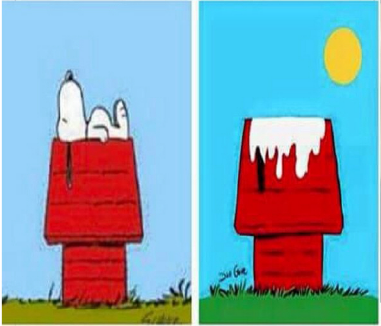


HOT!!!

Snoopy en Paraguay 🐶🌞🌞🌞🌞



Huts near Palace



Dear Friends,

Greetings from a very hot Paraguay. We're in the middle of a heatwave at the moment. It's always hot at this time of year but this week has surpassed all that. From heavy rain we've now had no rain for about 2 weeks .

Mags put the thermometer out on the lawn the other day but brought it in quickly when it reached the top at over 50°C! The official temperature is around 38°C and might reach 40°C but that is taken in the shade!

Our plans for a daily swim came to nothing for the first few weeks. The school pool was emptied for maintenance and when they came to fill it, it proved a very long process. It turned out the pump to the well wasn't working properly. The pool is now full and our swimming is once more taking place in earnest....we have a lot to catch up with now!!



News from Paraguay

JANUARY 2016

Our school holidays are coming to an end but we've had a good time at home, pottering around and doing the things we never have time for. Olga, the lady that helps us, has had the month off so we have had the joys of cleaning and ironing! ...neither are great in the heat! Mags has set to and done a thorough job on the gardens, the front, back and side ones. Gwen did help in mowing the lawns. Everything is cut back and trimmed and it looks so much better. She improved her tan no end in doing that! Gwen has been sewing presents on a big scale!...at least she can have the air on for that. Having finished the garden, Mags is now painting the garden chairs in full sun! Both of us have been knitting away too.

We've been into school a few times too. We had a few meetings to discuss salary scales etc. Then we have had interviews. Sadly our new appointment to head of primary last year didn't work out so we interviewed for a new primary head. We had decided it was better to appoint someone from within as they already knew the pupils, parents and the way things work. We interviewed 2 of the staff and the bishop joined us by Skype! It made for a novel interview but it worked well. We chose Susana, a teacher who's been in school for 16 years and is in her mid 40's. We hope she'll be in the job for a good number of years to come.