

Hi Parents!

My name is Vic Bamford-Bryant, I oversee the youth and intermediates of Arise Church, and we would love to invite your family to The Gathering 2026 which is happening in Wellington in the July school holidays (16th - 18th July 2026) – This is a moment for our whole church family across NZ to gather together and we know this will be a significant weekend for every individual and family that calls Arise home. We don't want our Intermediates families to miss out on this opportunity to gather so we have made the decision to once again run a full Intermediates Stream at The Gathering in place of our usual Intermediates Camp. This will be our sole large event for Arise Intermediates this year.

Our key scripture for The Gathering this year is *Philippians 3:13-14* - "*Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching FORWARD to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*" And as we are declaring this scripture and the word "Forward" over our church, we are also believing this theme will extend into our Intermediates space as well. We are praying that every Intermediate child will be propelled into what God has for them and their walk with God will be accelerated as they encounter His presence. We also believe this will be an incredible time of connection and fun – that your child will make wonderful friendships and just really enjoy being in the House of God!

INTERMEDIATES STREAM

The Intermediates Stream will run in conjunction with all main sessions at The Gathering. Our mornings will consist of sessions involving praise & worship, a message, life groups, tribal wars, and a sausage sizzle lunch. These mornings will run at our Arise Porirua location with bus transport to and from the venue included in your child's registration. Our evenings are all about fun and connection, they will consist of some very exciting activities which we will announce soon!

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

Check in and check out will be at the Arise Centre – see times on the programme below. All kids who are checked in, must be checked out at the following check out time, there is overnight component to the Intermediates Stream.

YEAR 6'S WELCOME

Like Intermediates Camp, this Intermediates Stream is open to all year 6s – year 8s. year 6s can pick what stream they would like to be part of on their registration. We encourage allowing your year six to be part of Intermediates Stream, even though it can feel like a big leap, this makes the transition into intermediates so much easier for them at the end of the year! We do ask they pick one stream and stick to it. On the Thursday night we won't have Intermediates running but we will have a small seating section that our team will be sitting in that they're welcoming to sit with (but they will not be checked into the care of our team).

PROGRAMME DRAFT

***Note this programme is subject to change*

THURSDAY EVENING – No Intermediates Stream

FRIDAY MORNING

9am – 9.30am Check In at the Arise Centre, Petone
9.30am – 10am Bus transport to Arise Porirua
10am – 12.30pm Intermediates Stream including morning tea and lunch
12.30pm-1pm Bus transport to Arise Centre, Petone
1pm – 1.15pm Check Out at the Arise Centre, Petone

FRIDAY EVENING

5.30pm – 6pm Check In at the Arise Centre
6pm – 8pm Off-site Activity (bus transport to and from activity venue)
8pm – 8.20pm Check Out at the Arise Centre

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OUR TEAM

Your child will be under the care of our incredible Intermediates Team. They are police vetted and adhere to the ARISE Child and Young Persons Protection policy, included in this team are also trained first aiders.

ALLERGIES & MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child has allergies, dietary requirements, and/or medical conditions please email me at vic.bamford-bryant@arisechurch.com – we want to make sure your child is safe and well cared for. We will be serving a light morning tea containing pre-packaged snacks, and lunch will be a sausage sizzle – Vegan, GF and DF options will be available. For all serious allergies we will ask that you provide pre-pack food for your child.

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are now open at <https://gathering.arisechurch.com/> - Please select "Intermediates Stream" for your child's ticket if they are a year 6 and wanting to attend Intermediates on the Friday and Saturday. You can also find more information for the whole family on The Gathering website.

CONTACT ME

If you have any further questions about Arise Intermediates at The Gathering or you might need some financial assistance to cover their registration please don't hesitate to contact me directly at vic.bamford-bryant@arisechurch.com