22nd April 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 Term 2** 🌟

Welcome back to all our students, families and whānau. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and are ready for another exciting term of learning, connection and fun here at school.

Term 2 is shaping up to be a busy and rewarding time, with lots of opportunities for our tamariki to learn, grow and shine. Class programmes are underway, and we are looking forward to seeing students building on their learning, strengthening friendships, and getting involved in the many activities on offer across the school.

A special highlight this week will be our **ANZAC Assembly on Friday at 10am**. This is an important time for us to come together as a school community to remember and honour those who have served our country. Our students have been learning about the meaning of ANZAC. We warmly invite families and whānau to join us for this meaningful occasion.

Throughout the term, we will also have a range of events, sports, cultural activities, and learning opportunities happening—so keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and notices.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We value the strong partnerships we have with our families and whānau—it makes a real difference for our learners.

We look forward to a fantastic Term 2 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 2 * 20th April—3rd July

- Monday 20th April	First Day for Term 2
- Friday 24th April	Anzac Special Assembly 10am
- Monday 27th April	Anzac Day Observed
- FrFriday 1st May	Whole School Assembly (Rms 4 & 12 hosting)
- Friday 15th May	Whole School Assembly (Rms 1 & 8 hosting)
- Tuesday 26th May	Board of Trustees Metting
- Friday 29th May	Whole School Assembly (Rms 3 & 10 hosting)
- Monday 1st June	Kings Birthday
- Friday 12th June	Whole School Assembly (Rms 7 & 10 hosting)
- Tuesday 23rd June	Board of Trustees Metting
- Friday 26th June	Whole School Assembly (Rms 9 & 2 hosting)
- 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 breaks when you say it?
Silence

Attendance Winner

This Week - Room

During World War I, wives and mothers began sending biscuits to soldiers at the front, and they became known as 'Red Cross biscuits' or 'soldiers' biscuits'.

"They wanted to send something nutritious because they were worried the troops weren't getting that well fed."

Earlier versions featured two biscuits sandwiched together with jam, but that changed during the war years.

Eggs were also removed from the recipe at that time and golden syrup was added, Reynolds said.

"The sensible wives and mothers knew that the biscuits would not keep long and because of the war rationing, eggs were not always in ready supply."

As well as being sent to soldiers and nurses at the front, the biscuits were baked for fundraisers for the war effort.

They became known as **Anzac biscuits** sometime after the formation of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps in 1914.

BISCUITS

Anzac Biscuits

★★★★☆ 4.5

PREPARATION	BAKE	DIFFICULTY	SERVINGS
15 mins	16 mins	Easy	24

These awesome Anzac biscuits can be made crunchy or chewy - however you like them.

Ingredients

- 1 cup **Edmonds Standard Grade Flour** (150g)
- 1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 ¾ cups rolled oats
- (210g) 1 cup desiccated coconut (100g)
- ½ cup **Chelsea White Sugar** or **Chelsea Raw Sugar** (113g)
- ¼ cup (firmly packed) **Chelsea Soft Brown Sugar** (50g)
- 125g butter, cubed (or Olivani Spread)
- ¾ cup **Chelsea Golden Syrup** (tin) (90g)
- 2 Tbsp water
- 1 tsp **Edmonds Baking Soda**

Method

1. Preheat oven to 150°C bake. Line 2 large baking trays with baking paper.
2. In a medium-sized bowl, sift together the flour and cinnamon. Add the rolled oats, coconut and sugars; mix well.
3. Place butter, **Chelsea Golden Syrup** and water in a small saucepan and stir over low-medium heat until the butter melts and the mixture is well combined (ensure the mixture does not simmer or boil).
4. Remove from heat and stir in the baking soda. Add immediately to the dry ingredients and use a wooden spoon to stir until well combined.
5. Roll 1-2 tablespoons of mixture into balls and place on trays about 5cm apart. Use your fingers to flatten each slightly (until they are about 1cm thick). Bake for 16 minutes (for a chewy biscuit) or 20 minutes for a crunchier biscuit.
6. Allow to cool on trays for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to a week.

Monty's Monstar Colour Run

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

The Colour Run fundraiser that we held last term was very successful!! We reached $10,600 in sponsorship and all of our students (as well as the staff and parents 😊) had an amazing fun afternoon, which was a great way to end Term 1. Thank you to all parents, families and friends that so generously donated to this fundraiser. Also, a huge thank you to all of the parents and staff that helped set up/pack down the course and spray the colour powder on the children running the course and the Te Atatu Fire Brigade for creating more fun for the children with their fire hoses 😊 Last but not least, thank you to the families that came along to support their children and help make this an afternoon of fun!

