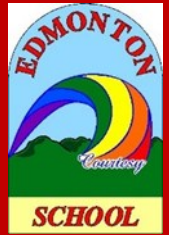


7 May 2025

Edmonton Primary School

School Newsletter



Principals Korero

Kia ora, Talofa lava, afio mai, 'nāmāstei , pai ata, Kuja hapa, greetings, สวัสดี, 欢迎 and malo e lelei, Salaam+

On Sunday We had our Waka Ama teams race, with the south Auckland Clubs. It was the first time these teams have raced - they were incredible . Great team work and great attitude. We came first and third against some pretty experienced teams.

I am very proud of the way they worked together. The race was over 2 k - a very long way.

It is a very exciting week this week with our Mother's Day Afternoon tea on Friday. at 1.30. We will hold it in the hall this year . Please let the office know if you are coming to help us with our catering. We will all meet in the hall, chat and have a bit of relaxing time getting to know each other, then draw the raffles, before bringing your children to be with you. It really is a great way to bring our community together. I look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret Samson (Principal)



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South

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office@edmonton-
primary.school.nz

TERM DATES

2025

Term 2

Monday 28th April to Fri-
day 27th June

Term 3

Monday 14th July to Friday
19th September

Term 4

Monday 6th October to
Tuesday 16th December

School Docs

Please login to School Docs to have a look
at our current Policies & Procedures
Community User: Edmonton
Password: Respect

What's Coming Up

TERM 2

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| • Friday 9th May | Mothers Day Afternoon tea (1:30pm in the hall) |
| • Friday 9th May | Mothers Day Raffle Draw |
| • Friday 16th May | Pink Shirt Mufti Day—Gold Coin donation |
| • Friday 23rd May | Whole School Assembly (Rooms 7 & 4 hosting) |
| • Friday 30th May | Whole School Assembly (Rooms 10 & 2 hosting) |
| • Monday 2 nd June | Kings Birthday Holiday |
| • Friday 6th June | Whole School Assembly (Rooms 8 & 1? hosting) |
| • Friday 20 th June | Matariki Holiday |
| • Friday 27th June | Whole School Assembly (Rooms 9 & 5 hosting) |
| • Thursday 26 th June | Last Day for Term 2 |

TERM 3

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| • Monday 14th July | First Day for Term 3 |
| • Wednesday 17th— | |
| Friday 19th September | Year 5 & 6 Camp—Carey Park |
| • Friday 19th September | Last Day for Term 3 |

TERM 4

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| • Monday 6th October | First Day for Term 4 |
| • Wednesday 8th October | School Photos |
| • Monday 27th October | Labour Day Holiday |
| • Friday 12th December | Last Day for Children (12:05pm Finish) |
| • Monday 15th December | Teacher Only Day |
| • Tuesday 16th December | Teacher Only Day |

Save the Date



MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

*Friday 9th May
1:30pm in the School Hall
RSVP: Wednesday 7th May*

FREE MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE TICKET

We are trying to confirm that everyone is receiving our newsletter and reading it, so.....

If you send the code MDWK20705 with your child's name to
accounts@edmonton-primary.school.nz

You will receive 1 free ticket per family in the Mothers Day raffle draw.

There will be a new code next week for another opportunity to go in the draw.

PLEASE NOTE: LIMITED TO 1 TICKET PER FAMILY PER CODE



Important !!!

Contact Details: It is very important that we have up to date contact details for parents/caregivers. To ensure that we are able to contact whanau please contact the school office with any changes or additions.

After Hours : Unless your children are in Before or After School Care. Please make sure they are not at school before 8:25am and they are picked up and off of the school grounds by 3:10pm

Absence: Please use the Skool Loop App to report an absence or leave a message on the school phone Absence Line. We need to know when you children are going to be away to avoid them being marked as 'truant'.

Collecting Students during the school day: If you need to collect your child for an appointment during the school day please contact the office **09 838 9318** or email **office@edmonton-primary.school.nz** to arrange. If possible please arrange to collect your child before or after the morning tea and lunch breaks, as it is difficult to find children during these times. Morning tea is 10.30am until 11.00am, lunch from 12.30pm until 1.20pm.

School Lunches

School lunches are available as follows

Wednesdays – Sushi

Thursdays – Bakery

Fridays – Bakery

Order forms are available in your child's classroom. One form per child is required

Payment can be made online to

Edmonton School Board of Trustees

12 3038 0453332 00

Please make sure that payments are made on the day of order and that the child's name and 'lunch' are noted on the payment

Before & After School Care & Holiday Program

We have **Before and After school care** available on site that runs from 7:00am until 8:30am in the mornings and then from 3:00pm until 5:30pm in the afternoons.

