

Prayer Adventure October-November 2026

AGM 2026 was A Good Moment to zoom together for a SUNZ update on financials and ministry. Thank you to all who attended and to voting members who voted.

Welcome to JUSTIN VANOVERLOOP who is our new Northern Camps Facilitator. Justin is an experienced camp instructor and leader. He started on 14 September, based in SUNZ Hamilton office.



SUNZ would love you to come along to a Supporters Event near you to kōrero and chat about our ministry. We're going to have some lego to build together too.

Sign up here on below link or phone us on 04 385 0485

<https://sunz.org.nz/sunz-supporters-events/>

October-November

28-29 Sep	MHFA Workshop
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
4 Nov	Supporters Hamilton
8 Nov	Supporters Christchurch
14 Nov	Gather Social Wellington
14-15 Nov	Board meeting
28-29 Nov	Gather Pōnui

Please note all dates and happenings are as planned at the time of writing this Prayer Adventure issue.



Whakapapa Classic July 2026

Hilary Hague, National Director is on leave until mid-October. Her mother, Ruth Malcolm died end Sep. Pray for Hilary and her family.

Hilary leaves the SUNZ role at the end of January. Our Board Chair is leading the search for a new National Director. Pray for the right person for Scripture Union NZ.

Thursday 1 October

Pray for SUNZ Camps on now: 161 campers adventuring and studying God's Word in community. 70 youth campers, 44 intermediates, 47 SUPAkidz.

Snow Blast - based at SU Adventure Lodge. Leaders: Natalie Duchesne, Cameron Wright, Lydia Finch, Leanne Burton, Daniel Everett, Foisaga Alele Davey, Donna & Andrew Beech

Gain - Momorangi Bay
Leaders: Jayden Meads, Lydia Rennie, Riley Sutton, Sean Hancock, Ruby Dautermann, Mia Herring, Courtney Wiseman

Creative Edge - Wainuiomata
Leaders: Andrea Lukin, Amber Blair
Theme is 'Jeremiah at the Potter's House'

SUPAkidz - Camp Columba, Pukerau
Leaders: Nigel Winder, Liz Eichler, Sheryl Dunick
SUPAkidz campers take home a devotional/activity book gifted by SUNZ.

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Friday 2 October Pōnui Spring Adventure

Leaders: Annette Osborne, Myles Boag, Erin Stewart, Jesse Elias



From Myles' 7 Sep prayer letter: "I'm excited to spend time on Pōnui and always enjoy working with intermediates. Their enthusiasm, energy and willingness to engage make them a joy to lead, and I'm looking forward to helping direct that enthusiasm towards a deeper relationship with God."

Sat 3 - Sun 4 October

From Lydia Rennie's 4 Aug prayer letter: "Working with our camp leaders was such a joy...as I saw how passion for their faith cross over with their willingness to serve and engage with our campers!"

Monday 5 October Hanmer Explorers

Leaders: Jayden Meads, Lydia Rennie, Tom Dravitzki, Joel Couperus, Isabella Winder, Gracie Otway

Tuesday 6 October

Going Deeper - Pōnui Island

Leaders: Caitlin Janes, Justin Vanoverloop, Sienna Inglis, Danielle Huggins, Arnold Yeoman, Penelope Trought, Jenny Finlay

Wednesday 7 October

Piper Reid, Youth Team Admin finished her role with SUNZ on 30 September.

Thursday 8 October

Annette Osborne at SU Global Team meetings in Athens 8-22 Oct.



Friday 9 October

Jayden Meads at Southern Youth Leader training at Wainui Park 9-11 Oct.

Sat 10 - Sun 11 October

From Jayden Meads prayer letter: "One of the highlights of the year was helping Lydia Rennie (Central Camps Facilitator) lead Ruapehu Adventure Camp for Year 7-10 students. She ran an incredible ship. The camp was packed with skiing, snowboarding, outdoor adventures, and opportunities for young people to challenge themselves and build new friendships. I also had the privilege of working alongside Charis at Wakatipu Base Camp, helping create a fun, encouraging, and faith filled environment for campers. It was encouraging to see young people grow in confidence, step outside their comfort zones, and engage with conversations about faith. These camps are always a powerful reminder of how God can work through adventure, community, and authentic relationships to impact young lives."

Monday 12 October

Our Youth Camps Team take time off to rest this week.

Adventure Editorial Meeting today 2pm to plan our January issue.

Tuesday 13 October

Hilary Hague, Bruce Crozier, Hana Leofo have been working on the learning design for Beyond Experience (BE) next year.



