



Prayer Adventure

February-March 2019

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa! Warm greetings to you all!

What a great summer! Registrations came in really well for our youth camps with a number running at capacity and extra places added.

E3 Canterbury and E3 Otago

We praise God for all-day teachable moments of faith, leadership and conservation, using the outdoors to facilitate future leaders in our faith and society.



Wild Wanaka



Strong winds made setting up camp challenging, but the weather then turned beautiful. Praise God for the incredible team of leaders, cooks and campers and the Wanaka Presbyterian Church who

was so hospitable. Thank God for great conversations with campers about faith and life and praise God for his faithfulness to help us overcome obstacles.



Ponui Camps



Praise God for friendships made, the fun overnights, great times of growing faith, and that several people ill on the preceding family camp were able to join Ponui Junior later. Praise God Ponui Senior was full within the first week of registrations! This year there was lots of fun with a dress-up theme of The Oscars. We thank God for the Chamberlin family opening the Island for our camps.

Te Anau Extend and Te Anau Wind and Water

Praise God both camps were full and extended to accommodate some more campers. Lots of fun and good times in the South!

Exodus Prime

31 young leaders attended Exodus Prime and will now be back in their churches where they will have in-church mentors for a year, with support from SUNZ.

SUPAkidz camps

Campers at Wellington and Auckland Landlubbers camps had a wonderful time as castaways unearthing timeless treasures about God from the life and journeys of the fearless traveller and missionary Paul.

Surf Camps

Raglan Surfari was full but sadly our new Gisborne surfing venue did not attract large registrations.

Apart from this one cancellation, it was a fantastic season for us. If you are in Auckland come and hear more at our summer thanksgiving BBQ.

E te Atua Manaaki ki a koutou.
May God bless you all.

Save the Date for



Children's Ministry Conferences

Dunedin: 25 May 2019

Auckland: 8 June 2019

Wellington: 22 June 2019

You are invited to ...

The Summer Thanksgiving Barbecue Greyfriars Presbyterian, Auckland Friday 22 February 2019



This is a time when camp directors and leaders report back on our Summer Camps. Please come along and join us for this special occasion.

For details and to RSVP contact:
info.auckland@sunz.org.nz

1 February

Give thanks for the summer camping season. Please pray for refreshment for camp teams and that summer campers will remain engaged with the Bible and their faith will continue to grow.

2 February

Pray for our WAY2GO conferences as the brochures go out and the online registrations open. Pray that this process would go smoothly and that church ministry teams will book in to be part of the day. Pray for the SUNZ Children and Families Team as they finalise the programme and for all the workshop trainers as they prepare their sessions.

3 February

On 4-5 February Monika Kurchmierz, Scripture Union International Director will visit New Zealand to meet Hilary Hague and our Board Chair, Neil Walbran, to talk about SUNZ's participation in the global scene. Annette Osborne will join them for some of this time. Monika will be accompanied by the International Operations Director, Jenny Stewart. Pray for a good time together as they share stories and plan for the future.

4 February

Pray for the February Adventure magazine being mailed: that the articles will inspire readers and that the appeal will be well-received and fruitful.

5 February

Give thanks for Chair Neil Walbran and the SUNZ Board who lead our movement. Pray that they will know God's presence and that He will speak clearly to them.

6 February — Waitangi Day

*E te Kaihanga,
Nāhau mātau i tārai i Waitangi,
anō he waka hourua,
whakarewanga i runga i te tūmanako;
anō he waka eke noa,
whakaterengia i runga i ngā waikarekare;
He tia, he tia;
He ranga, he ranga;
Whakarere iho te kakau o te hoe,
kia tutuki ai i ngā oati i oaitia;
kia huri mai te whakawā anō he wai,
te tika anō he awa nui.
Ko Ihu Karaiti hoki tō mātau Ariki,
Te Kurahautū o tō mātau Kuratiwaka.
Āmine.*

*Creator God,
By your hand we were fashioned together at
Waitangi,
like a double-hulled canoe,
launched towards a hope-filled future;
cast together in the same vessel,
traversing turbulent waters;
Our backs bowed in effort, our journey continues,
one paddle-stroke after another;
Help us to strive together in unity,
that we might fulfill the oaths we have made
to each other;
That justice may roll like a river,
and righteousness like an everlasting stream;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
The One Who Guides our Waka of Faith.
Amen.*

Prayer composed by Archbishop Brown Turei for the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 2015.

7 February



Pray as Wellington Children and Families Consultant Liz Eichler prepares for a training for Sunday School teachers at Light of Life Chinese Church in Lower Hutt.

8 February

Pray for our former Youth Consultant Eugene and his wife Hope settling in Auckland for Te Reo study.

9 February

Please pray for planning of the annual staff retreat being held 18-22 March at Otaki.

