

10 September 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 lovely school and its garden are featured  
in the latest **Kings Plant Barn newsletter**.  
Thank you King's Plant BARN for supporting our  
school and our gardening projects.



Richard Garrett has been super busy over the weekend com-  
pleting all of the woodwork on **the boat** ready for our big paint-  
ing day on September 27 9am -12



**Our Father's Day Cele-  
bration** was  
extremely  
well attend-  
ed - we had  
our year 6  
girls helping



setting up and serving around 150 peo-  
ple. It was so much fun. I really enjoyed  
seeing so many of you there having fun  
with your children.

*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 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

### TERM DATES 2026

#### Term 1

Tuesday 3rd February to  
Thursday 2nd April

#### Term 2

Monday 20th April to  
Friday 3rd July

### 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 15th 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 Term3

**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

## **Students of the Week:**

### **Our School Netball Teams**

**For**

**Showing amazing resilience  
at the Netball field day**

## **AN INTERESTING FACT:**

An interesting fact is that clouds, despite their wispy appearance, are quite heavy, with an average cumulus cloud weighing about 500 tonnes (500,000 kg), roughly the weight of a fully loaded Boeing 747. They float because the air underneath them is even denser

## **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

### **This Week**

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

## **You are Joking:**

What kind of underwear does a storm cloud wear? Thunderwear

# Clouds

## **What are clouds?**

A cloud is a large collection of very tiny droplets of water or ice crystals. The droplets are so small and light that they can float in the air.

## **How are clouds formed?**

All air contains water, but near the ground it is usually in the form of an invisible gas called water vapor. When warm air rises, it expands and cools. Cool air can't hold as much water vapor as warm air, so some of the vapor condenses onto tiny pieces of dust that are floating in the air and forms a tiny droplet around each dust particle. When billions of these droplets come together they become a visible cloud.

## **Why are clouds white?**

Since light travels as waves of different lengths, each colour has its very own unique wavelength. Clouds are white because their water droplets or ice crystals are large enough to scatter the light of the seven wavelengths (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet), which combine to produce white light.

## **Why do clouds turn grey?**

Clouds are made up of tiny water droplets or ice crystals, usually a mixture of both. The water and ice scatter all light, making clouds appear white. If the clouds get thick enough or high enough all the light above does not make it through, hence the grey or dark look. Also, if there are lots of other clouds around, their shadow can add to the grey or multi-coloured grey appearance.

## **Why do clouds float?**

A cloud is made up of liquid water droplets. A cloud forms when air is heated by the sun. As it rises, it slowly cools it reaches the saturation point and water condenses, forming a cloud. As long as the cloud and the air that its made of is warmer than the outside air around it, it floats!

## **How do clouds move?**

Clouds move with the wind. High cirrus clouds are pushed along by the jet stream, sometimes traveling at more than 100 miles-per-hour. When clouds are part of a thunderstorm they usually travel at 30 to 40 mph.

## **Why do clouds form at different heights in the atmosphere?**

The characteristics of clouds are dictated by the elements available, including the amount of water vapor, the temperatures at that height, the wind, and the interplay of other air masses.

## **How is fog formed?**

There are many different types of fog, but fog is mostly formed when southerly winds bring warm, moist air into a region, possibly ending a cold outbreak. As the warm, moist air flows over much colder soil or snow, dense fog often forms. Warm, moist air is cooled from below as it flows over a colder surface. If the air is near saturation, moisture will condense out of the cooled air and form fog. With light winds, the fog near the ground can become thick and reduce visibilities to zero.



# Police Dog visit





# 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

## Important Information

**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 8:30am 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.

**Arriving Late:** Children must report to the office if they arrive after 8:55am

## 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

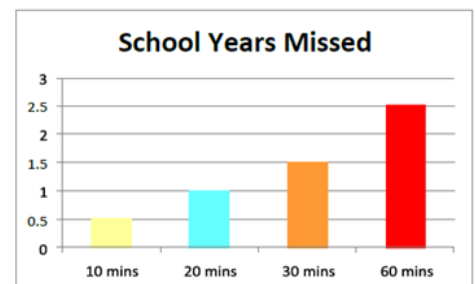


Did you know that your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

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...**

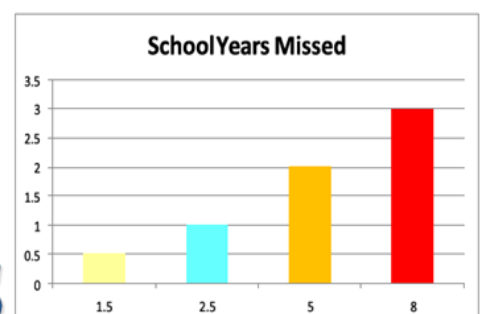
If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year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