BE meet up in Ōtautahi, Christchurch; an opportunity to connect, share and study Nehemiah's discernment process.

How have you applied Nehemiah's strategy to a specific situation you are facing right now?

Wednesday 14 October

Pray for our BE 2026 Tuatahi (1st year). Pray some will take up the opportunity to further leadership development in our Tuarua (2nd year) programme.

Thursday 15 October

Liz Eichler at NextGen conference, Silverstream 15-17 Oct.

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Friday 16 October

Andrea Lukin at Good News of Aotearoa conference in Auckland 16-17 October.

Sat 17 - Sun 18 October



Our SUNZ Adventure magazine is due for delivery now. This issue is themed on evangelism, and our youth ministry. Read more about our evangelism resources on below link.

<https://sunz.org.nz/following-jesus/>

Read it online and download it here:

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

The purpose of ADVENTURE is to inform, encourage awareness of SUNZ and raise financial support for our ministries.

Monday 19 October

Justin Vanoverloop visits the National Office. Bruce Crozier is in Wellington for a meeting with Longview Trust.



Tuesday 20 October

National Leadership Team (NLT) are in Wellington for strategy meeting 20-21 Oct. NLT team: Hilary Hague, Neville Bartley, Liz Eichler, Hana Leofo, Natalie Duchesne, Bruce Crozier

Wednesday 21 October

Pray for our NLT Team.

Thursday 22 October

Sapati Tima, Youth Auckland



Friday 23 October

Pray over our huge learning curve to take on the new CRM - Infoodle. It's a great improvement for our database management.

Sat 24 - Sun 25 October

Labour Weekend



Pray for our E3 expedition camps (10-21 Dec) to be full. Yes, the adventure can be hard work. Yes, an adventure with Jesus can be a rough, narrow road. Yes, it is life changing. Read about E3 here

<https://sunz.org.nz/camps/e3/>

Matthew 7.13-14 NLT

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate...and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

Monday 26 October

Pray for all ministry and support staff to enjoy a rest day. And for you too!

Nigel Winder on Long Service Leave 26 Oct - 19 Feb.

That's a long rest Nigel! May you be refreshed, blessed and enjoy the sun and surf.



Tuesday 27 October

Nadine Crozier starts with SUNZ as Leadership Development Coordinator, working alongside Bruce in our Beyond Experience (BE) programme. Nau mai, haere mai Nadine!

Liz Eichler presents a Zoom masterclass on Advent & Christmas ideas for Messy Church; sessions at 1pm and 7pm today.

Wednesday 28 October

Eli Savill, Youth Waikato-BoP works 20 hours pw for SUNZ, on Mon, Thur, Fri. Pray for his ministry with new church plants in Hamilton and Cambridge, especially helping them to grow their youth ministry.

Eli Savill & Justin Vanoverloop moved SUNZ Hamilton into a larger office space at St Francis Church.



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Thursday 29 October

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Supporters Auckland is tonight 7.15pm at Eden Community Church.



*Building Faith Together
(and lego fun too!)*
**God has placed each
part in the body just
as He wanted it to be.**
1 Corinthians 12.18
NIRV

Friday 30 October

Give thanks for our SU Adventure Lodge and the blessing it is to generations of campers. Our Lodge has been well used this winter season by 21 groups and 3 SUNZ camps! We are so grateful to Stan & Marg Shepherd who help with maintenance before and after our youth camps.



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

Hebrews 3.4

God is the Builder of Everything

Sat 31 Oct - Sun 1 Nov

Supporters Wellington is on Sunday 3pm at St John's Church, Johnsonville.

Monday 2 November

Sign up for SUMMER! Pray for our SUNZ Youth Camp team preparing for 3 expeditions in December, and 9 youth camps in January.

Some feedback from E3 campers last year was "need more food!". Typical Teens. Where's the manna when you need it?! Thank you for donors who provide funds for food and the opportunity for young people to receive Biblical teaching and love on our camps. Ngā mihi.

Tuesday 3 November

Supporters Dunedin 7pm at South Dunedin Baptist Church.

Wednesday 4 November

Supporters Hamilton 7pm, Chapel Hill Community Church.

Thursday 5 November

Finance Committee are scheduled to meet online tonight 7.30pm. Give thanks for this team. Give thanks for the \$11K raised through our September appeal.

Friday 6 November

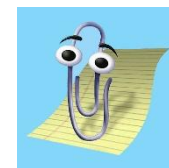
On Saturday, Hilary Hague is officiating at the wedding of Ailis Asghar (SUNZ Board member & Pōnui camp leader) and Isaac (Hilary's nephew). Pray blessing on their day.

