

PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE KINDERGARTEN WAIRARAPA AND UPPER HUTT KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

Dear Parent/Caregiver/Whanau,

Please find attached a voting slip for you to indicate whether or not you support in principle the amalgamation of Upper Hutt Kindergarten Association and Kindergarten Wairarapa. The results of this vote will be used to ascertain whether the membership of both Associations are supportive of the proposal being taken to the next stage. It is in the next stage that there will be more concrete type information available eg:

- name of Association
- what the management structure will look like
- where the main office will be located
- the new constitution etc

It is important to note that this vote is only an indication as to whether the membership of the Association is in agreement of this proposal being taken to the next stage – the outcome of this vote does not mean that the amalgamation is definitely occurring.

Background:

- The Upper Hutt Kindergarten Association has been considering a proposal to amalgamate with Kindergarten Wairarapa. This process began during 2003 between the Governing Boards of the two Associations.
- A Steering Committee has been formed which has representation from each of the Associations. Primarily this Committee was charged with ensuring adequate consultation occurred within both Associations.
- The Governing Board's of both Associations have indicated their support for this proposal, as have the teaching staff of both Associations through an informal voting system.

Consultation Process to date:

The Upper Hutt Association has sought to consult with the parent communities of each of the 10 Upper Hutt Kindergartens in the following ways:

- Management representatives have met with each of the kindergarten committees to present the proposal and answer any questions. Information was distributed and committees were encouraged to talk amongst themselves, with other parents and to their teachers
- The proposal was presented at Term 1 and Term 2's Liaison Group Meetings
- The proposal was explained in Term 1's Association News