



**ACACIA WALDORF SCHOOL**  
Educating the Child: Head ~ Heart ~ Hands

# ACACIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE OF TEACHERS

May 9, 2014

Dear Acacia Community,

We hope you are enjoying your summer holidays. Summer is the season for breathing out, taking in the sun, resting and rejuvenating, going for new adventures and experiences or simply for doing nothing. Do remember to keep your daily and weekly rhythms for your children and yourselves. In Steiner's words, "Rhythm restores power."

Special activities continue to happen in the school during the summer. We had a simple, heartwarming Easter Sunday Celebration that was well attended by children from the area, Acacia and non-Acacia students alike.

The following week, The 13th Asian Teacher Training Conference (ATT) was held in the Philippines for the first time. For five days, Acacia was home to 111 participants from all over the country and 2 participants from overseas (Japan and Malaysia). The theme for this year was "Art in Education". The participants included teachers and parents alike. It was amazing to see how Waldorf Education has spread across the country and how more and more people recognize the need of such an education for the children. Despite the heat, it was a joyful, heartwarming, productive week.

On Mother's Day, May 11, Acacia teachers and some high school students will participate in Balik-Bukid, the biannual country fair held at The Fun Farm in Sta. Elena Golf and Country Estates. We hope to see you there. The teachers are preparing several wholesome activities for the children.

As a final summer activity before the start of classes Acacia teachers will be offering a summer arts and crafts workshop for children in the school. Posters have been emailed so please check your mail. This is always a happy event for the children and a chance to get together and meet new students who come and join the workshops.

The official high school building continues to rise at a steady pace. On that note, the administration office has just moved over to one of the previous high school classrooms, now a much bigger space and closer to the entrance of the school. With this move we hope to serve you and your children more efficiently. You are most welcome to visit us at our new venue.

So as you can see, Acacia has been quite busy for the summer. Next week, the school will be closed from May 12-14 because the teachers and staff will have their summer outing, team building and bonding time in a farm in Zambales.

With our warmest regards,

Trina Galvez

For the College of Teachers

## ASIAN TEACHER TRAINING 2014



Acacia Waldorf School hosted this year's Asian Teacher Training (ATT) at the school campus and nearby Hacienda Sta. Elena last April 21 up to April 25, 2014. The ATT is similar to the Waldorf Summer Teacher Training that has been held for the past thirty years in the Netherlands. The theme for this year's Asian Teacher Training is "Art in Education".

Over one hundred old and new Waldorf teachers from all over the Philippines and Asia, as well as interested parents and adults participated in the ATT this summer. ATT facilitators from the Netherlands included Paul van Meurs for Blackboard Drawing and Painting, Lizette Stoop for Music, Drama and Form Drawing, Gea Weeren for Moving Games, Martin Stoop for Clay Modelling and Woodwork, and local mentors Malou Medrano for Kindergarten and Elenita Aranas for kindergarten crafts and handcrafts workshops. The ATT included lectures and art/drama/music workshops from Kindergarten up to Class 8.

This is the first time that the Asian Teacher Training is held in the Philippines. The ATT has been held in Bangkok, Thailand every summer for the past twelve years.

Acacia Waldorf School teachers have been attending the ATT in Bangkok through the years. We hope to have another ATT at Acacia Waldorf School again soon.

## EASTER FESTIVAL AT AWS

Simple and heartwarming annual Easter festivities, including the much anticipated Easter story and Easter egg hunt were held for the youngest members of our Acacia Waldorf School community last April 20, Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Kindergarten area. Everyone gathered together for a hearty potluck meal right after the egg hunt.



## A NEW TWO-STOREY ACACIA UPPER SCHOOL BUILDING

A new two-storey Acacia UpperSchool building is currently being constructed at Acacia Waldorf School. The new building will include additional storage and gathering areas for the Upper School students, and was designed by Acacia parent and architect Mr. Noel Saratan. In charge of overseeing the building project are school parents Mr. Gippy Tantoco and Mr. Eddie Galvez. Mr. Saratan also designed the last two clusters of buildings that were erected at the school. Two new classrooms on this new building will be ready for use by the Upper School by end of June 2014.

## NEW LOCATIONS FOR THE ADMIN OFFICE, THE MUSIC ROOM AND ADULT-TODDLER ROOM

Acacia Waldorf School's administration office, the Music Room, and the Adult-Toddler classroom are moving to new locations this summer. The Administration office will move from Sofia House to the Class 8/Kalachuchi classroom. The Music Room will move to the Guava Class 8/9 classroom. The new location of the Administration and Music rooms will be closer to the basketball court, the new parking area, and the new Upper School building that is currently being constructed. Sofia House, the yellow building which was formerly the school's Administration office, will be transformed into a new home of the Adult-Toddler classes. Sofia House is located near the gardens of the Kindergarten area and the former Music Room.



