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is up to date with my monthly diary. Other than weekly primary assemblies and a few High School assemblies throughout the year, the next big event is the S6 conference led by the Christian Support Team in October. A week later, I am due to be in Rome with Plockton High School Art and RME departments' educational tour.

At the end of August COOL hosted a 'Back To School With God' service in Dornie village hall to remember all those involved in the local education system. Around sixty people attended and enjoyed the worship, prayer and Bible teaching brought by Colin Carmichael of SU Scotland.

We now look forward to the opportunities of a new year. FN@D&R is restarting, as well as A2J on Skye and the Youth Bible Study in Glenelg. A

new youth meeting has been formed on Sunday nights in the Lochcarron Church of Scotland manse and there is hope that youth clubs in Kyleakin and Sleat may get off the ground soon.

For those of you in the local area looking for ways to continue to support the work of COOL beyond prayer or financial gifts, we are still trying to formulate a pool of drivers that we may call on for weekly and one off events. Please contact us for more information of how you can help.

Finally, we would like to thank Jill Clayton for all her hard work since COOL's inception, to make the Trust what it is today. Jill has stepped down as secretary and trustee after almost eight years, but remains a keen supporter of all that we do.



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Summer is always a busy time of year for COOL, and we are giving thanks for more opportunities with our young people, well attended holiday clubs and continued appreciation in the communities of all that we do. Much of this report seems like a long time ago as a school year is now well under way, but we hope and pray that the summer's foundations will lead to a year of response and discipleship amongst our children and young people.



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...news in brief...

SEPTEMBER 2008

Our main news is of the two weeks in Peru followed by three holiday clubs throughout the parishes. Sadly we were not able to find enough time and volunteers to offer a club in Lochalsh this year, but Glenelg, Lochcarron and Elgol were loved again by the children, and some Lochalsh kids travelled. Transport is always an issue in our ministries and remains a need throughout the year's plan.

Five students volunteered for the Vine Trust work party to Peru in July: four girls from the Plockton area and a lad who has now left and is studying in Newcastle. Each raised over £1500 to cover expenses and contribute towards the work in Peru. They further paid for themselves for the highly recommended visit to Machu Picchu. Our first week was a return to Kusi near Yungay, the village that SU Peru are building below Huascarán, Peru's highest mountain. It was exciting to see how the work had progressed since our last visit and particularly good to see a new building now complete where two members of our previous team had begun the foundations in 2006. Two tasks were required for the week: adobe making and granite block shifting. Both were strenuous, especially as we



were working at over 8000ft, but did bring a sense of achievement, and everyone worked to their own capabilities as we contributed towards the building materials needed to extend the village. Each day began with thirty minutes of morning devotions led by members of the team before breakfast. One morning four members of our group joined together to lead that time for us all. The evenings were spent with the boys and learning more about the work of SU in Kusi.

After Kusi we travelled to a newly opened centre at Urubamba in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. There was more heavy lifting of completed adobes and rocks needed for foundations for a new workshop where the boys will be able to learn trades. Following the heavy lifting some of us turned to mixing and laying concrete. It was during this week that we went to Machu Picchu. I came away with an increased sense of pride and value in what we do through COOL as we are able to offer this unique challenge and experience to young people in the context of the gospel in action. Our group was especially moved to see the warmth with which the boys accepted us, despite their incredibly difficult lives.

I had input to four holiday clubs over the summer in terms of training and teaching material, although Shildaig subsequently chose to make their own plans. This year we started from scratch and wrote our own program called 'Mission: Impossible?' based on the life of David. The parishes all contributed to writing the program and the clubs were all well attended, from around 50 in Elgol to 65 in Glenelg. Glenelg and Lochcarron also ran teenage programs in the afternoons which

attracted 40 young people between them. The mornings followed our tried and tested format of singing, teaching, games and craft, supplemented this year by special guest appearances from the Prophet Samuel and Secret Sheep! We are particularly encouraged that all three parishes now have some potential for sustained Bible teaching for all school ages throughout the year.



The school term has restarted with bookings for all the usual assemblies, and the COOL website

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

give thanks for

- safety in summer travelling
- opportunities such as the Peru work party
- well attended holiday clubs
- new Christian youth activities
- Jill Clayton

pray for

- Those leaving for university will establish themselves in churches
- new contacts from the summer clubs may be built upon
- Rev. David MacLeod as he starts his new Sunday night group
- we will be able to find ways to facilitate new youth clubs on Skye
- each activity on Dave's Diary