Our Top 10 Fundraisers were:

- 1st Blake Vododuadua (Rm 8) $ 2,085
- 2nd Taj Immers-Sinclair (Rm 7) $ 710
- 3rd Ameera Turia (Rm 4) $ 640
- 4th = Alex Cruz (Rm 11) $ 505
- 4th = Edwin Cruz (Rm 12) $ 505
- 5th Dillon Benson (Rm 12) $ 420
- 6th TeeJ Lamb (Rm 1) $ 400
- 7th Aanvi Prasad (Rm 9) $ 290
- 8th Tatenda Maforimbo (Rm11) $ 285
- 9th Tikitikiorangi Dixon (Rm 1) $ 266
- 10th Marlee Busby (Rm 9) $ 235

Subject: REMINDER TO ORDER PRIZES – Monty The Monstar Fun Run

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With just a few days left, don't forget to login to the **MYPROFILEPAGE** and order prizes from our recent fundraiser.

Steps to place your order:

1. Log into your parent account at **myprofilepage.co.nz**
2. Scroll down to the green **"Order My Prizes"** section and click the blue **"Order Prizes"** button
3. Mix and match up to a total of 5 prizes based on the total amount raised or choose a Cause to support instead **(prizes and causes cannot be combined)**

Example: $50 raised, Monty the Monstar can choose one of the following options:

A. 1 prize from the $50-$74 category

B. 2 prizes from the $25-$49 category

C. 5 prizes from the $10-$25 category

D. Send the donations to one of the Causes available

Need Help? Click onto the Red **"Need Help"** button in the bottom right and fill in the details. The team at New Zealand Fundraising will be in contact shortly after.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Kathy McCarthy

EDMONTON SCHOOL

Monty’s Monstar Colour Run Photo’s

Bring your Yummy Stickers to School

HELP OUR SCHOOL EARN FREE SPORTS GEAR!

OUR SCHOOL IS TAKING PART IN THE YUMMY APPLE STICKER PROMOTION!

WHEN YOU BUY YUMMY APPLES, COLLECT THE STICKERS FROM THE APPLES OR THE CUT-OUT LABELS FROM THE BAGS AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD.

EACH BAG LABEL COUNTS AS 10 STICKERS, SO THEY REALLY HELP!

WE WILL COLLECT THE STICKERS AND EXCHANGE THEM FOR FREE SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL. THE MORE STICKERS WE COLLECT, THE MORE GEAR WE CAN EARN!

PLEASE SEND STICKERS TO SCHOOL BY 10 OCTOBER 2026.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TAMARIKI AND HELPING OUR SCHOOL!

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::

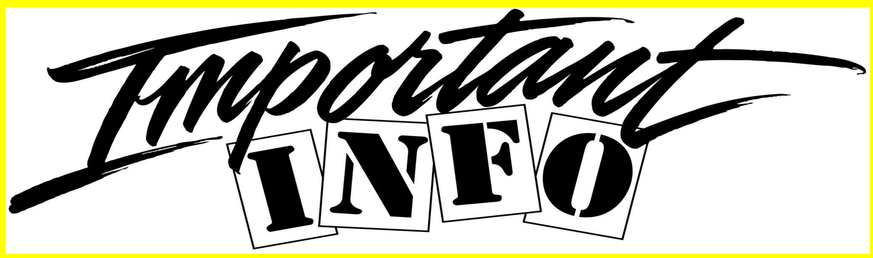
Please use the Skool Loop App to report an absence or leave a message on the school phone Absence Line. We need to know when you children are going to be away to avoid them being marked as 'truant'.

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.

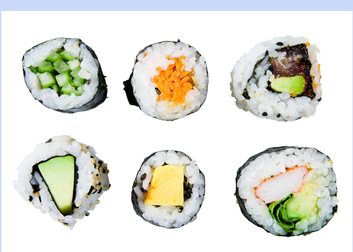
Results of vision and hearing screening will be sent home with your child. The results may be shared with the school, including your child's teacher.

