

# 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 out



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



"after", inside

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-jumping, gradually spacing them further apart.



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



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.

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



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.

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



so we helped them out a little bit with their travel and accommodation expenses for this year's finals



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.

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!

Department of Education  
BOTAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sta. Barbara

Friends of the School Scholars  
School Year 2012 - 2013



### Names of students:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Jhea Lyn Calasara      | 21. Jestoni Padilla            |
| 2. April Mae Peralta      | 22. Rizza Macalanda            |
| 3. Ivy Kristine Caoile    | 23. Johnysa Bruan              |
| 4. Jessa Joy Justares     | 24. Remegio Soriano            |
| 5. May Ann Bruan          | 25. Rona Caoile                |
| 6. Josephine Barcellona   | 26. Precious Cabusas           |
| 7. 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         |
| 11. Evangeline Fuentes    | 31. Jomer A. Cabusas           |
| 12. Clarisse Joy Cruz     | 32. Bazil C. Ordonio           |
| 13. Clary Dene Tarlit     | 33. Ritchel C. Pascua          |
| 14. Irish Wyne Forteza    | 34. Micheele D. Pascual        |
| 15. Melben Najera         | 35. Hanoop C. Ordonio          |
| 16. Wilgen Fides Callanta | 36. Rochelle S. Bacalan        |
| 17. Glyzel Joy Domingo    | 37. Jomar V. Camacho           |
| 18. Glaiza Mae Cruz       | 38. Shumalite P. Dela Trinidad |
| 19. Lenny Ordonio         | 39. Rolando T. Palaganas       |
| 20. Sheila Mae Camacho    | 40. Edmarie F. Tarlit          |



#### Class 1-A

Ian Mangsat  
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 2-A

Christian Fernandez  
Samuel M. Ferrer  
Allan Mallari

#### Class 2-B

Maricris Aquino  
Aivie Bugayong  
Ma. Isabel Cruz

#### Class 2-C

Diana Lopez  
Julie Ann Marmol  
John Loyd Anda

#### Class 3-A

Margie Diamante  
Patrick Tarlit  
Erwin Ordonio

#### Class 3-B

Roberto Alano  
Marisol Patungon  
Rowena Gutierrez

#### Class 3-C

Josephine Garcia  
Rico Berida  
Christel Dacasin

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



And then, of course, 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!