



HAVELOCK NORTH HIGH SCHOOL Foundation

November 2009

The Foundation is the cornerstone of development and philanthropy at the school and its continued success is vital to the school's future. We are responsible for the fundraising programmes to support the strategic direction and initiatives of the Board and offer the school family and community the opportunity to invest in the future of Havelock North High School.

What we do

The Havelock North High School Foundation is a charitable trust established to encourage the development and growth of the school for the benefit and advancement of current and future pupils and the community.

The Foundation's role is to:

- Fundraise for capital projects;
- Build and hold a strong capital base, with investment returns available for development;
- Benefit future generations of the school;
- Promote communication with the wider school family on behalf of the School;
- Raise awareness of the school and the foundation and their achievements, and;
- Continue to grow support and confidence in the school and the foundation from pupils, past pupils, the school family and the community.

The objectives of providing educational excellence and maintaining the school's position amongst the leaders in this country are threatened by the pressure of on-going funding issues. The Foundation believes that it is our role to provide as many opportunities for the students of Havelock North High School to direct them into a successful life beyond their secondary school education. The Foundation has accepted the challenge to raise the additional funds to enhance the school's programmes and facilities to maintain the focus on the provision of an excellent education for all of the students.

The Foundation is determined to provide the platform for the school to continue its mission of offering the widest variety of opportunities to every student and to offer the best secondary education in New Zealand. We are thoroughly committed to providing a pathway for the success of the future generations of our school.



Who we are

Trustees

James Drysdale - Chairman
Bill Adams - Principal
Peter Keong - BOT Representative
Don Kennedy - BOT Representative
Russell Farmery - PTA Representative
John Taylor - Staff Representative
Louise Harvey
Libby Vokes

Foundation Staff

Aimee Stewart – Development Manager

Aimee joined the Foundation in July 2009. Her role will assist the Foundation achieve its short and long term goals by organising project funding, sponsorship and marketing and other activities.



A stronger future for our school and community



Work we have competed

Each year parents are asked to make a voluntary contribute to the Foundation through the Annual Family Foundation Donation. This donation ensures the Foundation can continue to perform a valuable role for the pupils, school and community.

We do not have high administration costs and work within a 'shoe string' budget to successfully deliver projects which make a real difference to the school and community, both now and into the future.

To date the Foundation has assisted the school by providing funding for:

- All Weather Sports Facility
- Website Development
- Auditorium plans and specifications

What the money raised goes towards

Education is one of the most important gifts we can give our children and our community.

The Foundation is well aware how vitally important it is that the education provided at Havelock North High School fulfils, and even exceeds, the expectations of all the pupils who come here. Every day we need to make a significant contribution to their education and development.

Financial assistance will not be directed to the day-to-day operation of the school, but will in the short-term be invested in specific projects which will make a difference to the school and community. The long-term objective of the Foundation is to build and preserve a capital fund from which the income may be used to provide financial and other assistance for the benefit of the school and the community.

Current Projects

Advances in technology, increased learning opportunities, national and international competition, new directions in education and a desire for us to stay at the leading edge demand funding over and above income from the ministry and voluntary school fees.

The Foundation has committed to fundraise for the following projects to ensure the school continues to offer a standard of excellence across all aspects of school life.

- Changing Rooms Upgrade
- Upgrade IT network to fibre optic cable
- Computers for Media Room
- Trees for the grounds
- Various equipment requirements for Art, Sport, Science
- Auditorium Upgrade and Extension

To find out more visit our website; www.hnhs.school.nz/foundation

Scholarships

The Foundation believes it is important to recognise pupils who had shown strong determination and dedication to the school. The Foundation scholarships will help the pupils with their future educations with the hope the students will continue being good ambassadors for the school and community.

Scholarships donated by the Foundation:

- Foundation Trophy for the Dux of the School
- Von Dadelszen Cup Achievement in the Humanities
- Barrett Award for Excellence in Sciences
- WHK Coffey Davidson for Excellence in Business Development
- Mathematics Cup for Excellence in Mathematics
- Haddock Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts
- Tau Waapu Memorial Trophy for Excellence and innovation in craft and design
- Plus a contribution to a number of other awards

Website

The Foundation has a new home on the Havelock North High School website and we invite you to view the pages at www.hnhs.school.nz/foundation

We will be updating our pages regularly so login and check out the progress on current projects, planned events and see who else is on the Foundation database.

Also become a fan of the HNHS Foundation on Facebook.

Each newsletter we will be profiling past pupils achievements. This issue we profile Hannah McQueen, founder of enableMe, a financial personal training company

Best Memory of HNHS

Winning the First Eleven Hockey grade – it came down to strokes, and miraculously mine went in!

Biggest Achievement at HNHS

After 4 years at HNHS gaining University entrance and leaving to start my University studies early.

After Leaving School

I chose a career in Accounting and Tax. I knew that I wanted to be the CEO of a company, and I read somewhere that 80% of CEOs are chartered accountants. Becoming a CA (chartered accountant) therefore seemed like the first step to take.

It also probably helped that Mum made me read the situation vacant section in the newspaper for 3 months before I was allowed to choose a career, as there was no way my parents were going to support me at University if I didn't have a guaranteed job at the end of my studies.

After graduating

I worked at KPMG before deciding I wanted to make a difference. I saw a lot of smart people earning a lot of money but still going backwards financially. The more money they earned, the more money they spent, and in the end earning a high income gave them permission not to worry about their money instead of doing the smartest thing with their money. Instead of talking about the problem I wanted to do something about it. So I set up my own company – enableMe – financial personal trainers. The concept of the company is to do things smarter with your finances, so that you can reach your goal faster.

Currently Doing

enableMe Ltd has grown very quickly. Last year we opened a second office, in Wellington. We recently launched an Accounting Practice that specialises in tax and structuring (along with your normal financial statements, etc). I guess people want good financial advice and we fill that void. I have recently wrapped a TV Show which I was asked to be an expert, and co-presenter of 'Save our Homes' (TV One). Perhaps most importantly though, I am a new first time Mum. Between work and personal responsibilities, I am a very busy gal.

Quotes

'The Secret of getting ahead is getting started' – Mark Twain

"When you think you have got to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on" – My Dad

"Everything will be ok in the end, if it's not ok, it's not the end" – My husband, but I think he stole this quote from Mr Anonymous



Support Us

"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone..."

John F. Kennedy

We are enormously proud of our school, and we owe so much to the generous support of past and present students and their families. Every dollar donated to the school makes a genuine difference in continuing this legacy of excellence and opportunity for future students.

Our students are the future and your giving makes a significant difference to that future. Your donation to the Havelock North High School Foundation enables us to further the range of opportunities available so that we can continue to provide a world of opportunities for our students. It's not about how much. It's about being part of something special and worthwhile.

If you are considering contributing, we invite you to contact Aimee Stewart and find out how good it feels to be part of the continued success of our school and community. Donations to the Foundation qualify as charitable for taxation purposes and tax receipts will be issued to the donor.

A big 'thank you' to all of the families who have supported the Foundation by making a donation, these valued contributions have made a real difference and your continued support is appreciated.

Join Us

Part of the Foundation's work centre's on the compilation of a complete and up to date database of the school's old boys and old girls'. The assemblage of this information will allow the Foundation to inform its alumni, former teachers, parents and supporters about various events and the progress of the Foundation, as well as encouraging a culture of giving.

The Foundation has established a "Foundation Members" database for Ex-students and Friends of the School through the Havelock North High School website. Ex-students, parents and friends are encouraged to join the database and to share information about themselves with other ex-students, staff and the members of the HNHS Foundation.

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