

GHS Foundation Newsletter 2018

Greetings everyone to this year's Newsletter

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Chairman's Chatter 2018

Greetings all GHS Foundation Supporters,

The conclusion of another year is upon us, and it is a pleasure to share the achievements of another positive year for the GHS Foundation....

Despite a shaky investment market towards the end of the year, our fund has still shown positive growth for the year. The chart below shows just how we are tracking, with the next target of \$300,000 getting closer. In light of this I draw your attention to our Target \$300k promotion listed below. We would love to be able to tick off this milestone in the coming year, and with your help we can do it. New ideas and support are all we need to make it a reality.

There have been some exciting activities this year. It was a pleasure to assist with the "Class of 59-61" reunion over Easter. I am sure not one memory was embellished during this event, which was ably led by John Speden and his team. The Foundation gratefully acknowledge the donation of proceeds from this event to our fund.

Our regular winter Fine Wine, Dine & Art event was again a success. Thank you to those who supported it, either through attending or by donations. The featured winery this year was Maude from Wanaka. Sue Dale again managed to source a wide range of art pieces from across our region for the auction. After seven of these successful events, the time may be right for a revamp, so watch this space for a revised fundraiser in the coming year.

The Foundation was pleased to contribute funds to the hydroponics system being developed by Agriculture teacher Richard Shannon. Located in what many of us refer to as the centre quad, this project is enabling students to expand on the basic Agriculture curriculum, and to gain extra credits towards their learning. The Foundation were very impressed by the dedication and energy of Richard in driving this innovative extension. Not only will the students learn new skills, but the produce will also help supply the school canteen. Top marks all round!!

Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients in each of the year groups, as well as all students who have been recognised on the Excellence boards for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Thanks to John McKinlay and the whole school team for your ongoing support of the GHS Foundation.

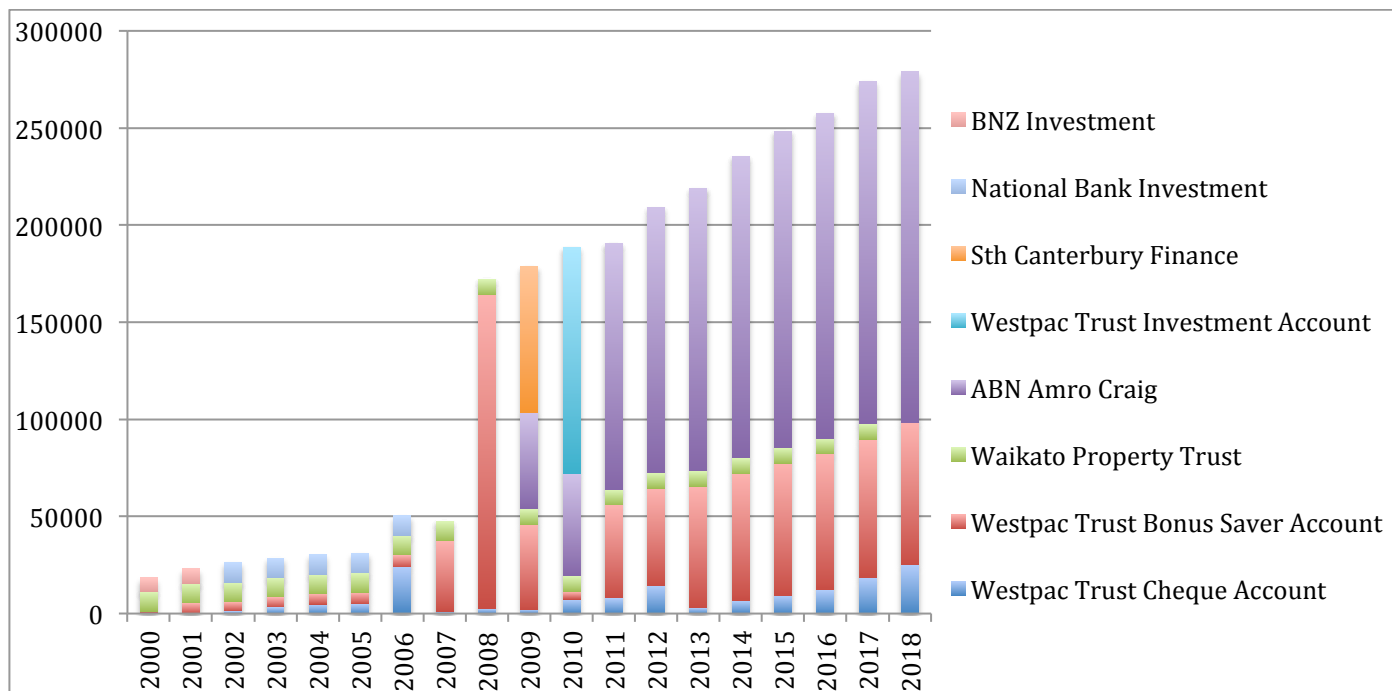
My spuds are flowering, so maybe I should go and do a little digging.

