

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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FEATURING ARTICLE

Anchored Retreat 2023

By John & Moira Spicer, Owaka Presbyterian



Our Owaka Pressie Church was excited when we heard of the Anchored programme because it looked to be filling a gap in our needs when we have identified a couple of students who wish to explore confirmation but we don't have a Bible study programme for that age group .

It was a thoughtful as well as fun filled retreat. The organisation was exceptional with attention to detail which I recognise must have taken huge amounts of time. And an expenditure of energy and inspiration which was quite outstanding. It was important for our two to be led in a coherent study of scripture to focus on God's plan for the world AND His plan for each of us. And to start exploring some theology around our faith while keeping them challenged but very engaged.

The Anchored curriculum will certainly be of great interest to us as we consider the best tools and resources for the future. Our students are keen to continue their exploration of what personal commitment might look like for them.

While that was important, it was only part of our hopes for the weekend. We wanted our students to enjoy themselves in fun ways with other like-minded young people which encouraged team work, and connection.

Our two had heaps of fun and thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. A wonderful weekend for them but also for John and I - a lovely no stress, thoroughly engaging weekend.

Our deep thanks to Mandi and Karo for their commitment and enthusiastic energy. We feel blessed, inspired and encouraged by this timely, beautifully presented and organised programme.



"The camp was a fun way to connect with people from my church and other churches. I really enjoyed it. I like that it was a small group of people. It was fun."

"We talked and learnt about our journey of faith, also about communion, prayer, formation and baptism. I enjoyed it. Also, the food was good and I learnt quite a lot of things"




"I would say that I got closer to God and learned more about Him. And I also got to hang out with different people."

"It was a great experience to get to know our group better and getting to know the Lord more. It was a great setup and camp was amazing."



"It is a good way to have fun and become closer with Christians my age and a lot of my questions were answered. I wanted to know about baptism and now I know a lot thanks to this camp. I loved this camp."

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When: 25 - 28 Sept 2023
Who for: School Years 4-6 in 2023
Cost: \$160



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027 346 2099 OR nigel.w@sunz.org.nz
Register at: www.supakidzcamps.org.nz



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HOPE FOR KIDS



- ♦ Be trained to greater effectiveness in your own ministry.
- ♦ Train others in your children's work.
- ♦ Start a programme to train children to share their faith and start a lifestyle of witnessing.

MINISTRY TRAINING

WORKSHOP

Where: CYC (Christian Youth Camp, 70/79 Finlayson Road, Waiholo, Otago. 53 km south of Dunedin)

When:

Friday, 13 October at 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday, 14 October at 9 am - 4:30 pm and
Sunday, 15 October at 10 am - 4 pm

What's Included:

Tuition, training materials (teacher's book, children's activity book, Pathway to Hope giveaway book) & meals.

Cost:

\$50 (\$25 for super-annuitants / students)

Overnight Accommodation:

Available at the CYC Homestead (extra \$15 - \$25 per night)

Send registration form to:

PO Box 204-071, Highbrook, Auckland 211 or
by emailing Adrienne van Rij at
Adrienne.vanRij@gmail.com or
abowie@eeworks.org by 9 October 2023



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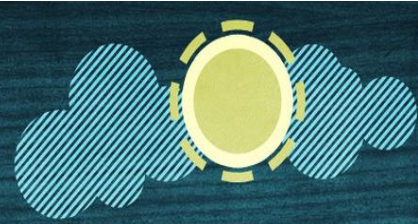
Children's Ministry Coordinator CROMWELL, Central Otago 30hrs per week

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The successful applicant will have a Christian faith, be a good Christian role model and make Cromwell Presbyterian their church home during their employment.

Expressions of interest to Barbara Carston at sessionclerk.cromchurch@gmail.com
Applications close 27 October 2023



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believe, you
will receive
whatever you
ask for in
prayer."

Matthew 21:22
(NIV)

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