This service also runs a **Holiday Program** during the holidays

EDMONTON SCHOOL OSCAR PROGRAM

For information about before school,
after school care and holiday programme or enrolment forms
Please contact Office Ph 8389318 or Claire Busby 027 550 5197



KIDS PAGE

Student of the Week:

Jaylen Room 3

**For having such good manners
when he comes to the office**

WEEKLY CLASS

ATTENDANCE RANKINGS for Term 1 Wk 10

First Place:	Room 7
Second Place:	Room 8
Third Place:	Room 5
Fourth Place:	Room 9
Fifth Place:	Room 4
Sixth Place:	Room 11
Seventh Place:	Room 3
Eighth Place:	Room 10
Ninth Place:	Room 2

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INTERESTING

FACT:

New
Zealand
HAS MORE
sheep
THAN
people.

AUTUMN—10 Fun and Fascinating Facts About Autumn for Kids

1. Why Leaves Change Colour

During autumn, the leaves of many trees turn red, yellow, orange, or even purple. This happens because the green chlorophyll in the leaves breaks down, revealing the other colours that were hiding all along! It's like the trees are showing off their hidden rainbow before winter arrives.

2. The First Day of Autumn

Autumn begins on the **autumnal equinox**, which usually happens around September 22 or 23. On this day, the hours of daylight and darkness are almost equal! It's one of two times a year when this happens (the other is the spring equinox).

3. Animals Prepare for Winter

Autumn is a busy time for animals! Some animals, like **squirrels**, collect and store food like acorns and nuts to last them through the winter. Others, like **bears**, start eating a lot so they can build up fat and hibernate during the cold months. And of course, some birds fly south for the winter in a journey called **migration**.

4. Pumpkins Galore!

Pumpkins are the most famous fall fruit, and they belong to the **gourd family**, just like cucumbers and watermelons! Did you know that pumpkins are 90% water? They come in all shapes and sizes, and the largest pumpkin ever grown weighed over **2,700 pounds**—that's heavier than a small car!

5. Apples Everywhere

Autumn is also the best time for **apple picking**. Apples are harvested in fall because the cooler temperatures help make them crisp and delicious. There are over **7,500 varieties of apples** in the world, with colors ranging from red and green to yellow and even pink!

6. It's Sweater Weather!

As autumn comes, the weather starts to cool down. This is because Earth tilts away from the sun during fall, which means we don't get as much direct sunlight as in summer. So it's time to pull out your cozy sweaters and enjoy some hot cocoa!

7. Autumn Celebrations

Many holidays and festivals happen in the fall! One of the most famous is **Halloween**, celebrated on October 31. People carve pumpkins into **jack-o'-lanterns**, dress up in costumes, and go trick-or-treating. There's also **Thanksgiving**, a time to celebrate the harvest and give thanks, in countries like the United States and Canada.

8. Falling Leaves

In autumn, some trees lose their leaves in a process called **abscission**. This helps the trees conserve water and energy during the cold winter months. The leaves form a beautiful carpet of colours on the ground before decomposing and turning into nutrients for the soil.

9. Autumn Constellations

The night sky changes with the seasons, and autumn brings its own special stars! One of the most famous constellations you can see in fall is **Pegasus**, named after the winged horse in Greek mythology. You can also spot the **Andromeda Galaxy**, the closest large galaxy to our own.

10. Days Get Shorter

Have you noticed it gets dark earlier in autumn? That's because the days get shorter as we move closer to winter. In fact, the shortest day of the year happens in December, just after fall ends. This happens because of the way Earth tilts as it moves around the sun.

Autumn is a magical time of year filled with colourful changes, cozy clothes, and yummy treats. Whether you're jumping in piles of leaves, picking pumpkins, or gazing at the stars, there's so much to discover and enjoy. So, grab your favourite fall snack, get outside, and have some fun this autumn! ??

You are Joking

What is a monsters favourite desert?