10 February

Pray for Nigel Winder speaking at Rosedale Bible Chapel on Mark:2-5. Pray that Nigel and the church will be drawn into a deeper relationship with the Jesus revealed in the gospel record.

11 February



Pray for camps administrators Bronwyn Withington and Karen Poy who are based in our Invrecargill office as they take a

well-earned break after a busy summer camping season.



12 February



Uphold Operations and Fundraising Manager Kate Amos. Pray for planning and production of the National Director appeal to go out in the last week of February and for wisdom as she balances her many tasks.

13 February

Liz Eichler is running a NZ Children's Ministry Network meeting in Wellington today.

14 February

Please pray that our Adventure Lodge on Mt Ruapehu will be used and enjoyed, and that we will be able to increase occupancy rates. Check it out at:

www.sunz.org.nz/get-involved/su-adventure-lodge/



15 February

Please pray for great wisdom and direction from God as budgets and strategic plans are finalised for 2019/20 and beyond.

16 February

Give thanks for those who coordinate our Prayer Groups and encourage others to faithfully uphold SUNZ in prayer.

17 February

Give thanks for Children and Families Team Leader Nigel Winder who is speaking again today on Mark:2-5 at Rosedale Bible Chapel.



18 February

Please pray for SUPAkidz clubs starting for the new term. Give thanks for our volunteer leaders running the clubs and pray for God's wisdom and guidance for them through the year.

19 February

The Kapiti prayer group meet today. Give thanks for groups like these all over the country praying for SUNZ. Pray that God will continue to rise us up as people of prayer.

20 February



Give thanks for positive feedback from schools and participants about Stay Real in 2018. Pray for Stay Real Coordinator Richard Starling and the young people starting Stay Real this month. Pray for protection of Richard's carving studio and drop-in centre.

21 February



Give thanks for National Director Hilary Hague and pray that she will know God's guidance and direction as she leads our organisation.

22 February

Summer Thanksgiving BBQ today. Pray people get a sense of excitement as they hear about lives that have been impacted through SUNZ camping ministry and that the camp directors will feel encouraged as they reflect on their prayer requests and see how God has answered their prayers.

23 February



Uphold Paul Humphreys for an all-day presentation of the Āpōpō mental health awareness programme with Canterbury Youth Workers Collective today. Pray too as he prepares for an Āpōpō session at Hillview Christian School in late February-early March.

24 February

Pray for good health for all our team members and their families.

25 February

Pray for the right person and funding to come available for an additional Children and Families Consultant for the Lower North Island region to work alongside Liz Eichler.

26 February

Please pray for our bookshop (Resources for Life) in the National Support Centre.

27 February

Please pray for Annette Osborne and her work with SU International and as an Auckland Children and Families Consultant.



28 February

Uphold the young leaders who attended Exodus Prime leadership training camp as they put their training into practice in their churches. Give thanks for the in-church mentors who are working closely with the young leaders for the year.

1 March



Give thanks for Lizzie Moore. and uphold her in her work as our Otago/Southland Youth Consultant.

2 March

Paul Humphreys has an all-day Āpōpō presentation with Canterbury Youth Services.

3 March

Give thanks for volunteers helping with Bible Reading Guide pack-out this week. Pray that the guides will be a valuable tool for increasing Bible engagement and inspiring readers to delve deeper into God's word.

4 March

Pray for many of the staff who have significant shortfalls in their team support funding. Pray for new regular donors who are led by God to support the ministries of SUNZ.

5 March

The Dunedin Prayer Group meets on the first Tuesday of every second month from March to November. We praise God for faithful supporters.

6 March



Alison Davies is our part-time Children and Families Administrator in the Wellington National Support Centre. Give thanks for her and pray for her in the busy time of preparation for WAY2GO conferences.

7 March

Andrew Ramsbottom and Annette Osborne are running workshops at the Children's Ministry Network SPARK+ training evening in Auckland today. Please also pray for Andrew facilitating an Intergenerational Church Camp for Kaiapoi Baptist this weekend.

8 March

Give thanks for the North Shore Prayer Group meeting today and for all our faithful prayer supporters.

9 March



Give thanks for Janet Walbran our Database Administrator in the National Support Centre in Wellington.

10 March

Give thanks for the Engage Youth Bible Reading App and pray that it will inspire and encourage young people to engage with the Bible.

11 March

National Support Centre staff in Wellington meet together every Monday, to read the Bible and pray together. Please give thanks for their hard work to support our ministries.

12 March



Please pray for Auckland Children and Families Consultant Paul Dadd and his work supporting churches in their children's ministry and our SUPkidz and SURGE clubs.

13 March



Uphold North Island Camps Facilitator and Waikato/BOP Youth Consultant Steve Adams.

