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and I really enjoyed supporting Colin MacDonald and Alex Harvey in recent weeks. Everyone is so busy once the youth clubs restart in October, so pray that these children will maintain their interest and continue to grow once the weekly studies stop.

It was encouraging to see a good number of high school kids join the various holiday clubs, both helping in the mornings and attending the afternoon sessions. Friday Nights @ Dave & Ruth's has restarted and we are hoping to encourage along some of those who got involved. We've also run the first WOTP of the year. Finally we are trying to organise an Alltnacriche reunion day in November and are hoping to get the YFC Kick team across again next Easter.

The prayer for youth meetings will be held in November. Details from your local church.

Another good response to the S6 Ethics Day saw some interesting conversations.

Soundwaves, a new kids' club, will start on Skye on October 4th.

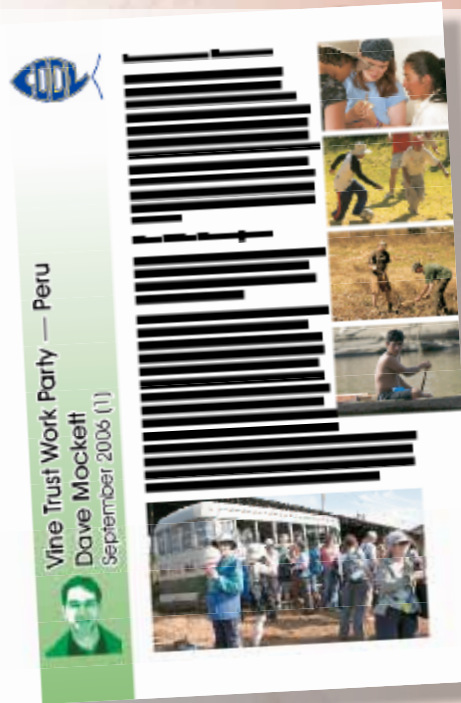
Dave's Club continues to attract a good number of pupils, including some new S1s.



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...news in brief...

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It's been a busy time since May, with the increasing round of summer holiday clubs, a busy schools' program and the realisation of the first overseas project for S6 leavers. In many ways we have seen the 'coming of age' of COOL. We are well established within the communities and look forward to everything God has in store for the next few years as we also develop the way we work with churches and clubs.



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*With COOL in a consolidated stage — weekly visits to the high school, a popular booking on the assemblies rota, annual events anticipated by churches, schools and young people alike— there is a feeling that we are finding a balance of events, relationships and resourcing. Some ministries are now running with minimal input from COOL and new opportunities are able to grow. We still look to unite the Christian youthwork across the district to provide a bigger experience for young people.*

This year's holiday club program was based on the SU Pyramid Rock material looking at the life of Joseph. Whilst I was not able to be at all the clubs, I provided resources and training for four local clubs. It was really encouraging to see Lochalsh run a great club without me in Plockton and I was able to run a teenage club before leaving for Peru. On our return, I led the south Skye club, incorporating a new teenage program. It was a great week with new interest in Sunday School and other opportunities arising out of it. For the children's club, we welcomed a group of 9 teenagers from a church in Edinburgh. This is a really exciting aspect of COOL's summer programming and the benefits to both the club and the incoming team were tremendous. Whilst I was away, exciting programs were also run in Glenelg and Lochcarron and it was great to see the local churches running with the vision.

The culmination of all our efforts to join the Vine Trust work party in Peru finally came about on July 11th as four Plockton students and one from Portree flew with Ruth and myself to Lima, making up about one third of the work party. Whilst it was an exhausting three weeks, the experience was everything we had hoped for. A full report, if not received with this newsletter, is available on the website or from the secretary.



Schools work is now back in full swing after the summer and we are giving an overview of the Bible story throughout this year's primary assemblies. The creation session has gone down really well with staff and pupils alike and my aim is to make the Bible come alive for all those who participate. We're following a similar



theme in Dave's Club on Friday lunchtimes. It is a real benefit to have the increased support of Mr. Rab MacAskill, the RME teacher and also Mr. Tony Breen (chemistry) when he's available. Out of my support within RME we're looking forward to an S2 trip to, amongst other attractions, the Scottish Bible Society's Bibleworld in Edinburgh this November.

Last week saw the annual S6 ethics day take place in the hostel and a really forthcoming group of over 30 students joined five ministers and myself to explore issues of belief and morality. The purpose of the day is to give the students an opportunity to stop and think about the big questions of life and to encourage them to come to reasoned conclusions rather than just accept life however it is presented to them from the many

influences of 21st century Britain. It was well received and we as facilitators felt it was the best program we have offered, helped of course by a year group very ready to engage with the discussion. We are thankful to the school for what has become an annual invitation.

This new school year sees two clubs starting up in Skye, largely as a result of work done in the holiday club.

Jackie MacLennan and myself will be leading 'Soundwaves,' a new monthly kids club in Broadford starting in October, based around the holiday club model and hoping to reach many of those who so enjoyed the summer program. Tony and Kirsten Breen are also heading up a monthly teen evening in the Church of Scotland, which I am resourcing as required and will undoubtedly tie into work I do in Dave's Club.

There has been the opportunity to run Bible studies for Glenelg young people

When you pray for COOL and Dave's work, please...

#### **give thanks for**

- a very worthwhile time in Peru
- the acceptance of our work throughout the district
- really successful holiday clubs with and without COOL
- new opportunities as a result of past successes
- The wide affect that COOL is having on local and other young people

#### **pray for**

- an increased interest in FN@D&R
- new clubs starting up on Skye
- Christian young people to be excited about their faith, even when numbers seem low
- The 18 or so regulars at Dave's Club as we go through the Bible this year
- the young people looking for more Bible study opportunities.