Sat 7 - Sun 8 November

Supporters Christchurch is on Sunday 2.30pm at Yeoman's home. Liz Eichler and Jayden Meads are leading this event. Andrea Lukin is speaking at St Barnabas, Roseneath on Sunday morning service.

Monday 9 November

Hana Leofo, Operations Manager. In mid-Sep, Hana chivvied the National Office team to a 2-hour spring clean! It was good fun, satisfying and tiring. Can you guess how many paper clips we found? Who uses these anymore?



Tuesday 10 November

Pray for churches planning Christmas outreach and programmes. Maybe they can use our paper clips?



Liz Eichler at a NZCMN Children's Ministry Network resource evening.



NZCMN Team L-R: Alana Le Pine (Salvation Army), Karo Wilson (Presbyterian), Diana Langdon (Anglican), Jan Ozanne (Baptist), Liz, Julie McKinnon (CCCNZ).

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Wednesday 11 November

Jesse Elias, BE Kindred, ends his BE journey with SUNZ end Nov. Jesse has formatted his project notes (Training High School students into leadership) into a programme for youth group leaders to use. Pray for Jesse as he discerns God's will for his future. Proverbs 16.3

Thursday 12 November

Grace Matravers-Rock, Children & Families admin.

Friday 13 November

Our intrepid SUNZ Board are going camping! Well, glamping at SU Adventure Lodge for 2 nights, 13-15 Nov. Pray for good sleep, and for good fun. And some Board admin stuff to get done too. Do you think they will need paper clips too?



Hilary Hague, Meredith MacKenzie, Mark Nichols, John Cleary, Jason Kelsey, Joanna Overall, Ailis Asghar, Tessa Behrent, Catarina Young

Sat 14 - Sun 15 November

GATHER Social in Wellington on Sat 14 Nov. A one-day workshop based from our national office. Pray for Lydia Rennie leading this.

Monday 16 November

Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager

Tuesday 17 November

Liz Eichler at NZ Christian Leaders conference.

Wednesday 18 November

Praise God from who all blessings flow.



This first line from the Doxology is powerful and a reminder it is through God's grace we can be in and do ministry. Give thanks with us for generous donors who bless and encourage our ministry staff with needed financial support.

Thursday 19 November

Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Coordinator. Pray as she manages our Christmas appeal.

Friday 20 November

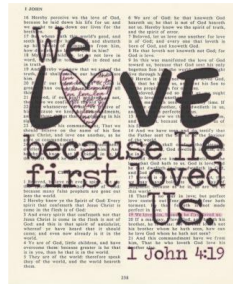
Hilary Hague will end her role as National Director at the end of January. Pray for her workload as she wants to finish well. Pray for our SUNZ Board in the search for a new National Director.



Sat 21 - Sun 22 November

Pray for campers from our spring camps, for their prayer and daily Bible reading. May they truly know that Jesus loves them.

Image from Hilary's 9 Sep prayer letter.



Monday 23 November

Pray for SUPAKidz campers continuing their daily Bible reading. Jesus loves them.



Image: SUPAKidz 2025

Tuesday 24 November

Bruce Crozier is now an accredited coach with the Strengths Network.

<https://strengthsnetwork.org/>

Wednesday 25 November

Neville Bartley, Youth Team Leader

Thursday 26 November

Larissa Pearce, Youth Otago-Southland



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Friday 27 November

Finance Team - Anitha, Lucas, Andrew

Sat 28 - Sun 29 November

Northern Gather for summer camp leaders is on Pōnui Island 28-29 Nov.

Monday 30 November

Glenis Silby, Auckland Office Admin will be leaving SUNZ at the end of December. She is passing her responsibilities to Nadine Crozier.

Thank you for praying over SUNZ ministry.

Contact Us: Phone 04 385 0485 or

Email resources@sunz.org.nz

SUMMER DATES

10-21 Dec	E3 Bay of Islands E3 Canterbury E3 Otago
12-20 Dec	ELC Honiara 13-19 Dec
5-9 Jan	Aspire
5-11 Jan	Pōnui Junior
6-10 Jan	Gnarly Groms & Senior Surfari
10-14 Jan	Exodus Prime
12-17 Jan	Te Anau Extend
12-19 Jan	Pōnui Senior
17-21 Jan	Summer Supreme
19-24 Jan	Te Anau Wind n Water
19-24 Jan	Canterbury Wind n Water

SUNZ Prayer Group Information

Warkworth

Contact Ann Cates: 021 0677 404

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North Shore 1:00-2:15pm,
3rd Thursday of month. Next 15 Oct.
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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