

**SAMS**

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# NEWS FROM PARAGUAY

Dear Friends,

Greetings from a very hot Paraguay! It's only 33°C today but it's very humid. Last week we got up to 42°C and record heat for the past 55 years. It's not easy going out in it...it feels like someone has left the oven door open!

Since then we have had a bout of illness in the pre school class with many off with flu type symptoms. By Wednesday last week we had about 60% absence in the class so we closed the class for the rest of the week. Then the younger ones started to go down with it too so, in the end, we closed the rest of the infant area. Everywhere was fumigated and toys washed with bleach ready for their return to class, hopefully, this week. We have one confirmed case of glandular fever and are hoping no one else has it. So far, the staff are fine. By Friday morning the same flu symptoms were appearing in 9th grade so we sent them all home too.



We started the month with our week off for Spring break. That gave us a good rest and a burst of energy ready for this last leg of the school year. The infants had their sports day in the middle of the month as they had just had their inter school sports competition in September. Sports day was a happy event. Some of them spend more time turning round and waving to mum and dad! Everyone got a medal and the kids did very well.

## THE CHAMPIONS WALL



All the trophy & medal winners in Sports and Maths



Like father like son Diego dad won the Trans Chaco rally and Diegito is Karting champion.





## 3rd Form farewell

## IGCSE exams

## Annexe Sports

The year 11's started their IGCSE exams at the beginning of the month and are now coming towards the end of them. They also have to take their national exams now. The year 12's (6th form) had their last day of classes last week and start exams tomorrow. We had their final service for them on Thursday afternoon. The parents are invited too. There were tears there from pupils and parents. They had their last day of school on Friday and they always like to make this a big event. They all spent the night before in one of their houses with parents present. I don't think they got much sleep...if any! They decided to arrive in a pink stretch limo! The boys weren't so thrilled but there are only 4 of them in the group! They made their big arrival with the usual noise and foam spray but it didn't last long and they were calm after about 15 minutes. Then we had breakfast for them where the staff can say something, show photos of them when they were little, sing a song etc. Then the 7th grade did a farewell for them as the 6th form had been the ones to welcome 7th grade to the secondary. Pre school couldn't sing their songs for them as the class was closed. The parents were there too and we had more tears once more from parents and pupils. At least they left sad to go and happy to have been in school. As we watched the TV this morning we saw how, in one school, they smashed the class up as they were leaving. We thank the Lord for His protection on us at these times.



## 9th Grade small businesses

