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# Paraguay News



## New president for Paraguay

Dear friends,

We'll be on our way to England in the next few days but the month of June has been very busy here and we have lots to tell you.

Most of you will probably know that we now have a new president. The old one was impeached by both houses of parliament and the whole process took less than 2 days! The debate started on Thursday morning and by 6pm on Friday we already had a new president, the ex-vice president, Federico Franco.

By Thursday lunch time we had so few pupils left in school as their parents came to take them out, that we sent messages home to ask the others to be collected. We hoped everything would be calm for the next day but then realized that day was even more critical, we decided to close until Monday. When this happens people fear unrest on the streets and so want their children at home. People then also tend to stay in and so by Friday, the streets were almost empty. It gave us time to get things done at home that we'd had no time for.



## Dance



The 6th form also organized a Dance competition for the whole school and even hired a theatre for the performance. The top half of primary and all the secondary took part. At break times you could see kids in all parts practising their dances. It was a very good night and the standard of dancing was excellent.

So far things are still calm here but the ex president is urging the people to strike pacifically and the neighbouring countries are refusing to accept the new president! Paraguay isn't being allowed to take part in the next meeting of the Mercosur (Common market of South America).

June is always a busy month but seemed even more packed this year. The primary finish exams in June and get their reports, the secondary start exams and get their reports later. Even so, we had an open morning for parents to come in and discuss their child's progress. This always means a lot of work for staff, marking papers, writing reports and talking to parents, but the morning went well.



## Confusing