Have a great 2019!

Lindsay

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Foundation Trust Fund Update



From the Rectors Desk

Dear Ex-Pupils and Members of the Gore High School Foundation

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Another busy year at Gore High School is just about to end, and once again there have been lots of highlights.



In the sports arena our 1st XV had a very successful season, winning the Southland U18 Competition and the Otago/Southland Co-Ed schools' cup. They played Rangiora High School for the South Island honours, coming second on that occasion. The U15 Tournament team came 2nd out of 23 teams at the South Island Tournament played in Queenstown. It was a pleasure to watch them in the final as they bravely took on St. Andrews. Our A Grade Boys Basketball team took out the Eastern Southland Men's A Grade Competition! They had help from a couple of 'oldies' – Peter Howes and Mr Hadfield. Four of our students formed a rowing team this year and competed successfully at the Maadi Cup. On an individual level, Andrew Allan

once again took out first place in the triple jump at the New Zealand Secondary School Championships, and many of our students won representative honours throughout the year.

The PVC (Prefect's Variety Concert) continues to thrive and a couple of years ago we added the JVC (Junior Variety Concert) as well. This showcases our Y9 and 10 performers, and gives them a pathway to make it through to the PVC as well. The Prefects continue to do a very thorough and competent job of organising the PVC, and this year was no exception.

At Easter we welcomed the class of '59-'61 who held their re-union in Gore. It was a very worthwhile event. Thanks to John Speden for spearheading the organisation. I was able to spend some time with them here at the school, and enjoyed their re-union dinner held at the Gore RSA. When I left they were just starting a bit of a 'knees up' with Carswell Stevenson at the piano.

Staffing shortages continue to bite and in spite of welcoming six permanent new teachers this year, we are still going into the Christmas holidays with one position unfilled for 2019. During the year, two of our current staff, John Grogan and Simon Thomas gained well-earned promotions (unfortunately to other schools) and Vicki Hanna left to teach overseas.

A few days ago Keith Hanna brought to an end his 41 year tenure here; something of a record I would expect. Keith came here in 1978, and Gore High School has been the only school he has taught at throughout his entire career. Many of you will remember him. He has held multiple roles in the school but will primarily be remembered as Head of Social Sciences. Keith has a real passion for Geography, and this was recognised in 2003 when he was awarded a Woolf Fisher Fellowship for excellence in teaching. He will also be remembered as a man of integrity. We wish him well in his retirement.



In 2019 all of our Year 9 students will be required to have their own laptop computer. How things change! I know that many of you will remember the days when there was no such thing as even an electronic calculator; slide rules and log tables were the norm. BYOD (Bring your own device) is not about the computer, but it is about accessing different ways of learning. We have been



preparing for this over the last two years, by running pilot classes in Year 9 and 10. Laptops are widely used in the Senior School of course, but this is mainly for information retrieval and presentation. In the Junior School we are wanting to enhance different ways of learning, like: better collaboration; multi-modal ways of communicating; using real data for problem solving; critical thinking and so on. I feel that staff are well placed to take on this challenge.