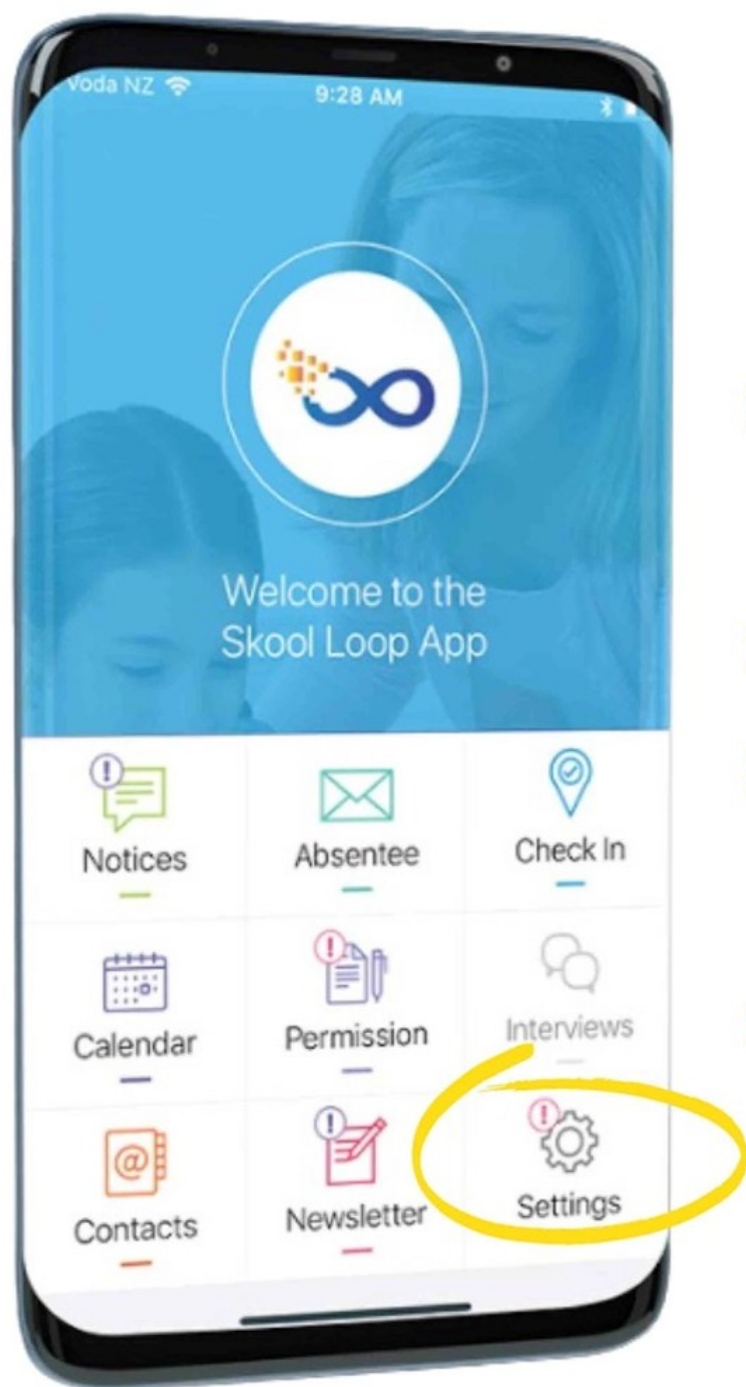
If you want your child to be successful at school then

**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
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## NEED MORE INFO?

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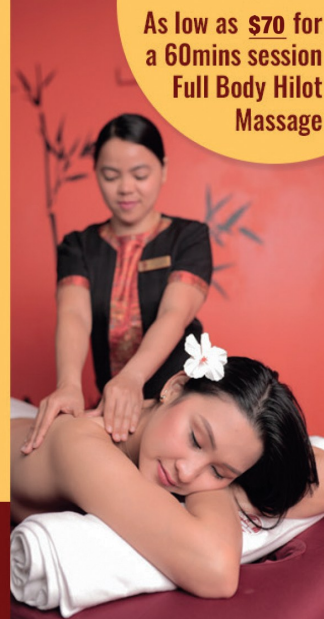
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