



WHANGANUI



SATURDAY 12 SEPT

WHANGANUI CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
9AM – 3.30PM – \$75 PER PERSON
MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

In 2026 we have a particular focus on helping children discover Jesus and follow him their whole lives, with a focus on Bible engagement and prayer.

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TIMETABLE

9.00am	Doors open
9.15am	Opening session
10 - 11.15am	Workshop A
11.15 - 11.45am	Morning tea
11.45 - 1pm	Workshop B
1 - 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45 - 3pm	Workshop C
3 - 3.30pm	Connect time
3.30pm	Finish

WORKSHOPS

Choose one from each timeslot below - one from Workshop A, one from Workshop B and one from Workshop C (3 workshops total).

*This workshop is one of our six Children’s Ministry Certificate workshops

WORKSHOP A 10 - 11:15	WORKSHOP B 11:45 - 1pm	WORKSHOP C 1:45 - 3pm
A1 HOOK INTO THE BOOK* - The Bible is an exciting but challenging book! Explore creative and innovative ways to bring the Bible to life and encourage children to encounter God. Led by Tanya Cogan	B1 BEING OUR BEST* - Practical ideas and strategies to encourage positive behaviour in our programmes, particularly with those who struggle in structured environments. Led by Liz Eichler	C1 CONNECT* - Discover ways to build strong relationships with children and how from that children’s relationship with God can grow. Led by Liz Eichler
A2 FOLLOWING JESUS - Explore how to have good faith conversations with children and explore the brand new 'Following Jesus' resource from SUNZ. Led by Annette Osborne	B2 FAITH AT HOME - Parents are the most influential people in the faith formation of their children but they were never meant to do this alone. Join us as we consider what partnership between church and home can look like for families today. Led by Jan Ozanne	C2 FUN AND GAMES WITH PURPOSE - Experience some fun games that you can use in your ministry that enhance relationships, build community, and reinforce Biblical values and lessons. Led by Jonathan Iliffe
A3 THE FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY WITH PRE-SCHOOLERS - The building blocks of life are established in early childhood, including the foundations of faith. Explore what it could look like to take this seriously in your ministry context. Led by Phil Ozanne	B3 PAPER BAG PRAYER BOOKS - Get ready to create! Turn everyday paper bags into colourful prayer books that children will love. Filled with ideas for prayers, gratitude, Bible reflections and family faith moments, an affordable way to help faith grow at home long after Sunday is over. Led by Andrea Lukin	C3 CARING FOR GOD’S WORLD - Explore God's heart for creation in the Bible and discover fun, practical ways families and your whole church can care for the world God has entrusted to us. This workshop will give you a great kete of resources! Led by Annette Osborne
A4 CREATING BELONGING SPACES - Every child or team member should feel they belong in church. This workshop explores how to build inclusive spaces for children of all abilities, backgrounds and needs so that no one feels left out. Led by Andrea Lukin	B4 LEADING UP - PARTNERING WELL WITH YOUR PASTOR - Children’s Ministry leaders are culture shapers within the church. How can you partner well with your pastor and contribute meaningfully to the church’s overall direction? Explore together practical ways to build trust, align vision, and partner effectively. Led by Helen Brereton	C4 BEING AN INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH COMMUNITY - Research shows that intergenerational relationships and worship are important for discipleship. Why is this? What can it look like to worship with all ages together? How can we create opportunities for genuine connection between all ages? Come and explore these questions. Led by Jan Ozanne

OUR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS FOR WHANGANUI



Helen Brereton

Helen has been in ministry for 15 years, serving as a specialist interim pastor since 2018 and she is currently the Transition Pastor at Whanganui Central Baptist Church. She is passionate about helping congregations move towards health and regain their mission mojo. In her spare time she enjoys Korean dramas, good science fiction, and not extroverting.



Tanya Cogan

Tanya has the privilege of being alongside children and families in her role as the Team Leader, Children and Families at Whanganui Central Baptist Church and as a kaiako at Whanganui Central Baptist Kindergarten. Tanya loves to see children and adults experience God drawing near to them, and knowing freedom and creativity as they draw near to Him. She also treasures being a Grandma and spending time with her extended family.



Liz Eichler

Liz works for SUNZ as the Children and Families Team Leader. She thinks a lot about what 21st century church could look like. In her 'spare' time, she tries to swim, walk and knit, though not all at once! She also likes to recycle to the 'nth' degree.



Jonathan Iliffe

Jonathan has been involved in Christian children's work his whole life, growing up with his dad, who was a children's evangelist in the UK. Inspired by his example, over the past 25 years Jonathan has been a part of the children's ministry team at Whanganui Central Baptist Church. He is passionate about creating a fun, welcoming environment where children can explore their faith and experience God's love in a joyful and engaging way. I love being out and about, mountain biking, tramping or skiing are my favourites.

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Andrea Lukin

Andrea is the SUNZ Children and Families Consultant for the Wellington area. With over 30 years in pastoring local churches, Andrea is passionate about equipping parents to bring faith into their homes and helping families with discipleship. In her spare time, she enjoys upcycling school desks and chairs, lots of crafts, plus she's a LEGO nerd!



Annette Osborne

Annette has worked for SUNZ since 2004. She is passionate about the place of the Bible in bringing transformation in the lives of children, young people and their families. She loves listening to the questions children ask and helping them to discover the answers for themselves. When she is not working, she can be found paddling her kayak to a beach, with a thermos of tea.



Jan Ozanne

Jan Ozanne is the Children and Families Catalyst for the Baptist Union of New Zealand. She has been involved in ministry with children and their families for 16 years. She lives in Auckland with her husband Phil and they have four young adult children.



Phillip Ozanne

Phil has worked with children in the early years for 28 years. He is married with 4 children of his own. Phil is currently the ECE Service Lead for Visionwest and is attending Glen Eden Baptist Church.



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