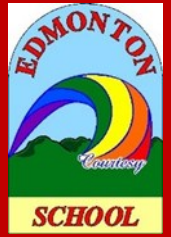


25 June 2025

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+**

Our gardening angels were in, all weekend transforming our vege garden. They have created seating designed for the children and put bark down so that the whole area is protected and can be enjoyed all year round. It looks magic and can now be enjoyed by all of our students. When we come back after the holidays, crops will be ready to harvest.

Well done to all of our RIPPAs Rugby teams. There were so many of you having a go this time . The most we have ever had. I was so proud of you . A huge thanks to Ms Naylor who coached the RIPPAs Rugby teams. Well done Edmonton.

It's nearly the end of term, and the beginning of the two week holiday break. I wish you all the very best holiday. May it be restful and relaxing with lots of fun activities. Fingers crossed we get some sun !!!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Margaret Samson (Principal)



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South

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(09) 838 9318

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office@edmonton-primary.school.nz

School Hours

8:55am—3:00pm

TERM DATES 2025

Term 1

Monday 3rd February to
Friday 11th April

Term 2

Monday 28th April to
Friday 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

2025

TERM 2 * 28th April—27th June

- Friday 27th June Whole School Assembly (Rooms 9 & 5 hosting)
- Friday 27th June Last Day for Term 2

TERM 3 * 14th July—19th September

- Monday 14th July First Day for Term 3
- Thursday 31st July Parent Teacher Interviews (12:05pm Finish)
- Tuesday 19th August Water Skills for Life (Yrs 2—6)
- Tuesday 26th August Water Skills for Life (Yrs 2—6)
- Tuesday 2nd September Water Skills for Life (Yrs 2—6)
- Tuesday 9th September Water Skills for Life (Yrs 2—6)
- Tuesday 16th September Water Skills for Life (Yrs 2—6)
- Wednesday 17th—Friday 19th September Year 5 & 6 Camp—Carey Park
- Friday 19th September Last Day for Term 3

TERM 4 * 6th October—16th December

- 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

2026

TERM 1 * 3rd February—2nd April

- Tuesday 3rd February First Day for Term 1
- Friday 6th February Waitangi Day
- Thursday 2nd April Last Day for Term 1

TERM 2 * 20th April—3rd July

- Monday 20th April First Day for Term 2
- Monday 27th April Waitangi Day Observed
- Monday 1st June Kings Birthday
- Friday 3rd July Last Day for Term 2

TERM 3 * 20th July—25th September

- Monday 20th July First Day for Term 3
- Friday 25th September Last Day for Term 3

TERM 4 * 12th October—15th December

- Monday 12th October First Day for Term 4
- Monday 26th October Labour Day
- Tuesday 15th December Last Day for Term 4 (12:05pm Finish)

Save the Date

KIDS PAGE

Student of the Week:

For

AN INTERESTING FACT:

A cloud weighs around a million tonnes



CLASS ATTENDANCE

Term 2 Week 8

First Place:	Room
Second Place:	Room
Third Equal:	Room
Fourth Place:	Room
Fifth Place:	Room
Sixth Place:	Room
Seventh Place:	Room
Eighth Place:	Room
Ninth Place:	Room

You are Joking:

What did the cat say after telling a bad joke?

Just Kitten

Top 10 Facts About Cats!

Do you want to learn about cats? Check out these top 10 facts...

Cats are one of the most beloved animals in the world. They are graceful, agile and playful, and they make wonderful companions. There are also many intriguing facts about cats that you might not know! From their amazing sense of smell to their extraordinary jumping abilities, here are the Top 10 Facts about cats.

1. Cats can jump up to 6 times their height.

That's right!

Cats are really good jumpers and can jump really high.

You can often see them on the top of a garden fence or on a really high wall!

They have very strong muscles in their legs which catapults them into the air

2. They have a total of 18 toes.

That's a lot of toes!

Cats have 5 toes on each of their front paws.

They then have four toes on their back paws.☺

3. There are over 500 million pet cats!

There are lots of cats across the world as they are one of the most popular pets to have.

4. Cats sleep for around 13 to 16 hours a day (70% of their life).

Have you ever noticed that cats are always sleeping?

They do this to save their energy.

In the wild they would be saving their energy to go and hunt for their food.

House cats obviously don't need to do this but it just comes naturally to them.

5. 1 year of a cats life equals to 15 years of a humans live.

Cats age much faster than humans and live for a shorter amount of time.

This means that when a cat is 1 year old, that actually equals to 15 human years!

6. One of the largest domestic cat breeds is a Maine Coon.

The Maine Coon is one of the largest domestic cat breeds there is.

In fact, the Guinness World Records gave Barivel, a Maine Coon, the award for being the longest domestic cat ever!

Barivel is 120cm long and lives in Italy.

7. The smallest cat breed is a Singapura.

The smallest cat breed is the Singapura.

It originates from Singapore.

They are around half the size of a normal house cat.

Most of the time a cat will purr when it is happy and content.

This is mostly when it is getting a nice stroke from it's owner.

