

News from Paraguay

August 2014

Synod

Influenza

Dear Friends,

Greetings from our Paraguayan winter where today's temperatura is 35°C!! After all the rain earlier on in the year it has suddenly gone warm and dry! It was down to 7°C in the week and we had 20° changes in a day. August is always a difficult month as we settle back into school after our Winter holiday and also it's the time of year when many folks are ill. We have had a number of kids and staff off with flu over the past few weeks. The 6th grade had almost half the class off at one point, then the first form and now

the 7th Grade.

The month started with the diocesan synod to which we were both invited. Mags went as she is the diocesan treasurer and Gwen because of the school. We both had to present reports. There were about 37 people there which included the people from the Chaco, Concepcion, and Asuncion and areas near the city. It was a very good synod and it finished on the Sunday with a joint service. The service was fascinating as we had 4 languages represented:- Spanish, Guarani, Enxet and English! The Rev Agustin Marsal came from Buenos Aires to lead the talks throughout the time and he was very much appreciated.



Children's Day

In the middle of the month we had a day off for the Founding of Asuncion and the children also celebrated Children's day-. The infants and primary went out to our sports ground where they had a few bouncy castles to play with. The little ones enjoyed the play park there and the older ones played games. They set off with the temperature at about 5°C but it warmed up to the mid 20's within very little time!

The annexe school also enjoyed Children's day...so much so they celebrated over the whole week with games etc. They had a bouncy castle in the school. They had a great time too. An ex-pupil, Vanessa went along to give out toys to all the children from a charity she helps with.





IGCSE

At the end of the month we had our IGCSE certificate evening where the British ambassador came to present the awards. The bishop also came. The oldest pupils got their certificates from last year. The ones about to take the exams presented a play based on the Spanish literature book they are reading. They did very well - probably one of the best yet. Nahuel, who played the leading role of Sab, the slave was brilliant.

The next day the 4th grade had their First communion in the local Catholic church to which we were invited. Most of the class took part



Sab



Sports Day

Friday was also Sports Day for the Primary. The weather was perfect, sunny but with a cool breeze. It was a great morning with the Blue team coming out the winners.

There was athletics and then fun races so everyone could take part. The kids enjoyed themselves especially playing with water balloons at the end.



New Staff - Urgent need

Over the past two weeks we have had two of the primary English teachers come to say they won't be working with us next year. One is the first grade teacher who is about to have her first baby and has decided to stay at home once the baby is born. The other is the third grade teacher, her husband is going to Canada to study for his master's degree and they hope to return in three years time. They will both be missed and we now need two new teachers for the primary. Also the Preschool English teacher says she is going to work in the family's nursery. Please join us in prayer as we ask the Lord to supply our need for the coming year...that He might send us just the right people for the new school year in February.



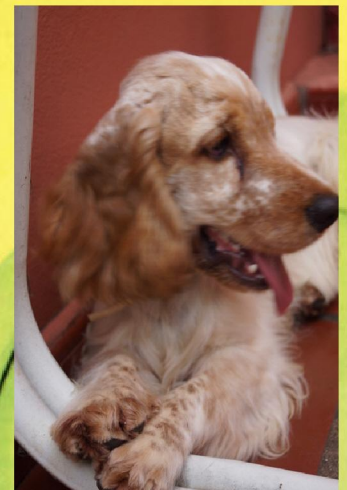
Splash took part in a dog show last Sunday. He did very well and got his champion certificates but was beaten by an American Cocker Spaniel with a lot of hair.



Monologue for
Secondary pupils.



Gwen's class



Sal



*Many thanks for all your
support,
God Bless and lots of
love,
Gwen and Mags*