Group Information

Warkworth 10-11:00am, usually 2nd Mon 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

Contact Sylvia Coulter: 021 047 4206

sylvia.coulter@outlook.co.nz

Auckland - West (Henderson) 10:00-11:00am, 3rd Mon of month

Contact Diane Smith: 027 279 0612

diane.smith@extra.co.nz

Auckland - Central (Epsom) 1:00-2:15pm, 3rd Wednesday of month

Contact Jill Walker: 09 630-0094

alinejillwalker@gmail.com

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

Contact Esther Grubb: 027 416 5165

esray@proton.me

Hamilton

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

Contact Jenny Halse: 07 855 5764

jenny.halse@icloud.com

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@extra.co.nz

Invercargill

7:15am, 1st Mon of month 3 Aug - Hilary Hague is visiting for Prayer Breakfast at Rosedale Church

Contact Lois Conway: 027 434 2612

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