Ice-scream

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

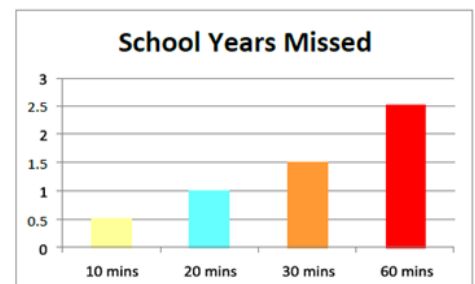
JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE FOR SCHOOL or LEAVE A LITTLE EARLY DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT

If your child is missing	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Almost 1.5 weeks of the	Almost half of a school year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per	Over 2.5 weeks per	Almost 1 school year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per school	4 weeks per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 hour per day	1 day per school week	8 weeks per school year	Over 2.5 school years



Did you know that your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?
That's when every minute counts the most.
School starts at 8:55am.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

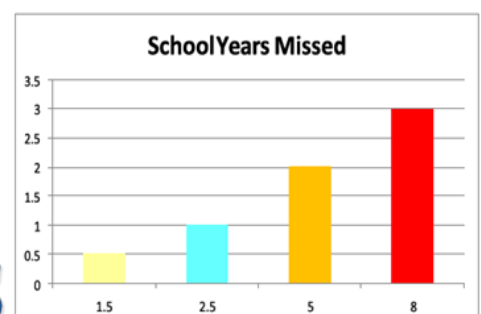
1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT...

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year	Over 5 school years
3 days per week	120 days per year	Over half a school year	Almost 8 school years

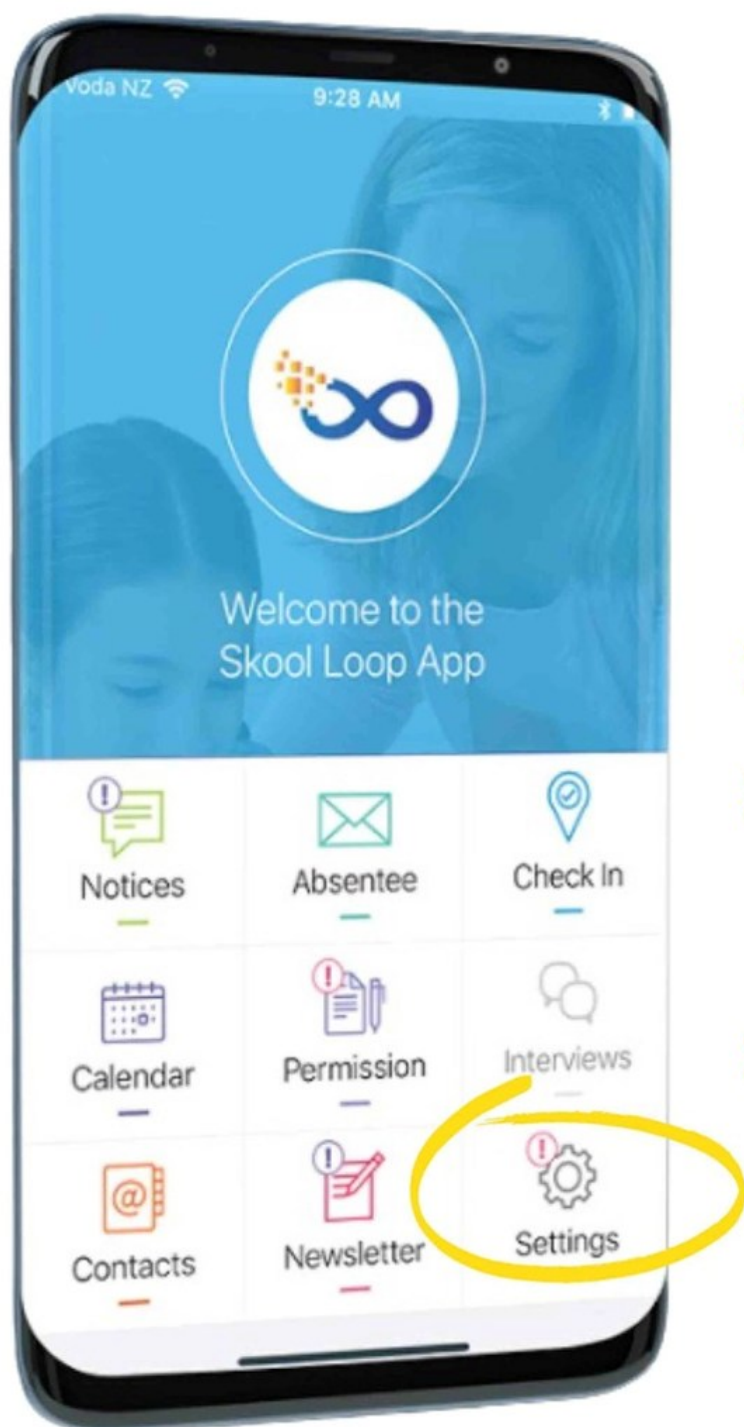


If you want your child to be successful at school then
YES, ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER!

EVERY DAY COUNTS



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TO JOIN YOUR SKOOL LOOP APP NOTICE GROUPS, SIMPLY FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:

- > Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
- > Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
- > Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
- > You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

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