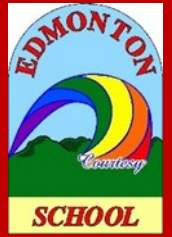


16 JULY 2025

# Edmonton Primary School

## School Newsletter



### Principals Korero

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

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news about an iconic part of our school – our beloved **school playground - Our Boat!**

Over the years, this boat has become more than just a playground feature; it's a symbol of our school's spirit, creativity, and sense of adventure. Now, we are embarking on an exciting project to **restore and repaint the boat**, bringing it back to its former glory so it can continue to be a source of joy for our tamariki.

In the coming weeks, we'll be holding a **special Boat Restoration Day**, where volunteers, and whānau can come together to help clean, sand, and paint the boat. It's a fantastic opportunity to work as a community, share stories about the boat's history, and create new memories that will last for years to come.

We want students to be part of this project so we are asking you to think about the colours you would like the boat painted in. We are so proud to see our students taking ownership of this project, showing kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and manaakitanga (care for others) as they help preserve something truly unique to Edmonton Primary.

Keep an eye out for more details about how you and your family can get involved – let's make this a day to remember!

*Margaret Samson (Principal)*



### Contact Us:

1-29 School Road, Te Atatu  
South

**Phone:**

(09) 838 9318

**Email**

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 28<sup>th</sup> April to  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

#### Term 3

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July to  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

#### Term 4

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October to  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 3 \* 14th July—19th September**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| • Monday 14th July                     | First Day for Term 3                          |
| • Friday 25th July                     | Whole School Assembly ( Rooms 11 & 3 hosting) |
| • Thursday 31st July                   | Parent Teacher Interviews (12:05pm Finish)    |
| • Tuesday 19th August                  | Water Skills for Life (Yrs 2—6)               |
| • Friday 22nd August                   | Whole School Assembly ( Rooms 10 & 2 hosting) |
| • Tuesday 26th August                  | Water Skills for Life (Yrs 2—6)               |
| • Tuesday 2nd September                | Water Skills for Life (Yrs 2—6)               |
| • Friday 5th September                 | Whole School Assembly ( Rooms 9 & 5 hosting)  |
| • 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**

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| • Monday 20th July      | First Day for Term 3 |
| • Friday 25th September | Last Day for Term3   |

## **TERM 4 \* 12th October—15th December**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • 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:

**Otis Room 9**  
**For**  
**Good Manners**

## AN INTERESTING FACT:

**Polar Bears have  
black skin**



## CLASS ATTENDANCE Term 3 Week 1 so far

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

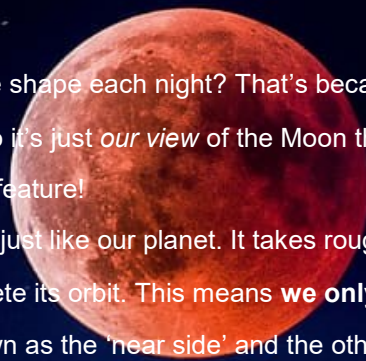
## You are Joking:

Why was the picture sent to jail?

It was framed

## **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE MOON**

- 1) The Moon is a dusty ball of rock, measuring **3,476km in diameter** – that's roughly a **quarter of the size of Earth**.
- 2) Its surface is home to **mountains, huge craters** and flat planes called '**seas**' made of hardened **lava**.
- 3) The Moon is Earth's only **natural satellite** – a celestial body that orbits a planet. Its orbit around our planet is shaped like a slightly squashed circle known as an **ellipse**.
- 4) It takes **27.3 days** for the Moon to travel all the way around the Earth and complete its orbit.
- 5) Although the Moon shines bright in the night sky, it doesn't produce its own light. We see the Moon because it **reflects light from the Sun**.
- 6) Ever noticed how the Moon appears to change shape each night? That's because as the Moon orbits the Earth, the **Sun lights up different parts of its surface** – so it's just *our view* of the Moon that's changing, not the Moon itself. Find out more in our fascinating [phases of the Moon](#) feature!
- 7) As the Moon travels, it rotates on its own axis, just like our planet. It takes roughly the same amount of time for the Moon to make a full rotation as it does for it to complete its orbit. This means **we only ever see around 60% of the Moon's surface** from Earth! The part that faces Earth is known as the 'near side' and the other, the 'far side'.
- 8) The temperature on the Moon varies from super hot to super cold! When the Sun hits its surface, temperatures can reach a scorching **127°C**. But when the Sun 'goes down', temperatures can plummet to around **-153°C**. *Brr...*
- 9) Like Earth, the Moon has gravity (the force that pulls things towards the ground). But the Moon's gravity is weaker, only **one sixth of the Earth's gravity**, in fact. That means you'd weigh much less if you were to stand on the Moon
- 10) Scientists aren't entirely sure how the Moon formed. A popular theory is that a Mars-sized rock, named **Theia**, crashed into Earth around **4.5 billion years ago**. The debris from the collision clumped together to make what is now... Our Moon!





