

# News from Paraguay



## Happy Easter



April 2013



Dear Friends,

This comes to wish you all a very blessed Easter.

March has been a busy month with lots of activities. School is now well and truly underway and the kids are getting settled...although we have a few naughty boys in 8th and 9th grade that are keeping Mags on her toes. A few weeks ago Gwen's class had a flu outbreak with 12 of the 26 pupils going down with it! We closed the class for 2 days to disinfect everything and then re-opened but most parents kept their children off for the rest of the week just to be sure. By last week they were all well and truly recovered.

The 5th and 6th grades made it to their camp and had a great time saying it was one of the best ever. The theme of the camp was Caleb. The lower secondary didn't make it. The Ministry of Education have tightened up on requirements for trips and we thought we'd presented enough information at the beginning of the year, As the time has gone on the goalposts have moved quite a lot. We are wondering how we can ever do all that's required of us in order to go to Camp! Still, we do have plans to go from April 10 - 12. We are also planning another sports trip to Brazil for the older secondary kids April 19 - 23. The lower secondary get theirs in May.



Handing over flags



March 18th is the school's birthday and so we started our 50th celebrations then. The decorations in school started appearing from the beginning of March and it's now full of blue and yellow bunting and other decorations.



On the 18th we had our big, in-school celebration. All the children were given a cupcake to decorate and these all went onto a big table with a big cake. Then we had the official photo with all the children and staff wearing either blue, white or yellow tops in order to make the shape of the school badge. We practised for a few days beforehand, it still took time but finally, we made it! It still looked chaotic on the ground but the photo came out well! Then each pupil was given a blue or yellow helium balloon to which had been attached Bible verses as blessings to Paraguay. Then, at the right time, they all let them go to take their messages far and wide. We then sang Happy Birthday, ate the cakes and went onto games. By this time it was almost home time and the rain was getting heavier so we finished. Even so, a good time was had by all.





