

The Philippines schools project 2011

Big strides forward

Thanks to all your help, we are making real progress in improving the facilities and giving the students better equipment to help prepare them for their future. I know we said that we wouldn't make as many parcels this year but, thanks once again to your generosity, seventeen parcels headed east in early October.

We've had good fortune with the computers you gave us and we have now filled the computer room in the High School with 32, it won't take any more!

You will see inside some of the improvements you have helped us make, and of course we have put more plans into operation to be completed in the months that follow.

We have also invested more in the teacher's resources this year, hopefully improving their opportunities for advancing the student's education. Also, finally, we have a single terminal on the internet!

Jo finishes the final parcels, October 2010



Then our good friend Edward, the Filipino White Van Man, turns up with a couple of strong friends. They load the van, again this year we filled a transit!



The very next day, they are in a container and heading for Southampton docks

They'd have quite a different transport experience at the far end!



We, meanwhile, have a far better travel experience, thanks to our friends  Emirates at Emirates. They give us a little help with our travel expenses.

A seven or eight week sea voyage, 2 days through customs and a six-hour road trip sees them safely at our house



Computers, displays and books ready to go. Lap tops added to the array this year, a welcome addition when power-cuts can hit at any time.



We've had some more benches made for the new computers and now we are ready to take the books and stuff to the school



A couple of days later,
the computers followed

and headed along the
road toward the school



The Elementary school



and High
school were
happy to
receive your
gifts



Both schools have been really busy smartening up the buildings and grounds and very impressive they look too! All the cleaning, tidying and gardening is done by the pupils.



By re-arranging the room we managed to squeeze 32 computer sets in, but that is now the limit!



Murals on the walls



Herb gardens





Books, educational DVD's, science model & microscope the teachers requested



Sports goods, books and fans for the High School



Two classes of "kinder" children got a soft toy each, from Santa Jo's dustbin liner



The finished rooms, started when we were here last year



Before



We put a couple of ceilings in last year. This year we are planning to do some more, and also replace some of the galvanised sheets on the roof



After

Sepak Takraw is the national sport and the High School team is rather good, reaching the regional finals. We bought them a new "ball"!



We also sent some footballs



We had 64 chairs made locally, and delivered to the school



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

Sta. Barbara

Friends of the School Scholars
School Year 2010 – 2011



Names of students:

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| 1. Glaiza Cruz | 21. Jomer Cabusas |
| 2. Clarissa Joy Cruz | 22. Basil Ordonio |
| 3. Irish Wayne Forteza | 23. Ritchel Pascua |
| 4. Clary Dene Tarlit | 24. Michelle Pascual |
| 5. John Rey De Guzman | 25. Hanoop Ordonio |
| 6. Melben Najera | 26. Edmarie Tarlit |
| 7. Nathaniel Zulueta | 27. Justine De Vera |
| 8. Glycel Domingo | 28. Jomar Camacho |
| 9. Lenny Ordonio | 29. Rolando Palaganas |
| 10. Noemi Tolentino | 30. Jennylyn Palaganas |
| 11. Rizza Macalanda | 31. Eliaine Fernandez |
| 12. Jestoni Padilla | 32. Mary Rose Dela Cruz |
| 13. Fatima Osilla | 33. Rossana Mary Cruz |
| 14. Precious Cabusas | 34. Rose Biane Bautista |
| 15. Rhona Caoile | 35. Jasmin Parayno |
| 16. Margie Diamante | 36. Jeanny Dominguez |
| 17. Krisha Gutierrez | 37. Marigold Bautista |
| 18. Johnyssa Bruan | 38. Norbert Rosario |
| 19. Laurine Forteza | 39. Sherwin Soriano |
| 20. Judy Ann Santos | 40. Mary Jane Tarlit |

Here is a list of the top forty students (the top ten of each of the four school years), for the year 2010 - 2011. Congratulations to all of the recipients!



Jo and I will never be able to thank you enough, nor will the students of the Botao Schools, in any tangible way. We can only hope that, through the improved facilities you help us provide, some will enjoy greater academic achievements than they might otherwise have been able to. This in turn will be reflected in the better career prospects they will have and hopefully, more successful lives.



We, and the Botao kids, are so lucky to have friends like you!