

2023 Synod report Children and Families

VIP magazine

In 2022 4 editions of the VIP magazine were distributed.

March edition: 36 Ministry units, 924 Magazines

June edition: 35 Ministry units, 720 magazines (200 sent to Dunedin Diocese)

September edition: 38 Ministry units, 812 Magazines (Magazines sent to Dunedin Diocese)

December edition: 44 Ministry units, 1400 Magazines (460 sent to Dunedin Diocese)

I have received very good feedback about these magazines which are used in a widely varied way in different parishes.

Key Leader's Get-togethers

We had 4 leader's get-togethers of 6-20 attendees where we covered behaviour management, resources, safety, storytelling and activities. Covid still had an enormous impact on numbers of people able and wanting to meet in groups.

One on one support

In 2022 I attended 67 one on one coffee meetings to provide support, resourcing or mentoring.

Newsletters

3 Newsletters on children and family resources were sent out to parishes in 2023.

Theology house

The 2022 Theology house course had two people in the children's stream. One pulled out very early on in the year. This will not be continuing in 2023.

Other resources

Other resourcing has included the website, Facebook group and emails.

Future

In 2023 we will be working towards an online training course for children's ministries.