

**give thanks for...**

- the visit of the Eden Bus
- All those impacted by the holiday clubs
- God's hand at Soul Survivor
- All our volunteers
- the COOL school work

**pray for...**

- The Word shared over the summer
- New S1s
- Creativity in preparing assemblies and events
- COOL's future direction
- Associate Trusts across Scotland

 SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (PROPOSED)

- 4 Sep COOL Committee
- 11 Sep Clydesdale Trust Away Day
- 12 Sep SU Staff Days, Scoughall
- 3 Oct S5,6 Rome trip
- 25 Oct S6 Big Questions Day
- 27 Oct SU North Team, Blackford
- 28 Nov SU Staff Conference, Lendrick Muir
- 22 Dec PHS Christmas Service

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During September we have been invited to assist another Associate Trust, The Clydesdale Christian Youth Trust, on an away day to consider their on going vision. As COOL looks to the future at the beginning of a new school year, we are conscious that it has been five years since we held our last strategy day, so this term we would hope to be able to make space to consider how we continue to go forward for the young people of our area.

Over the summer we also said goodbye to Moira Lane who has started a PGCE in Primary Education at UHI, Inverness. We wish Moira all the very best and thank her for her tireless work for COOL since she joined the committee in 2007.

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It seems to have been non-stop since the summer term. We helped out for three days on the Eden Bus when it



came to Skye with the YMCA. The bus offers computer consoles, multimedia activities and a climbing wall on board whilst Mischa of the YMCA delivered lessons on 'What Christians Believe.' COOL's involvement took us to Kyle, Sleat, Kyleakin, Broadford Primaries and finally Portree High School.

Summer term always includes P7 visits throughout the eleven schools we support, as well as the usual thirty or so assemblies we deliver. We continue to give thanks for your support in buying the It's Your Move books for all our P7s going up to High School.

After a week off at the beginning of July, the parish holiday clubs started with a week in Kintail. This year we used the Christian Explored material, Epic Explorers, which was a great hit, ably enhanced by our very experienced and creative teams throughout the COOL area. It is always great to see the different clubs working together to provide a high quality program for our children.

The programs and necessary dedication from the teams are full on, so there was little breathing space following five full days in Inverinate and Glenelg ending with a camp out in Arnisdale. The club was then transferred

over to Kyleakin for a week there, as well as a smaller teenage program, before finishing with a four day program in Lochcarron under the SU Scotland banner and then passing the materials on for use in Shieldaig.



Kyleakin was a much bigger club than expected, but it was lovely to finish with a smaller group in Lochcarron where we were able to spend more time with individuals.



Overall we catered for around ninety children and fifty teenagers. I was reflecting this week that that approaches 25% of the primary role and 15% of our secondary pupils having access to the gospel this summer.

Immediately following Lochcarron, we packed up the minibus and trailer to head down to Lendrick Muir near Kinross for this year's Soul Survivor. Angus and Jackie MacLennan helped out with the seven young people camping in the SU grounds for the event attracting around a thousand people. I always think that if you've been once or twice to Soul Survivor, it doesn't change much and the talks are quite similar each year, but it is always a time where we see God moving.

Cut your COOL bookmark along the line

Dozens gave their lives to the Lord over the week and others were healed both physically and emotionally. It is a great opportunity for our young people to



experience a wider expression of the Christian church, and good for the older teens to have that time for them.



A few days to recover before heading back into schools, we now look forward to our usual autumn events, including another trip to Rome with twenty-five young people and the annual S6 Big Questions Day after the October break. The school assemblies are booked. This term we kick off with a High School assembly followed by this year's S3 Youth Philanthropic Initiative funded by the Wood Foundation. Having had the YPI introduced this week, I deliver the first preparatory lesson where we consider charitable work and the local charities that we have in Ross-shire. At the end of the year, one of those charities receives £3000.