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Dear Parents and Caregivers

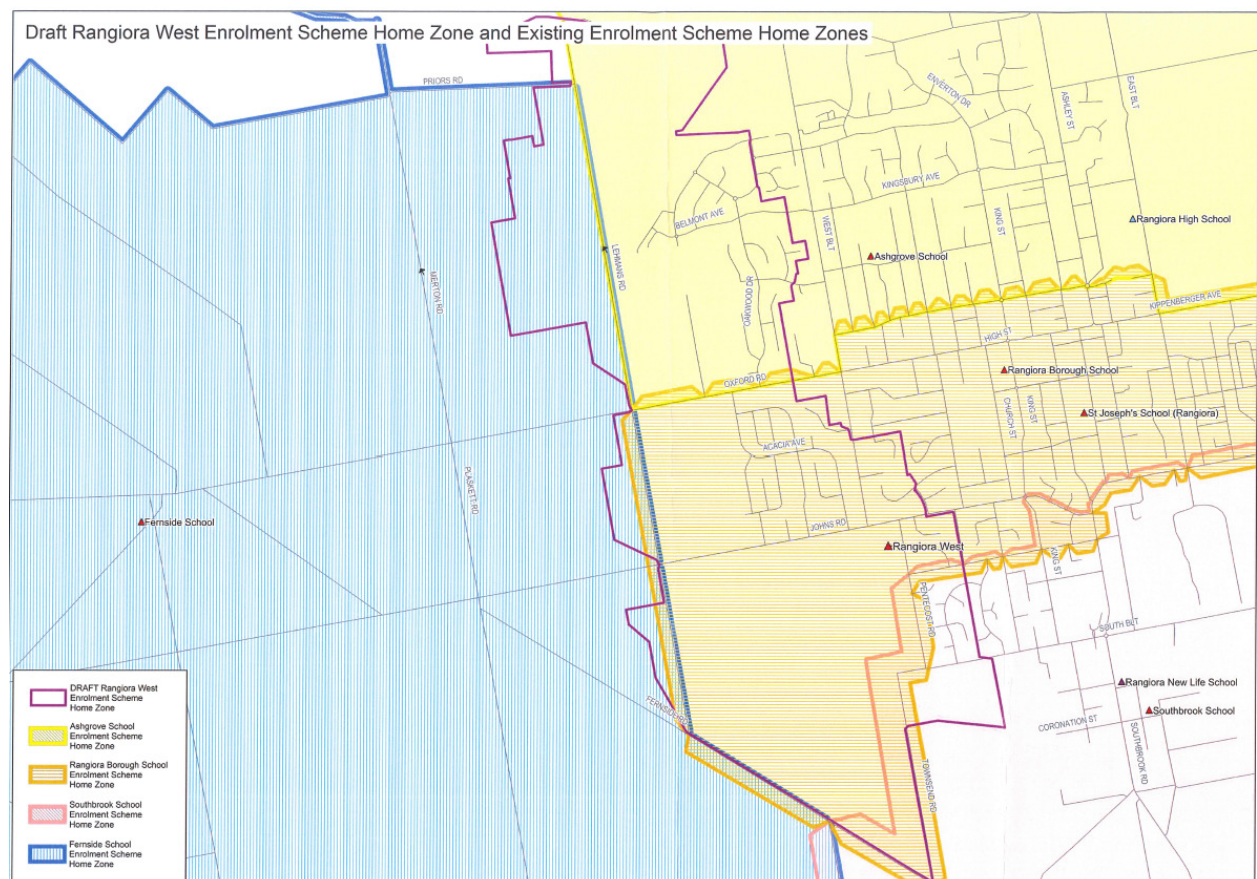
Rangiora West Primary School Proposed School Zone Bulletin

As you may already be aware, in preparation for the opening of Rangiora West Primary School in a year's time, its' establishment board of trustees of the school (EBoT) are seeking feedback on the proposed school zone. The new school is to open for tuition in the first term of 2020, and will fulfil the need that Rangiora has for teaching spaces as its population grows.

An article was published in The Press on the 8th February citing the EBoT chair Mr Peter Simpson who gave details on the school and the proposed school zone. The article can be found on the Stuff website as per the link below.

<https://i.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/north-canterbury/110309630/zoning-feedback-needed-for-new-rangiora-school>

The figure below shows the proposed school zone as the magenta line which encompasses land from Townsend Road to the south to River Road in the north.



The proposal in terms of enrolment is that if you live in the proposed zone in 2020 and have a child or children enrolled at Ashgrove School they can continue to attend Ashgrove. Siblings of enrolled students can also enrol after the opening of the new school, however this provision will apply up to 2028 (for 8 years). Equally, if you reside in the West Rangiora School zone you may choose to enrol your children at the Rangiora West Primary School.

It is important to note that prior to the release of consultation material to the greater community, consultation on the school zone had not concluded with Principals and Board Chairpersons' of the impacted schools of Southbrook, Rangiora Borough, Ashgrove and Fernside. We continue to openly work with the Rangiora Establishment Board however, we consider that more can be done to better define the proposed school zone, thus ensuring student health, safety and wellbeing (i.e. long walking distances to school or crossing of a 70km/hr Oxford Road) while ensuring all schools gain or retain the number of students needed to ensure high quality teaching and the staffing levels required to do so.

The intention going forward is that the collective school boards and principals will make a submission on the proposed zone, while keeping open communication with the EBoT and it's Principal.

I invite the school community to review the school zone and consider what effects this proposed zone could have on you, our children and the school community as a whole. Please consider not only what can impact us now, but also the future families who will reside in our community later.

Feedback can be given on the draft zone until **4:00pm on Thursday, 28th February 2019** by email at rangiorawestzone@gmail.com or by written submission to **Rangiora West Primary School, PO Box 708, Rangiora 7440.**

Yours faithfully



Gary Stevenson
Chairperson Board of Trustees