25th 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+

We are so incredibly proud of our teacher aide, Judith, and her amazing achievements at the Special Olympics!

Judith has shown remarkable dedication, courage, and team spirit — qualities that shine both in and out of the classroom. Competing at the Special Olympics takes hard work, resilience, and a belief in oneself, and Judith has demonstrated all of these in spades. Her participation not only highlights her personal commitment to excellence, but also inspires everyone around her to aim high and support each other.

Through her efforts, Judith has shown what's possible when passion meets perseverance — and she's been a wonderful example of what the Special Olympics is all about: inclusion, courage, friendship, and celebrating every achievement, big and small. Well done, Judith — we are so proud of you! 🌟

What a fantastic example of student voice in action!

Last week, Jackson took the initiative to write a persuasive letter to Mrs Samson requesting that new swings be purchased for the junior playground. In his letter, he explained why swings would be a great addition for our younger students and how they would make playtimes even more enjoyable.

We are very pleased to share that we now have the funding to make this happen — well done, Jackson! 👏

Jackson was invited to join Mrs Samson to scope out possible locations for the new swings. Together, they walked around the junior playground, carefully considering space, safety, and how the swings would fit into the current play areas.

This is a wonderful example of leadership, courage, and taking positive action to improve our school environment. Jackson, you should be very proud of yourself. Your initiative has made a real difference for our junior students!

Margaret Samson (Principal)

Contact Us:

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(09) 838 9318

Email

office@edmonton-primary.school.nz

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

-Tuesday 24th February	Board of Trustees Metting
- Thursday 26th February	Junior School Trip to the Zoo
- Friday 20th March	Whole School Assembly (Rooms 3 & 10 Hosting)
- Tuesday 24th March	Board of Trustees Metting
- 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	Anzac Day Observed
- Tuesday 26th May	Board of Trustees Metting
- Monday 1st June	Kings Birthday
- Tuesday 23rd June	Board of Trustees Metting
- 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)

