

## Dear Parents,

In 2009 the Ministry of Education advised our Board of Trustees that they needed to define a home zone for the school to prevent overcrowding. In doing so we have sought to draw a zone that includes the areas where most of our students live and from where they have reasonable and convenient access to Devonport Primary School. The zone became official on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

Our zone covers an area roughly a 1 km radius from the school simply because the majority of our students live within this area and of those that do not; most of these have previously lived within the zoned area.

Since we are the school with the largest number of classrooms of the three local schools and therefore took longer to fill, the other two schools, Stanley Bay and Vauxhall already have home zones. Our zone overlaps both Stanley Bay and Vauxhall zones since both these zones intrude into our natural catchment area. Families living in the overlap areas will have entitlement to enrol at either school.

The staff and Board of Trustees are delighted that so many families in our local community recognise that Devonport Primary School is a great school. We work hard to make sure your child is well cared for and receives a balanced, challenging and rich education. We thank you for your support and look forward to the continuation of a productive partnership with you all.

There is a list of FAQs available at the school office and maps of the proposed zone. However the most common question is **“How will this affect my child’s enrolment?”**

Students who are currently attending Devonport Primary School and prospective students who live within the zone have the right to attend the school. There is an exception to this rule concerning new international students.

On application parents must make a declaration concerning sibling relationship and validity of documentation.

A school with an enrolment scheme may have the capacity to take students from outside their home zone.

Out of Zone students may then apply for enrolment. If there are more applicants than places available a ballot will be held.

In this case the school will advertise the availability of places and the application process including dates.

### **Priority for Out of Zone Enrolments:**

First priority: will be given to brothers and sisters of current students

Second priority: will be given to brothers and sisters of former students

Third priority: will be given to children of board employees

Fourth priority: will be given to all other applicants

If you are unsuccessful in the ballot, your name will be drawn and placed on a waiting list. The school will advise you of your place on the list.