11th February 2026

Edmonton Primary School Newsletter

Principals Korero

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

Welcome to Week 2! We've had a wonderful start to the term here at Edmonton Primary School.

Last week we proudly celebrated our **whakatau** welcoming our new students and families, along with staff into our school community. It was a special occasion that reflected our shared values of manaakitanga and belonging, and we thank everyone who joined us to make it so meaningful.

We also loved seeing so many families at our **Whānau Picnic and Meet the Teacher** afternoon. It was great to connect, share, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you to all our whānau for taking the time to come along — your support makes a real difference.

We're looking forward to another positive and productive week of learning together

Margaret Samson (Principal)

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School Hours

8:55am—3:00pm

TERM DATES 2026

Term 1
Tuesday 3rd February
to
Thursday 2nd April

Term 2
Monday 20th April
to
Friday 3rd July

Term 3
Monday 20th April
to
Friday 3rd July

Term 4
Monday 12th October
To
Tuesday 15th 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 2026

TERM 1 * 3rd February—2nd April

- Friday 20th February — Whole School Assembly (Room 9 Hosting)
- Friday 6th March — Whole School Assembly (Rooms 7 & 11 Hosting)
- Friday 20th March — Whole School Assembly (Rooms 3 & 10 Hosting)
- Thursday 2nd April — Monstar Colour Run Fundraiser
- 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
- Thursday 24th September — School Photos
- 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 (2pm Finish)

SAVE THE DATE

KIDS PAGE

What is full of holes but still holds water?
A sponge

Class Attendance

1st Place	Room 10
2nd Place	Room 7
3rd Place	Room 12
4th Place	Room 11
5th Place	Room 9
6th Place	Room 1
7th Place	Room 3
8th Place	Room 3
9th Place	Room 8
10th Place	Room 4

Give something new a try

Popular summer sports for kids in New Zealand include cricket (SuperSmash), swimming, tennis (Hot Shots), and surf lifesaving (Nippers from age 7). Other great options for warm weather are touch rugby, sailing, athletics, and mountain biking. These activities focus on fun, water safety, and building fundamental skills in a relaxed, social setting.

Here are the top summer sports for kids in New Zealand:

Water Sports & Beach Activities

- Surf Lifesaving/Nippers: A quintessential Kiwi summer activity for ages 7+, teaching water confidence, ocean safety, and beach skills.
- Swimming Lessons: Crucial for water confidence, with many options at local community pools (e.g., West Wave, Tepid Baths).
- Sailing & Kayaking: Many holiday programmes offer "Have a Go" days for kids aged 8+.
- Water Polo: A fast-paced team sport combining swimming, soccer, and basketball.

Field & Court Sports

- Cricket: Various clubs offer "SuperSmash" programmes designed for juniors to learn basics through fun,, short-form games.
- Tennis: "Hot Shots" tennis is ideal for younger children, featuring smaller courts and softer balls.
- Touch Rugby: Popular in the evenings, offering a fast, low-contact version of rugby.
- Softball: A highly inclusive and popular summer team sport.
- Athletics (Track & Field): Clubs run programmes for all ages, often focusing on running, jumping, and throwing skills through initiatives like "Run Jump Throw".

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::

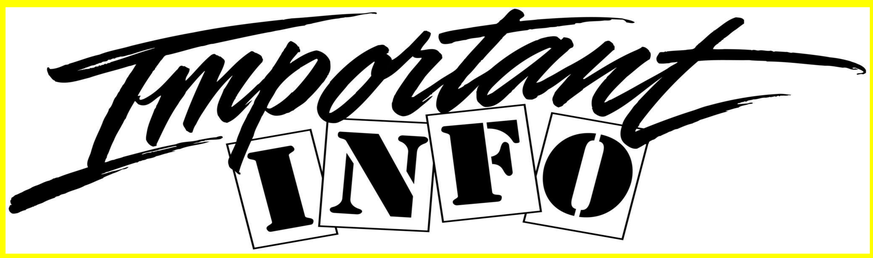
Please use the Skool Loop App to report an absence or leave a message on the school phone Absence Line. We need to know when you children are going to be away to avoid them being marked as 'truant'.

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



Hearing & Vision:

The National Public Health . Results of vision and hearing screening will be sent home with your child. The results may be shared with the school, including your Service – Northern region's Vision and Hearing Screening team will be visiting our school during the school year to screen those in Years 0-2 who have not previously had their B4School screening or require a follow-up re-screen. If you do not want your child's vision and hearing to be screened, please notify the school.

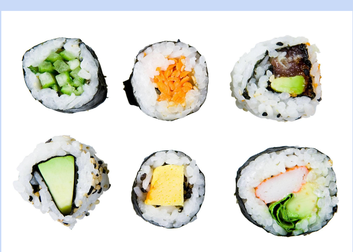
Results of vision and hearing screening will be sent home with your child. The results may be shared with the school, including your child's teacher.