# STEM Science Fair Winners



## Parent Teacher Interviews

**Remember that the bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews will open at 9:00am on Monday 21st July. Please make sure you get in quick to get your preferred time/s.**

## 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





# WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

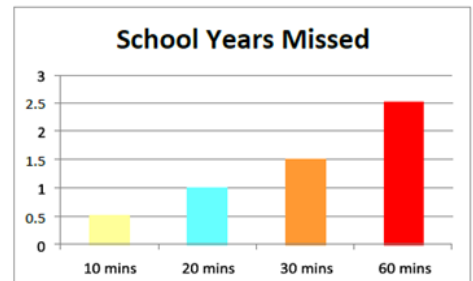
*JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE FOR SCHOOL or LEAVE A LITTLE EARLY DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT .....*

| 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?

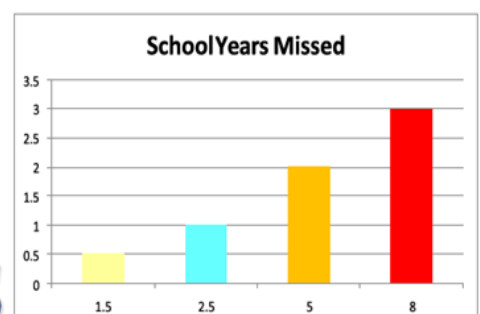
**1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT...**

| 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                 |

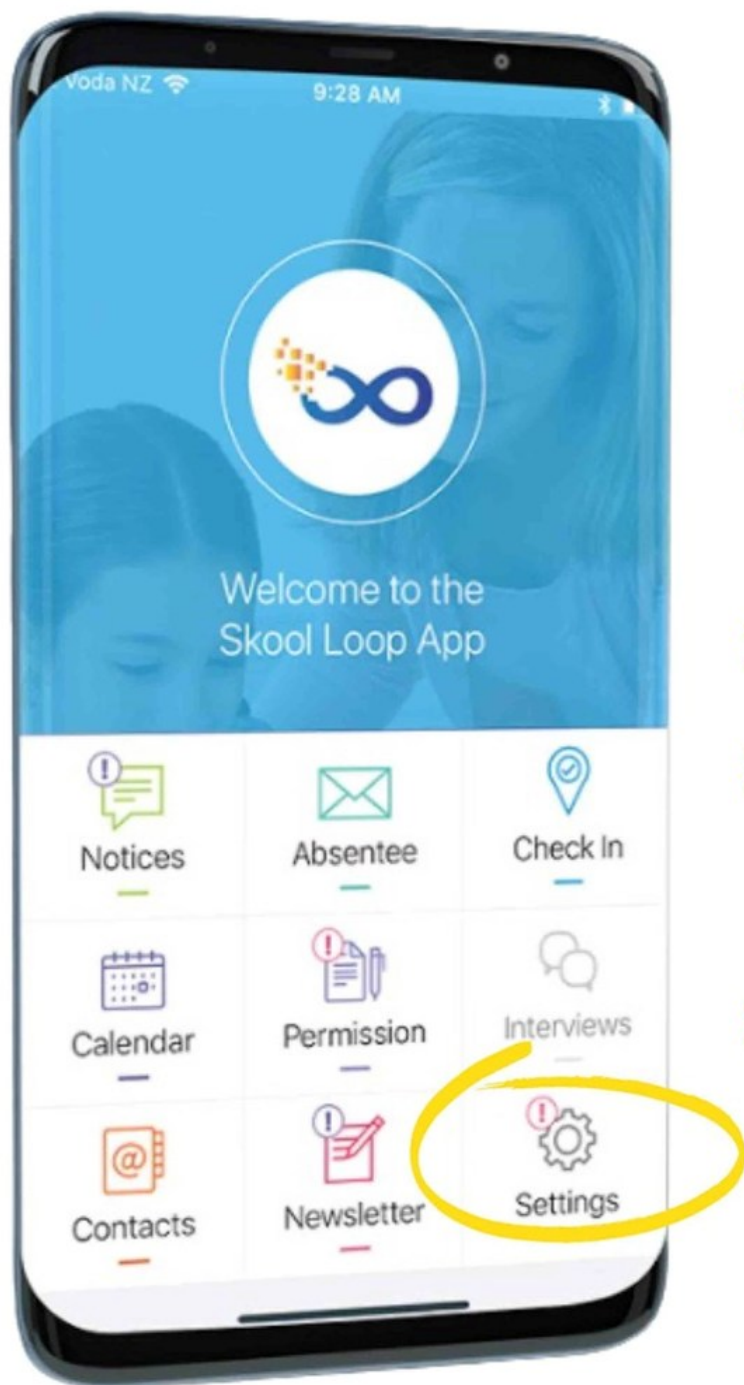


If you want your child to be successful at school then  
**YES, ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER!**

## EVERY DAY COUNTS



# HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTICE GROUPS



**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

## NEED MORE INFO?

Call Skool Loop Aus on 1800 203 493

Call Skool Loop NZ on 0800 238 379







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