



Swan Reach and Area Kindergarten

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Dear Parents and Preschool Members

The Governing Council and staff of Swan Reach and Area Kindergarten have investigated a proposal for the future development of our kindergarten. The proposal is that the kindergarten, rather than operating as an independent service, will be amalgamated with Swan Reach Area School. The kindergarten, as part of the school, would operate under the Swan Reach Area Schools Governing body and under the leadership of the School Principal. This proposal would result in the dissolution and closure of the current kindergarten and a school based preschool program would then operate under the governance of the school.

The proposal would provide the following benefits:

- one governance structure instead of two;
- one set of Policies (Preschool – year 12)
- continuity of learning across all year levels
- seamless transition (from preschool to reception);
- one point of enrolment; and
- staff flexibility.

The Swan Reach and Area Kindergartens Governing Council supports this proposal and believes that it is in the best interests of the children and the community because it provides better facilities, services and programs.

The kindergarten's constitution states that the kindergarten cannot be dissolved except by the approval of not less than two-thirds of its members present and voting at a special general meeting called for that purpose, for which not less than one month's written notice, including notice of the proposed dissolution, has been given to all members. The constitution also requires the Governing Council to make a recommendation to the Minister about transferring the preschool's assets.

A special general meeting has been called to provide further information about the proposal to amalgamate with the adjoining area school and to seek the views of parents and kindergarten members on the proposal to dissolve the kindergarten.

The members who attend this meeting will be asked to vote on a motion to dissolve the preschool. That motion is as follows:

“That Swan Reach and Area Kindergarten Incorporated be dissolved, to take effect from the 13th of April 2018, and that a recommendation be put to the Minister for Education and Child Development that the preschool's assets be transferred to the governing body of the Swan Reach Area School.”

The Special General Meeting will be held on:

- Tuesday the 12th of December 2017
- at 3:30pm
- In the Kindergarten building

This is presentation night, therefore nibbles will be provided and a sausage sizzle for tea before presentations begin.

Please let us know whether you are able to attend the meeting by completing the return slip and giving it to the preschool director by 7th December 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Durant	&	Kristy Castle
<i>Chairperson</i>		<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Governing Council</i>		<i>Governing Council</i>

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Return slip by: 07/12/2017

Swan Reach and Area Kindergarten – Special General Meeting 12th December 2017

I _____ will/will not be (please circle your reply) attending the special general meeting on the 12/12/17 at 3:30pm in the kindergarten building.

Signed: _____

Date: _____