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

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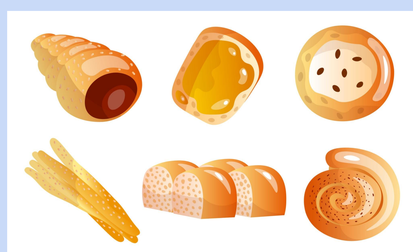
Please make sure that payments are made on the day of order

and that the child's name and 'lunch' are noted on the payment



OSCAR PROGRAM

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

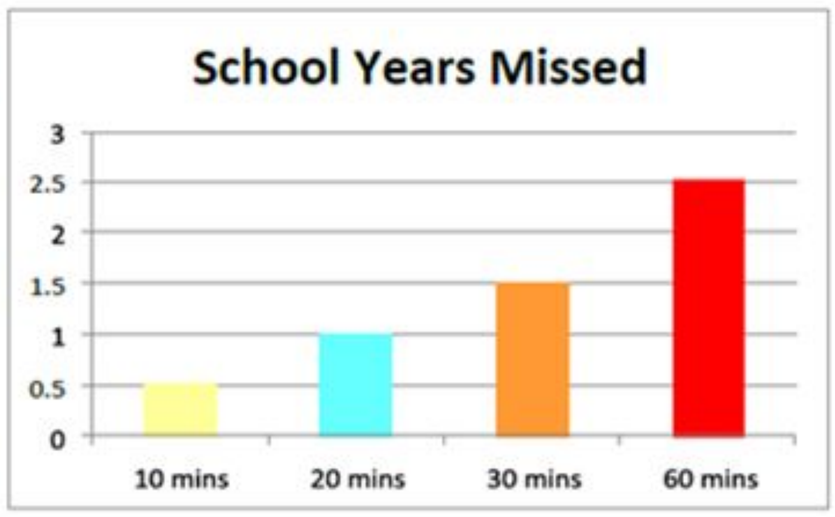
WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

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

EDMONTON Courtesy SCHOOL

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

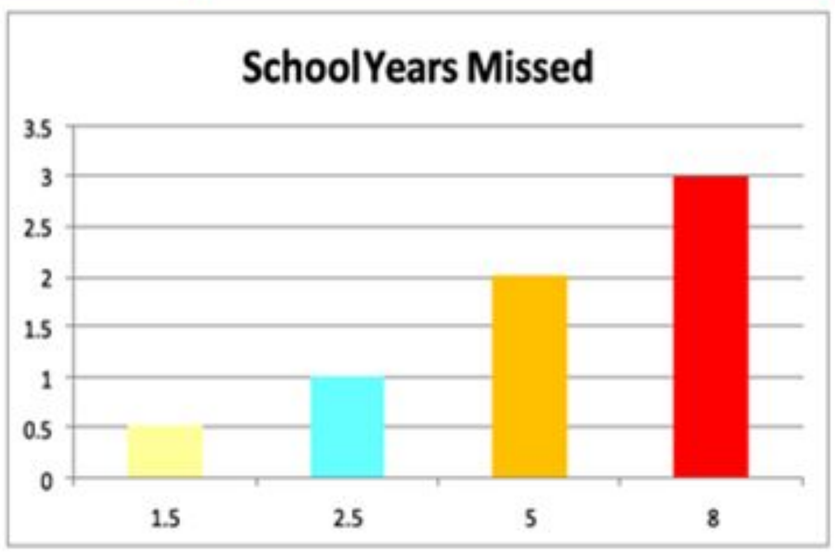
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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