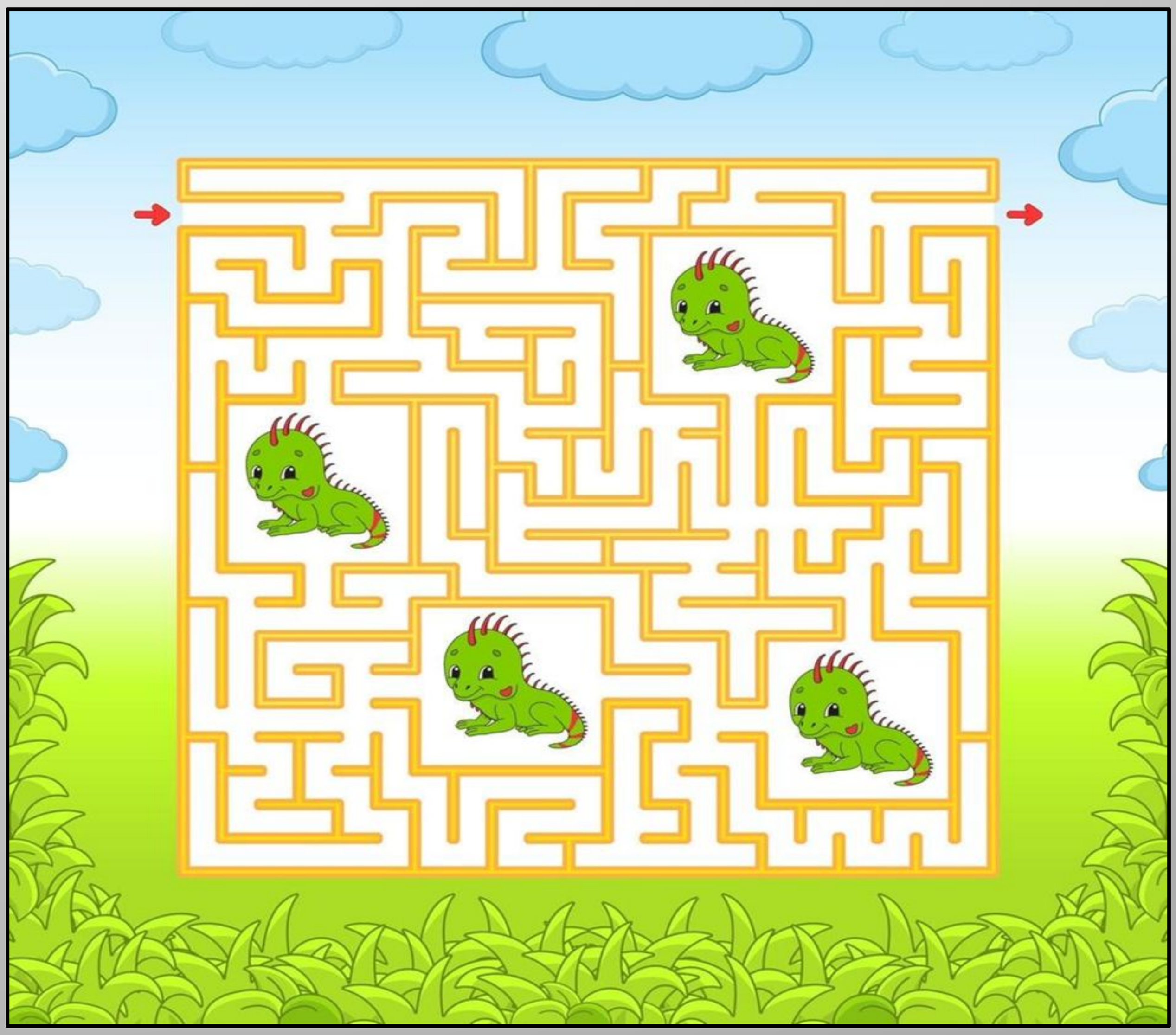
SAVE THE DATE

KIDS PAGE

What gets wetter as it dries?
A Towel

Class Attendance

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



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::

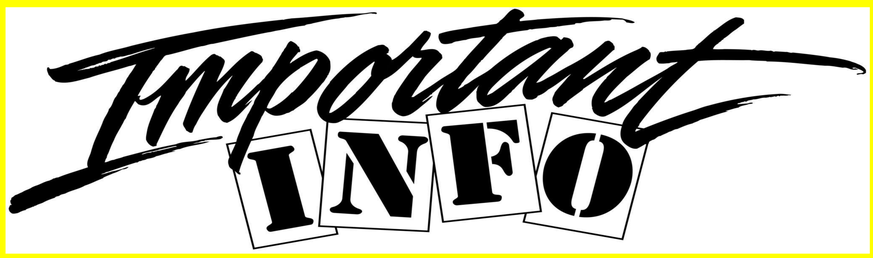
Please use the Skool Loop App to report an absence or leave a message on the school phone Absence Line. We need to know when you children are going to be away to avoid them being marked as 'truant'.

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.

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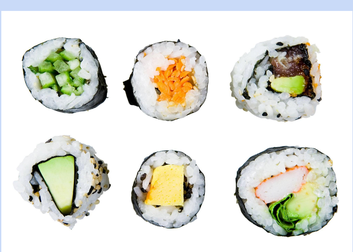
SCHOOL LUNCHES

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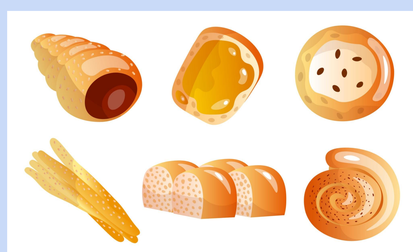
Please make sure that payments are made on the day of order

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



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

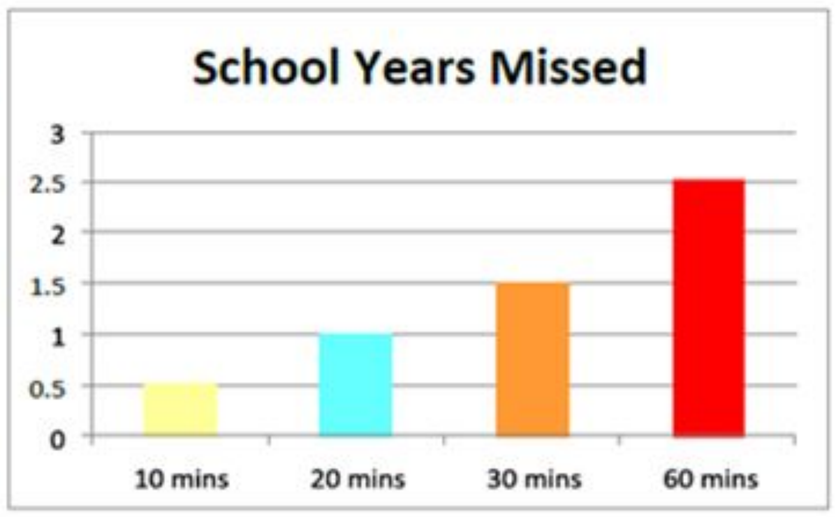
WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

