Where is Your Money Going?

A few parents have commented to me and to members of the Board that they do not really understand where all the money goes which they are paying to the school, Club Garin, the Catholic Schools Board and the Garin College Educational Trust. I believe that a picture paints a thousand words and as such have enclosed a small diagram of where your money goes.

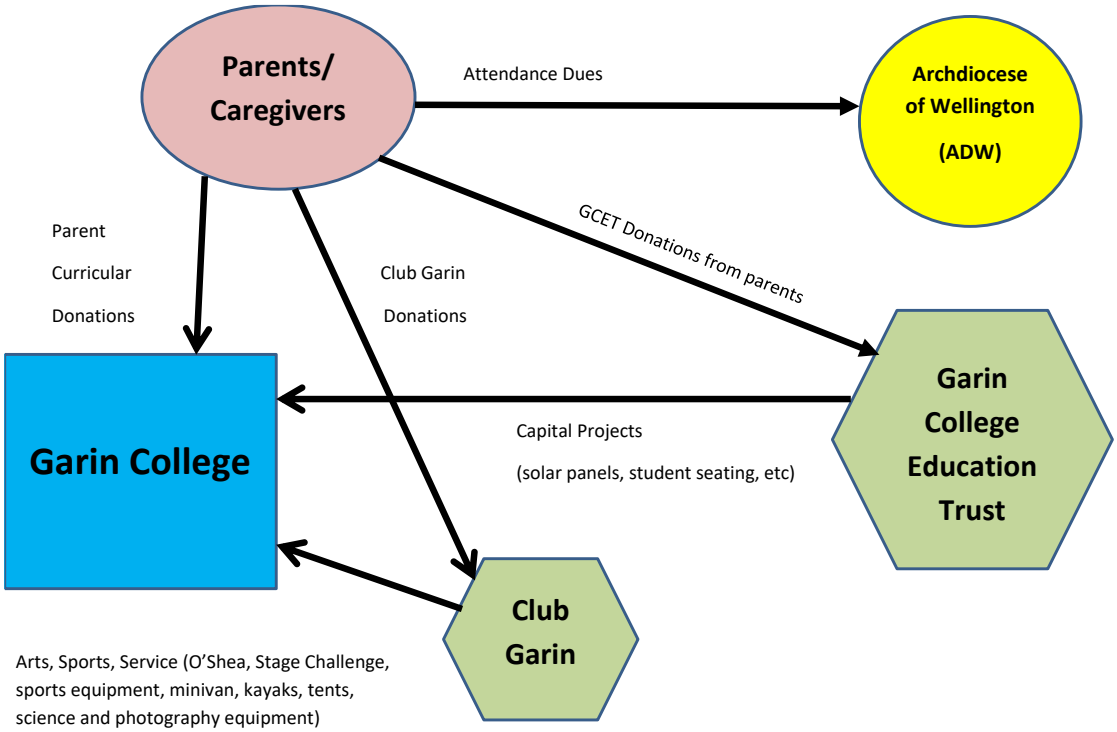
As a parent\caregiver sending your child to a Catholic School you have signed an agreement to pay the Archdiocese of Wellington (ADW) attendance dues which this year total $1,092. This essentially covers the loans which the ADW has raised to finance the building of Garin College.

As a parent\caregiver you have been invited to donate to the Garin College Education Trust (GCET) at $175 per family or $150 per individual student. These funds are collected by the college and are handed over to the GCET. The college can then make a request to the trust for financial assistance with capital expenditure such as the Laser Cutter for the Technology Department or staging for school productions and performances .

As a parent\caregiver you have been invited to donate to Club Garin (CG) which is $60 per year or $15 per term. This money is collected on behalf of CG. CG also raises funds through sponsorships and grant applications. All these funds have enabled CG to contribute to the college so that our students benefit in the Arts, Sports and Service, by supporting O'Shea, Stage Challenge, sports equipment, minivans, kayaks, science and photography equipment just to name a few.

As a parent\caregiver you have also been invited to contribute a curricular donation which is $150 per family or $100 per individual and some departments have individual donation requests depending upon the nature of the course and the additional costs associated with the delivery of this specific curriculum. This money is collected by the college and stays with the college. It is used to support the delivery of the curriculum by contributing to the costs of resources and materials, the costs of our teacher aides and the equipment used by the various faculties to teach our children.

We are extremely grateful to those parents who manage to pay all of these donations but understand that not all parents can afford to pay these. If you do not wish to pay the donations, please contact Denise who will remove the 'charge' from your statement. Please note that any unpaid donations are cleared from your account at the end of the year.

Note that all donations will allow the payee to claim a 33% rebate from Inland Revenue.

I hope that the above has provided you with an oversight of where some of your money goes which Garin College collects from you.