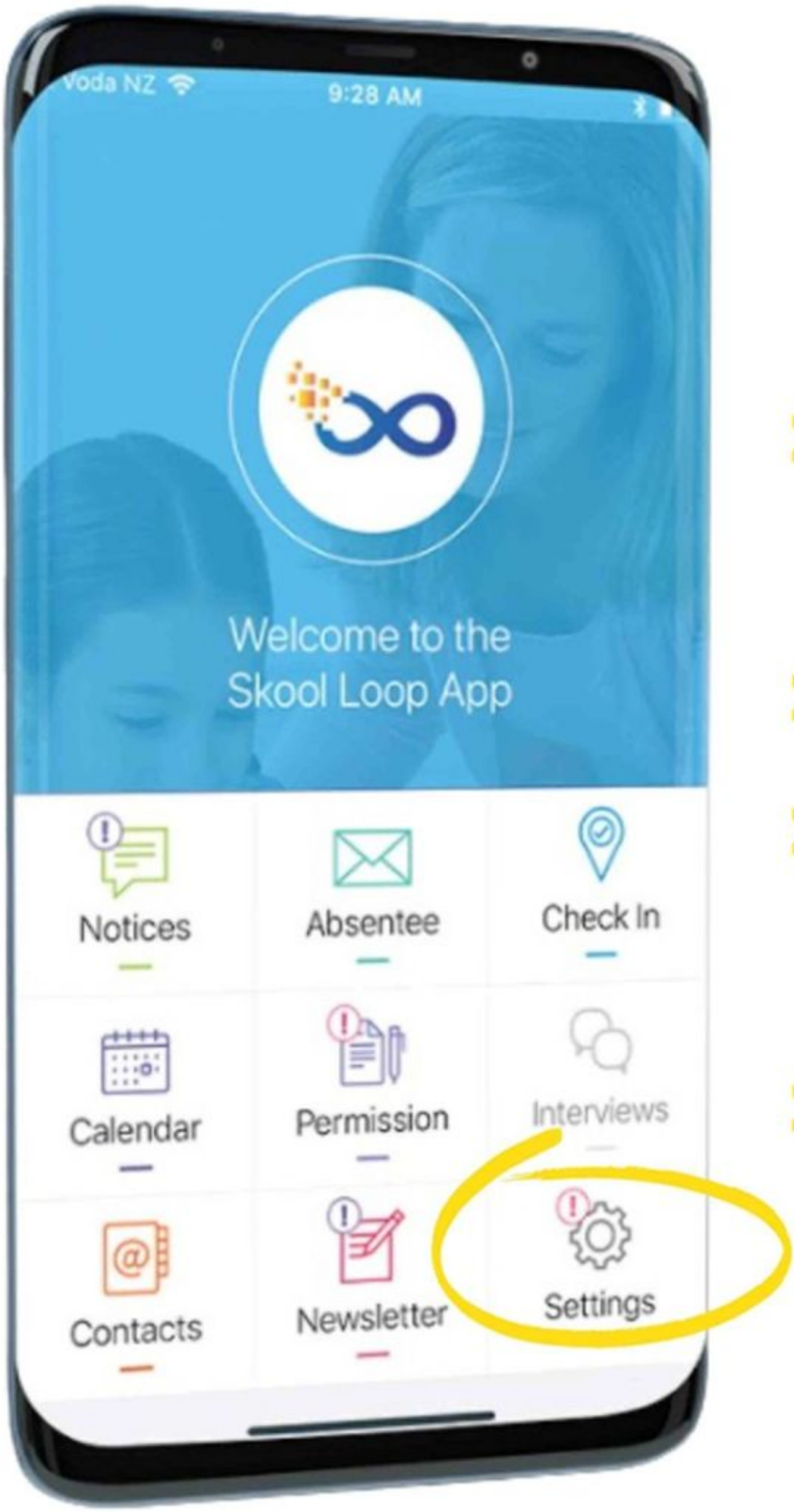
EDMONTON Courtesy SCHOOL

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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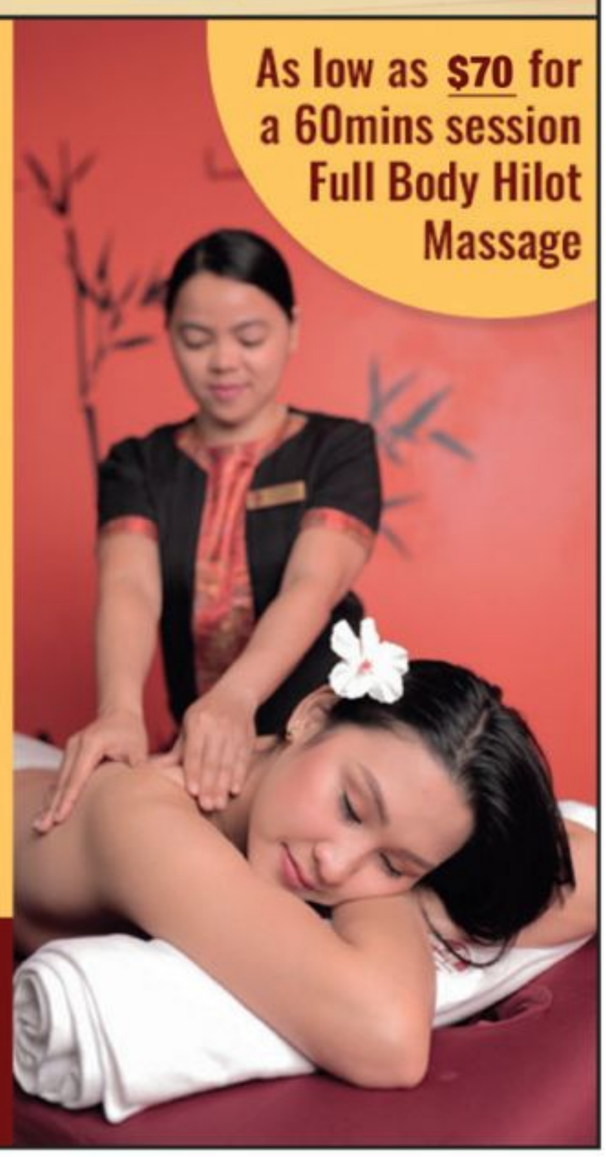

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