



# San Andrés Celebrates



July 2013

Dear Friends,

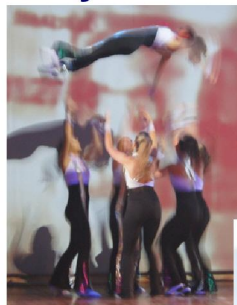
The sun has finally made an appearance after almost 3 weeks of rain and cold.... most unusual for Paraguay! It's not been easy in school when it's too wet to go out for days on end and now we have a lot of children off ill. In first grade only 7 pupils out of 28 came today and most of the others have flu. We have closed the class for a couple of days but I doubt they'll come back this week as the holidays start this weekend.

June was a very busy month. We had an inter schools sports competition planned where we would be the hosts and invite other schools. We had a press launch as well !! We had a visitor to that... a Paraguayan footballer who was obviously well known as all the children wanted his autograph. Gwen found herself sitting next to him without knowing who he was ! When Mags came back from the sports ground she wasn't happy to know the Paraguayan goalkeeper had been in school and she'd missed him...she seemed to think it was all wasted on Gwen! In the end the day had to be postponed due to very bad weather and it is now planned for the end of July.

For Father's day we invited the dads into school for breakfast. We must have had a record number of dads in this year. When we first came we rarely saw the dads, now they are much more involved in their children's education.



## Rain Playback



The third form held a dance competition for all the school from 4th grade upwards. The pupils took it very seriously and practised for months. We had a very good evening watching them and the quality of the dances was exceptional. The year 11's won yet again ..they're a group with a lot of dancers in it.



The secondary went out on their visits to the different children's homes and schools they support. It is great seeing them setting off with such enthusiasm for their children. 7th Grade went to the home which last years 6th form had visited for 6 years and played happily with the children who have HIV. They build up relationships with them all over the years. 8th Grade came back full of plans to paint the Preschool they visit. We also had the last two decade shows. The 90s and the 2000s. The 6th form had organized all their show brilliantly. It was a multimedia in every sense. 7th - 9th Grades were much more self-conscious in front of the older ones - typical teenagers!