Occasionally we get visits from ex-pupils and we welcome these opportunities to connect with our students from the past. One such occasion was our recent Annual Prizegiving where Dr Lindsay Moffat came down from Auckland to attend. It was seventy years ago, in 1948, when he received the E C Smith Bursary. It was an honour to have him with us, and for him to meet the 2018 winner of the same scholarship, Mark Gardyne.

Many thanks to the members of the Gore High School Foundation for their support and their continued interest in our school. Best wishes to you all for 2019.

Kind regards

John McKinlay
Rector



Foundation Scholarships

2018

Year 9	Lachlan McWhirter
Year 10	Libby McChlery
Year 11	Hamish Waddell
Year 12	Kalin Nieper

Year 13 (The Margaret Logan GHSC Scholarship)	Harriet Grogan
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JAC Macartney (Memorial Scholarship)	Danielle Tripp
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Gore High School 1959-61 Reunion

The Reunion began at 6.30pm on Sunday 1 April with a get-together at Heartland Hotel which turned into the start of a three-day Talk Fest with 50 people in attendance with some meeting again for the first time in over 50 years.

Monday was a Tour Day by coach that began with visits to the Croydon Aircraft Factory, coffee at Miss Cocoa, the Aviation Museum and Art Gallery. We then went to Dolamore Park to have a superb BBQ lunch followed by a trip through the Grant's farm with commentary by Peter Grant who did a great job of explaining their farming practice. We were back at Heartland Hotel at 5.30pm for more discussions and catching up on what some of our schoolmates had done with their lives and a meal.

At 10am on Tuesday we visited Gore High School beginning with Morning Tea and we were then taken on a tour by the Rector, John McKinlay to see how the school has changed. We remembered about the teachers we had had, in particular Murray Darling, Martin Tyne, Margaret Logan and Jock Condie and how in some cases they had helped change our life's directions for the better. After lunch we were back on tour to catch up with Jim Geddes who gave us a fantastic tour of the Gallery and then over to the Hokonui Museum where we heard the history of the McRae family whisky distillery and sampled some of the wares. Our visitors were amazed how Gore had developed the Arts and Museum sectors. At the conclusion of the day we were fortunate to be able to either ride in Doc Wilson's horse and cart or take a ride in Robin Dickson's 100-year-old Motel T Racer.

The Reunion came to an end with the final Dinner at the Gore RSA where the menu focused on Hokonui Fare – Lamb, Beef and Venison. What a fantastic 60 hours of catching up with our old school chums who had flown in from Sydney, Brisbane, Auckland and numerous other parts of NZ.

I would like to make special thanks to the MLT Gore for sponsoring several of the events, the Grant and Ross families for arranging the Hokonui Fare for the final Dinner.

Thanks also to Churchy for his BBQ and meat, and Gore Hokonui Lions for catering for the Morning Tea at the High School and also the salads for the BBQ. To John McKinlay and his team for their great support and a big thanks to Ewen Miller and George Herbert my Committee Members and Lindsay Wright, Chairman of the Gore High School Foundation for their strong support.

The fundraising at the Reunion allowed us to donate an Honours Board as a permanent reminder of our Reunion and a cash donation was made to the Foundation.

John Speden
Convention Convenor





Target \$300k Promotion

We need you!!

The Foundation's Fund is nearing \$300k.

Goal

\$300K

Next

At present the Future Foundation Fund is sitting at \$288K. We can see our next target goal in sight! We are excited to be so close & would love our supporters to help us nudge this next milestone, towards our long term goal, of having a million dollar self supporting Fund to benefit the future of Gore High School & its students. We are looking for donations or ideas to help us surpass another major step. Challenge your friends to do the same! If you are the donor that pushes the \$300k, special recognition will be given. We would greatly appreciate any support offered.



Foundation Recruitment Drive

We would love to have some new members join our team. No onerous tasks – approximately four meetings per year. Keep up to date with what's happening at Gore High School, support the school with Scholarships in each year level & help financially support projects according to our Vision & Objectives through the Foundations Fund. Help the Foundation reach its target to have one million dollars in the Future Trust Fund! We are quarter of the way there!

Wishing you all a very Merry
Christmas & all the best for
the coming New Year!

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