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

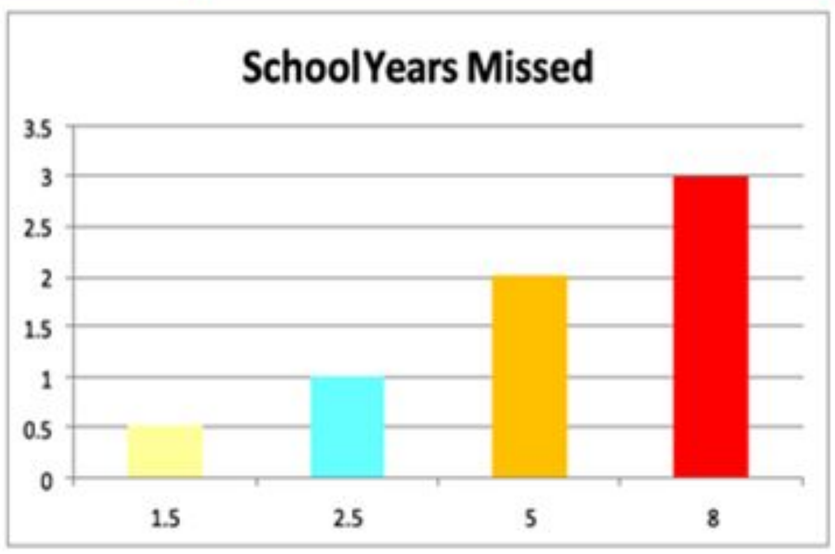
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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