## A NEW PARKING AREA

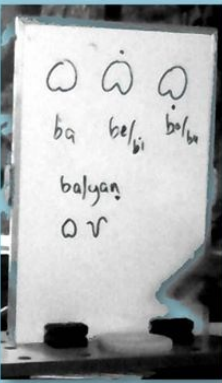
Acacia Waldorf School has moved its common parking area for vehicles of the school community to a larger cleared area by the main road, close to the gate of Hacienda Sta. Elena. The new parking area is marked by a larger hand carved and painted Acacia Waldorf School wooden sign at the entrance by the main road. This parking area has lots of trees that provide shade to our vehicles. Drivers may rest at the nearby drivers' waiting shed. During the last months of the school year, some lights were installed in the parking area. More improvements will be made here this summer, including a paving of the inner roads in preparation for the next rainy season.

## A NEW ACACIA WALDORF SCHOOL WEBSITE

We invite our school community, friends, prospective and new parents to visit the new Acacia Waldorf School website. To get there, one just needs to type: [AcaciaWaldorfSchool.com](http://AcaciaWaldorfSchool.com) The school's new website was launched last year, and contains current information about Acacia Waldorf School education, community, activities and other relevant information on admissions and enrollment. More detailed information on Acacia Waldorf School education pops up when one clicks on the Early Childhood, Grade School and Upper School bars located on lower parts of the photos on the Education page. Site visitors may also inquire or leave a personal message for the school on the Contact page.



## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES: MAY/JUNE 2014



### BAYBAYIN NATIN ANG PANGALAN NATIN!

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR NAME in the pre Hispanic, pre Islamic script of the ancient ancestors.

LEARN THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY of our own writing system.

KNOW WHY IT IS NOT CALLED ALIBATA and learn the difference between a syllabary and alphabet.

DEEPEN YOUR APPRECIATION OF OUR LANGUAGE by learning baybayin.

Join us and learn from cultural researcher Leo Castro  
**10 MAY 2014, SATURDAY, 8:30-11 A.M.**  
**KOLISKO WALDORF SCHOOL**  
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**RSVP TITA VIDA 0919-3836040**



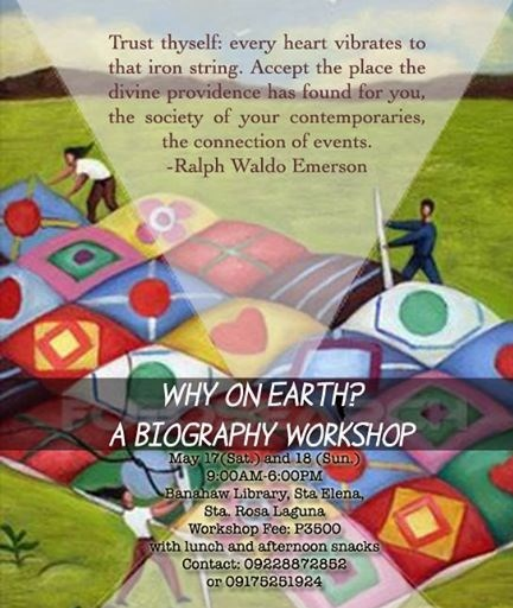
**MAY 11, SUN. MOTHER'S DAY 8AM - 6PM**

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Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string. Accept the place the divine providence has found for you, the society of your contemporaries, the connection of events.  
 -Ralph Waldo Emerson

### WHY ON EARTH? A BIOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

May 17 (Sat.) and 18 (Sun.)  
 9:00AM-6:00PM  
 Banahaw Library, Sta. Elena,  
 Sta. Rosa Laguna  
 Workshop Fee: P3500  
 With lunch and afternoon snacks  
 Contact: 09228872852  
 or 09175251924

Biography work will guide you as you reflect on your life story. Who is the writer of your story? [Note: This is not a workshop on writing.] Based on the reflective research of Rudolf Steiner, and developed further by Micanor Perlas, the workshop may provide you insights into the themes of your life. It may be a means towards self-knowledge, so you can give shape to your present and consciously create your future.



## art & play

### SUMMER ALTERNATIVE WORKSHOP

**May 20 - 22 and 27 - 29, 2014 / 9 - 11:00 am**

6-8 years old	4-6 years old	3 years old & below
Painting Crafts Clay Modelling Outdoor Fun	Play Baking Painting Crafts Outdoor Fun	Play Simple Crafts

**Fees: P3,000.00 for the whole course / P550.00 per session**

  
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**May 31— Last Day of Enrollment**

**June 14— New Parent's Orientation (9-11AM)**

**June 18— Rose Ceremony**

**June 19— First Kinder PTA (9-10:30AM)**

**June 19—20 - GS Half Day Classes ( 8:30—12:30PM)**

**June 23— GS Regular Classes**

**- Kinder First Day of School**

**June 24—St. John's Festival**

**June 30— First Regular School day of Upper School**

**(Any activities for Upper School before June 30 will be announced in advance)**

**July 1 - Adult-Toddler First Day of Class**