They use their purr as a way of communication.

9. A cat can run up to 30mph.

Cats are very speedy.

They can run up to 30mph.

That's about as fast as a car will travel on a typical road!

10. The oldest cat was 38 years old.

The oldest recorded living cat lived up to 38 years old.

He was called Creme Puff!

Most domestic cats live for around 16 – 17 years.]



Edmonton Primary School Reporting to Parents

We are transitioning our student reports to align with the new Curriculum that is coming out in 2026. Hence that is why our reports are the same as we have used in the past. Full implementation is expected to be **completed by 2027**.

Our teachers are receiving ongoing professional development to support these changes.

We will continue to keep you informed and involved, ensuring that your child thrives in this evolving curriculum.



Our Matariki Artwork Display

Matariki Festival Peninsula Community Centre



KIWI-A-THON

Thankyou! To everyone that participated in the Kiwi-a-thon fundraising event. Your forms and money are now due back to school. Please get these back to us as soon as you can (Due date is 27th July, however if you need more time please let us know). For those that have already returned theirs, THANKYOU! Your support is much appreciated and the children going to camp will have a much better time as a result.

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 10.30 am until 11.00 am, lunch from 12.30 pm until 1.20 pm.

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

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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. The program runs from 7:00 am until 8:30 am in the mornings and then from 3:00 pm until 5:30 pm 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



School Holiday Activities

Looking for the best ways to keep the kids entertained during the July school holidays in Auckland? From free outdoor fun to live theatre and hands-on experiences, here are 25 family-friendly ideas that are easy on the budget and big on fun.

See the magical live children's theatre show Taniwha



Join Mereana and her friends in Taniwha, an uplifting Matariki story about friendship, protection and connection. This interactive live theatre show, filled with music and imagination, is perfect for primary-aged tamariki and runs throughout the July school holidays. It's one of the highlights of Auckland's Matariki celebrations this year.

Discover MOTAT's Over and Under School Holiday Experience



MOTAT, Western Springs
From 28 June 2025 to 13 July 2025

Step into a world of bridges and tunnels at MOTAT's interactive **Over and Under Experience**. Children can crawl through mini-bridges, build their own structures, and discover what holds up our everyday world. A fun engineering-inspired activity that gets the whole whānau thinking and moving.

Details at: www.motat.nz/events/over-and-under-holiday-experience

Visit one of Auckland's maunga and walk to the top

Choose from Maungarei Mount Wellington, Maungawhau Mount Eden, Takarunga Mount Victoria, Owairaka Mount Albert, Maungakiekie One Tree Hill and more. The kids will love the wide views from the summit and racing up and down the paths.

Open during daylight everyday in the July school holidays

Cost: FREE

Tip: Try a family challenge to visit more than one in a day.

Celebrate Matariki in the school holidays at the start of the school holidays at these kid-friendly events



Auckland has some Matariki events happening in the July school holidays this year.

Some of our favourite family-friendly Matariki events are:

Glen Inness Te Ara Rama Matariki Light Trail

[Matariki – Ngā Whetū o te Tau Hou Stars of the New Year Planetarium Show](#) at Stardome

Head to your local Auckland Library for school holiday fun

Local Auckland Libraries

Saturday 28 June to Sunday 31 July 2025

Central Auckland, North Auckland, South Auckland, East Auckland, West Auckland

Enjoy Matariki-themed craft, storytelling and learning activities at your local library. Libraries across the region offer free drop-in sessions for tamariki and rangatahi during the holidays.

Cost: FREE.

Tip: Check your local library's programme for details

Climb trees and explore nature at a local park



Some of our favourite climbing trees are at Cornwall Park and Auckland Domain. Let the kids challenge themselves and burn off energy outdoors on a crisp winter day.

Cost: FREE

Tip: Pack a thermos of hot chocolate for after

Take a dip in one of Auckland's heated indoor pools



Auckland indoor heated pools

Central Auckland, North Auckland, South Auckland, East Auckland, West Auckland
July school holidays. (Please check the pools operating hours before you go.)

Council-run pools offer free entry for all children and youth aged 16 and under. Choose from Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa in Mangere, West Wave in Henderson, Glenfield Pool and more.

Cost: Free for kids at most Council pools

Visit the Navy Museum and playground in Devonport



Torpedo Bay Navy Museum & Playground and Cafe | Photo by Auckland for Kids

Torpedo Bay Navy Museum, Devonport **North Shore**

Open daily in the July 2025 school holidays

navymuseum.co.nz

Explore the museum's interactive [Operation Science Exhibition](#), try on a naval uniform and learn Morse code. After the museum, head outside to the nautical-themed playground and enjoy a snack at the café. And not too far away is the fun [Devonport Playground](#) for the kids to enjoy playing at a different park.

Price: FREE entry (koha appreciated).

Get creative with Medal Makers at the Maritime Museum

New Zealand Maritime Museum, Viaduct Harbour, Auckland.