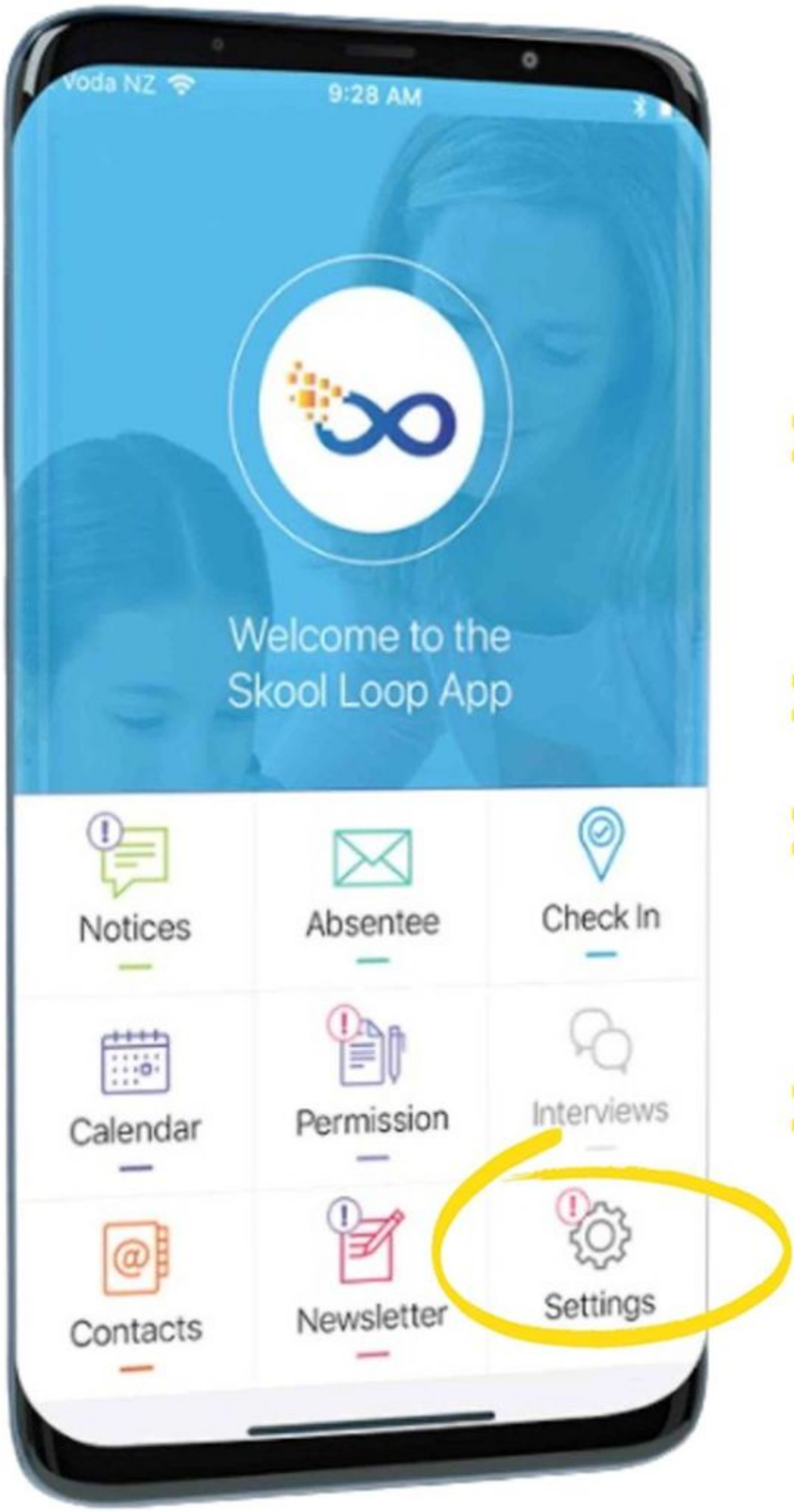
EDMONTON Courtesy SCHOOL

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
- You're good to go – you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

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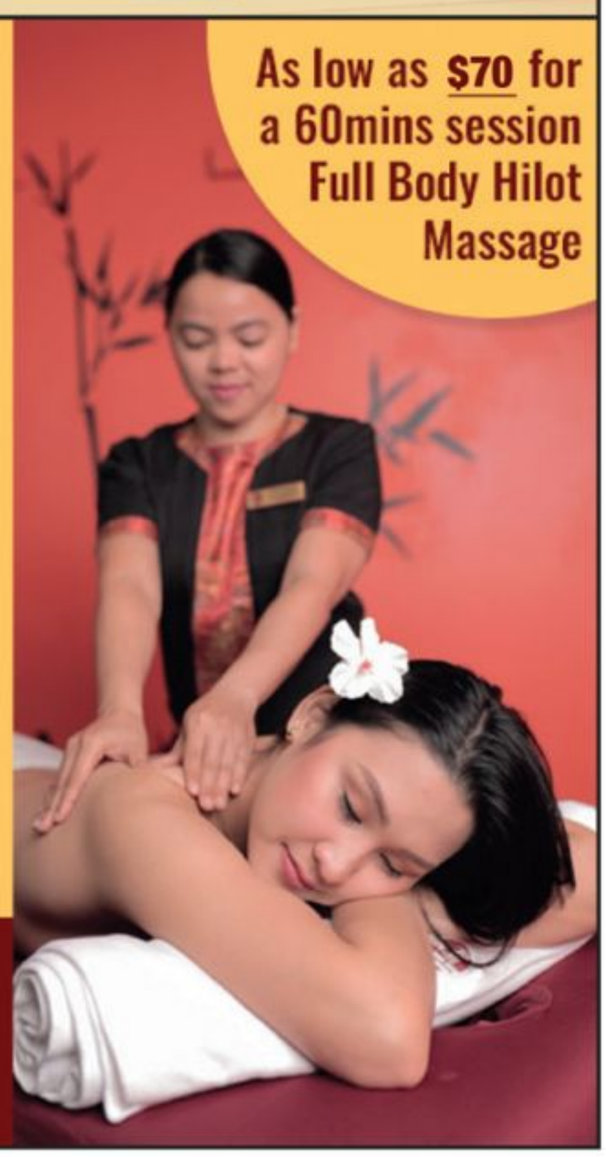

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