14 March

Pray for staff members who are continuing their Te Reo Māori study this year.

15 March

Give thanks for our Finance Team of Ishani Noble, Anitha Yadavaraj and Xiang Zhao in the busy end to the financial year.



16 March

The Finance Committee are a group of volunteers who look after the finances of SUNZ: Alastair Boulton (Treasurer), Ruth Early, Meredith MacKenzie, Jason Masters. Please thank God for his provision for SUNZ and pray for wisdom for the committee.

17 March



Give thanks for all Glenis Silby, our Auckland Office Manager, does to support staff and keep things running smoothly.

18 March

Staff Retreat is on this week (18-22 March) at Forest Lakes in Otaki. Please pray for the staff team as they meet to plan and pray for the year ahead.

19 March

Continue to pray for staff at retreat: for times of fun and good fellowship together, building relationships with new team members, and productive times of discussion and planning.

20 March

Give thanks for the Auckland (Greenlane) Prayer Group which meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

21 March



Give thanks for Auckland Youth Consultant Andy Banks and pray for his planning for the next Beyond Borders weekend at Henderson in April, a new fishing camp in April, and the next Pt Chev YOUTHSERVE in July.

22 March

Pray for God's guidance and inspiration for the Children and Families Team as they continue planning and preparation of WAY2GO 2019 conferences.



23 March

Please pray for Liz Eichler presenting a *You're Losing Us* taster workshop at the Southern North Island Presbyterian gathering in Palmerston North.

24 March

Give thanks for National Youth Ministry Leader Neville Bartley, and pray for his vision and enabling of the team's ministry.



25 March

The Board meet together today to discuss the budget for the year ahead. Please pray that they will find the balance between faith and good stewardship and that they will know God's leading.

26 March

Uphold the Marketing Team of Jamuel and Janice, and planning for the next Adventure magazine.



27 March



Pray for Supporter Relations Facilitator Sylvia Coulter as she supports prayer groups and looks to start new groups.

28 March



Andrew Ramsbottom is facilitating an Intergenerational Church Camp for Whangarei Central Baptist this weekend.

29 March

Pray for our bookstore and those involved with the end-of-year stocktake.

30 March

Paul Humphreys has an all day Āpōpō presentation with Presbytery Central (PCANZ) in Wellington

31 March

Give thanks for all those who financially support SUNZ and remember us in their wills.

Thanks to all who receive Prayer Adventure by email. It helps reduce our costs and you see colour pictures! Please get in touch if you would like to receive Prayer Adventure by email.

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SUNZ Camp Prayer Points



- Give thanks for the summer camping season and all the children and young people who attended.



- Pray that campers will find support, encouragement and mentors in their homes and churches, and that their faith will continue to grow.

- Praise God for all the background support that enables camps to proceed.



- Pray for refreshment for all our leadership teams and camp administrators after their busy summer camping season.



- Pray for our SUNZ youth staff preparing to go to denominational Easter camps, and for all who will attend.



- Pray for Andy Banks' preparation for a new Fishing Camp from 13-17 April. Pray for safety processes, team members and programme development.



- Pray for preparations for winter camps and early assembly of great team leaders and teams.

- Give thanks to God for his blessing and provision for this ministry.



SUNZ Prayer Group Information

Warkworth

Normally 9:00-10:00am 2nd Monday of month.
Contact Larry & Ann Cates: 09 425 0966; 021 067 7404;
ann.cates@roke.co.nz

Auckland – North Shore (Browns Bay)

2:00-3:15pm 2nd Thursday of month (Feb-Nov).
Contact Margaret Johnstone: 09 476 3484;
iandm@xtra.co.nz

Auckland – West (Henderson)

10:00-11:00am 3rd Monday of month.
Contact Diane Smith: 09 836 3961; diane.smith@xtra.co.nz

Auckland – Central (Greenlane)

1:00-2:00pm 3rd Wednesday of month.
Contact Joy Whitehead: 09 636 0144; joywhitehead@xtra.co.nz

Hamilton

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

Tauranga

2:00-3:30pm once a quarter on a Sunday (to be determined)
Contact Denise James: 07 543 4337; djdcj@gmail.com

Kapiti

10am second Tuesday of each term.
Contact Maureen Gunston: 027 404 7868;
maureen.gunston@gmail.com

Wellington

1:30-2:30pm 1st Wednesday of each school term.
Contact Helen Griffith: 04 236 6215; hmkgriffith@gmail.com

Christchurch

1:00-2:30pm on the Sunday at the beginning of 2nd week of the primary school term.
Contact Alistair Falconer: 03 358 4460; a.falconer@xtra.co.nz

Dunedin

7:30-8:30pm 1st Tuesday every 2nd month (Mar- Nov).
Contact Margaret Smith: 03 484 7488; 027 201 6888;
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