Weekdays: 30 June to 4 July and 7 to 11 July 2025

www.maritimemuseum.co.nz

Kids aged 5 to 10 years can craft their own medal inspired by real stories of courage and exploration before embarking on a gallery trail about maritime bravery – powered by recycled materials and imagination. A hands-on art-history combo to spark curiosity.

Price: \$5 per child.

Visit your local playgrounds



Aronia Park Playground | Photo by Auckland for Kids

Auckland playgrounds

Central Auckland, North Auckland, South Auckland and West Auckland.

Explore a trail of playgrounds around Auckland – from the slides of s [Aronia Park Playground](#) to hidden gems in suburban parks. A healthy and free way for families to stay active and have fun daily

Cost: FREE apart from your petrol or public transport fares.

Go on an Auckland art hunt & take in the art galleries



Flox Street Art in Newmarket | Photo: Auckland for Kids

Take the kids on an art hunt in Auckland. Discover some of Auckland's best street art and sculptures in your neighbourhood and the City Centre.

Or check out what is happening at the [Arts House Trust Pah Homestead](#) in Hillsborough or at the [Auckland Art Gallery](#) in Auckland City Centre. Or head up north and visit the [Brick Bay Sculpture Trail](#).

Visit Ambury Farm in Māngere



Ambury Regional Park, Mangere Bridge [South Auckland](#)
All July School holidays

Watch lambs sheep, goats, pigs, turkey, cows, chickens, peacocks. Enjoy FREE entry to the farm. Don't forget a picnic and gumboots for muddy fun. Spot lambs arriving from July for a seasonal bonus.

Cost: FREE

Try a family bike or scooter ride



Te-Waituarua-Reserve-Pump Track

Explore pump tracks and paths designed for families: [Grey Lynn Park Pump Track](#), [Te Waituarua Reserve Pump Track](#) in Waiata Shores [Western Springs Park](#), [Tole Reserve Ponsonby](#), Lightpath in the City, Westhaven boardwalk, Onepoto Domain in Northcote, [Greville Reserve Bike Path](#) Forest Hill and more.

Cost: FREE, active fun for all ages.

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

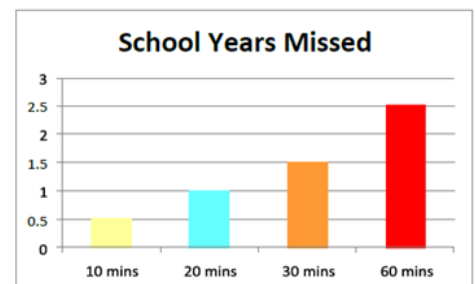


Did you know that your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

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...

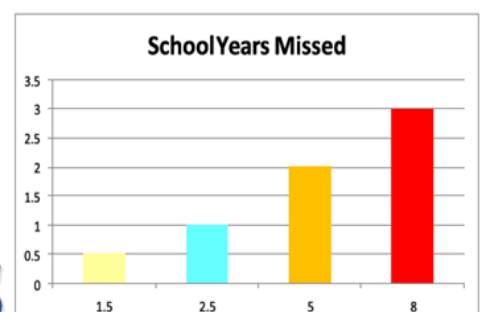
If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year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



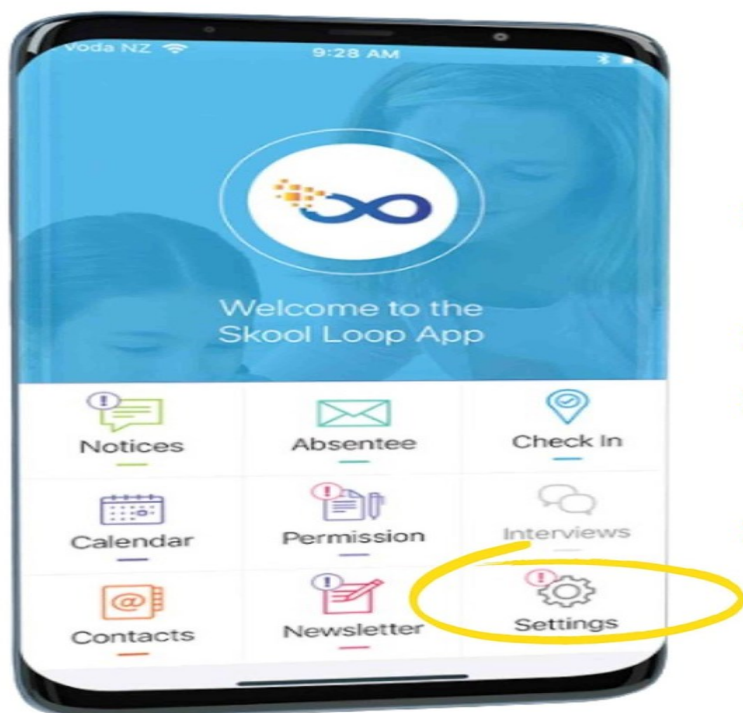
If you want your child to be successful at school then

YES, ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER!

EVERY DAY COUNTS



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- > 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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Call Skool Loop NZ on 0800 238 379



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