# The Philippines schools project

Improving facilities

With your help, we are continuing to improve the facilities and giving the students better equipment.



For this year, we decided to organise, plan, and supervise the works ourselves. It kept us pretty busy but we were able to push forward and get more things done, so that all our projects for this year were pretty much completed by the time we left.

Amongst other things, we extended three classrooms in the High School, and gave them proper toilets and running water.

We refurbished two classrooms in the Elementary School and gave them a lick of paint inside and out.





All the usual fun of unpacking the boxes





loading up and taking it to the school





where the teachers eagerly rifle through, to see what goods we have for them this year



while we wander around and watch as the students tidy the school and farm their spaces





High School: We extend 3 classrooms. "Before". The low wall will be demolished and extended out. The entrance to the toilet is on the left, covered by a curtain.



The foundations are dug



and the old wall demolished as the new one is built



The old entrance is blocked up, the toilet now has a proper door. At the other end of the extension, a sink with running water





"after", from the rear



Who needs a Playstation? the standard footwear is the tsinelas, what we call flip-flops. Not all youngsters in the Elementary School have them, but for those that do, they are so much more than just footwear.



You can use one as a raquet and the other as a shuttlecock to play tsinelas badminton.



or use them for long-

<mark>jumping, gradually</mark>

We gave the swings and slides in the play-park and the back wall a lick of paint



inside, we stripped out the ceilings and used new, treated wood to rebuild

Elementary School: 2 classrooms refurbished. The ceilings had been damaged by water from a leaking roof. That was the first thing to fix, then we gave it a good coat of paint.



the doors
didn't shut
and the slat
windows
no longer
functioned





windows replaced, a fresh coat of paint throughout, with new ceiling fans. (more pictures of the Elementary School on the front page).



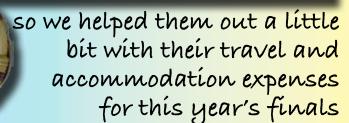


Sepak Takrow is a big sport in the Phils, and the High School team are very good, having won the regional finals three years in succession.

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Sepak Takrow is a bit like volleyball, but you can't use your hands or arms. So there is a lot of keepy-uppy and scissor-kicks across the net. The ball is very hard, about the size of

a melon



We bought 3
new computers
to replace the
oldest ones we
had, this is
how they were
delivered

one of the teachers painted this mural on the wall while we were there.



fitting the steel fence we have had designed and manufactured for the Elementary School



just about ready

A coat of paint finishes it off. The fence runs right along the front of the classrooms, here in front of the two we refurbished



and the teachers were happy to receive your gifts

# The scholarship scheme

Each year, we deposit a sum of money to help scholars with

their school fees.

# Department of Education BOTAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



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School Year 2012 – 2013

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### Names of students:

Jhea Lyn Calasara 21. Jestoni Padilla April Mae Peralta 22. Rizza Macalanda Ivy Kristine Caoile Johnysa Bruan Jessa Joy Justares 24. Remegio Soriano May Ann Bruan 25. Rona Caoile Josephine Barcellano 26. Precious Cabusas Khristel Mae Valdez 27. Laurine Forteza 8. Shane Marigza 28. Judy Ann Santos 9. Dennis Callanta 29. Argie Palaganas 10. Julius Palaganas 30. Charlene Dominguez **Evangeline Fuentes** Jomer A. Cabusas Bazil C. Ordonio 12. Clarisse Joy Cruz 13. Clary Dene Tarlit Ritchel C. Pascua Irish Wyne Forteza Micheele D. Pascual Melben Najera Hanoop C. Ordonio Wilgen Fides Callanta 36. Rochelle S. Bacalan Glyzel Joy Domingo Jomar V. Camacho

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Shumalite P. Dela Trinidad

Rolando T. Palaganas

Edmarie F. Tarlit

Here is a list of the top forty students (the top ten of each of the four school years), for the year 2012 - 2013. Congratulations to all of the recipients!





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Oliver Rampas
John P. Tarlit
Class 1-B
Lerma Mayandoc
Via Bugayong
Kissylin Nicolas
Class 1-C
Rosalie Soriano
Kristine J. Dacasin
Lorphen Marmol

Class 1-A

Class 2-A
Christian Fernandez
Samuel M. Ferrer
Allan Mallari
Class 2-B
Marieris Aquino
Aivie Bugayong
Ma. Isabel Cruz
Class 2-C
Diana Lopez

Julie Ann Marmol

John Loyd Anda

Patrick Tarlit
Erwin Ordonio
Class 3-B
Roberto Alano
Marisol Patungan
Rowena Gutierrez
Class 3-C
Josephine Garcia
Rico Berida
Christel Dacasin

Margie Diamante

The "top forty" list rewards hard work, but one of our benefactors suggested a different scheme, where random students, perhaps not such high academic achievers, would also be assisted, since the financial burden for all parents is the same. So we drew lots in each of the classes and came up with a further 27 students to help for the coming year.







The feeding programme for under-nourished children in the village still goes on. We bought the health volunteers a nebuliser and weighing scales to help them with the youngsters.



I bet your school tuck shop didn't look like this!





smiling faces all around!



Thanks to our great friends, we raised more money for the project again this year.

we had a garden party and barbeque, with lots of games and raffles, at a friend's house



our fun racing night, which is getting quite a reputation as a great night out







We couldn't do this without your support - thank you!