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**



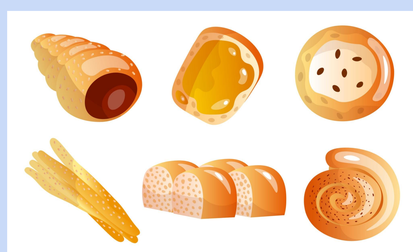
Payment can be made online to

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



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

WINTER ILLNESS

Colds, flu and other respiratory illness are common in schools during winter. Here are some simple tips to prevent the spread of illness:

- Wash and dry hands regularly, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, and using the toilet
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hand
- Regularly clean high touch surfaces – door handles, taps, table tops, phones, computer keyboards, etc
- You should keep your child at home from school if they are too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover
- Get a flu jab NOW - it's FREE for people who are pregnant, over 65s, and people at higher risk of getting very sick. Check with your healthcare provider to see if you are eligible

For more information see: **info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/**

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Ready... Set... GLOW!

KidsCan GlowRun, supported by ASB, is a chance for whānau and friends to come together for a bright purpose, and plenty of fun.

Your school community is invited to join us on **Saturday 2 May** from 6pm for this brand-new, family-friendly experience.

Designed for all ages and abilities, KidsCan GlowRun is an interactive, light-filled 2.5km fun run or walk – all to help Kiwi kids in need.

Every entry helps us raise funds to provide shoes and winter jackets for Kiwi kids facing hardship as we head towards the colder months.

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

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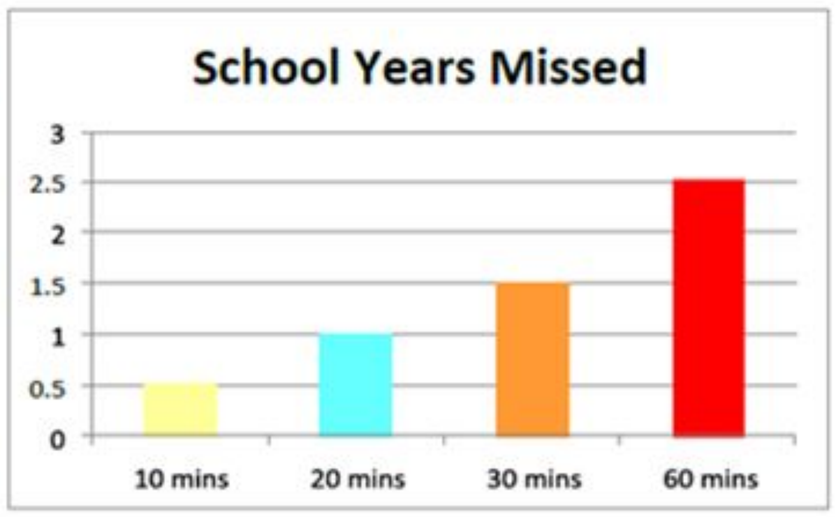
Did you know that your child's best learning time is the start of the school day? That's when every minute counts the most. School starts at 8:55am.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

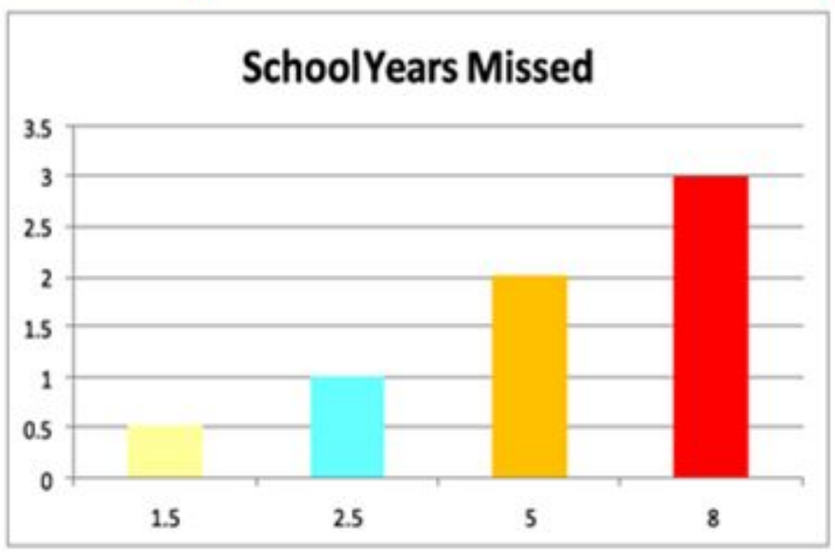
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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

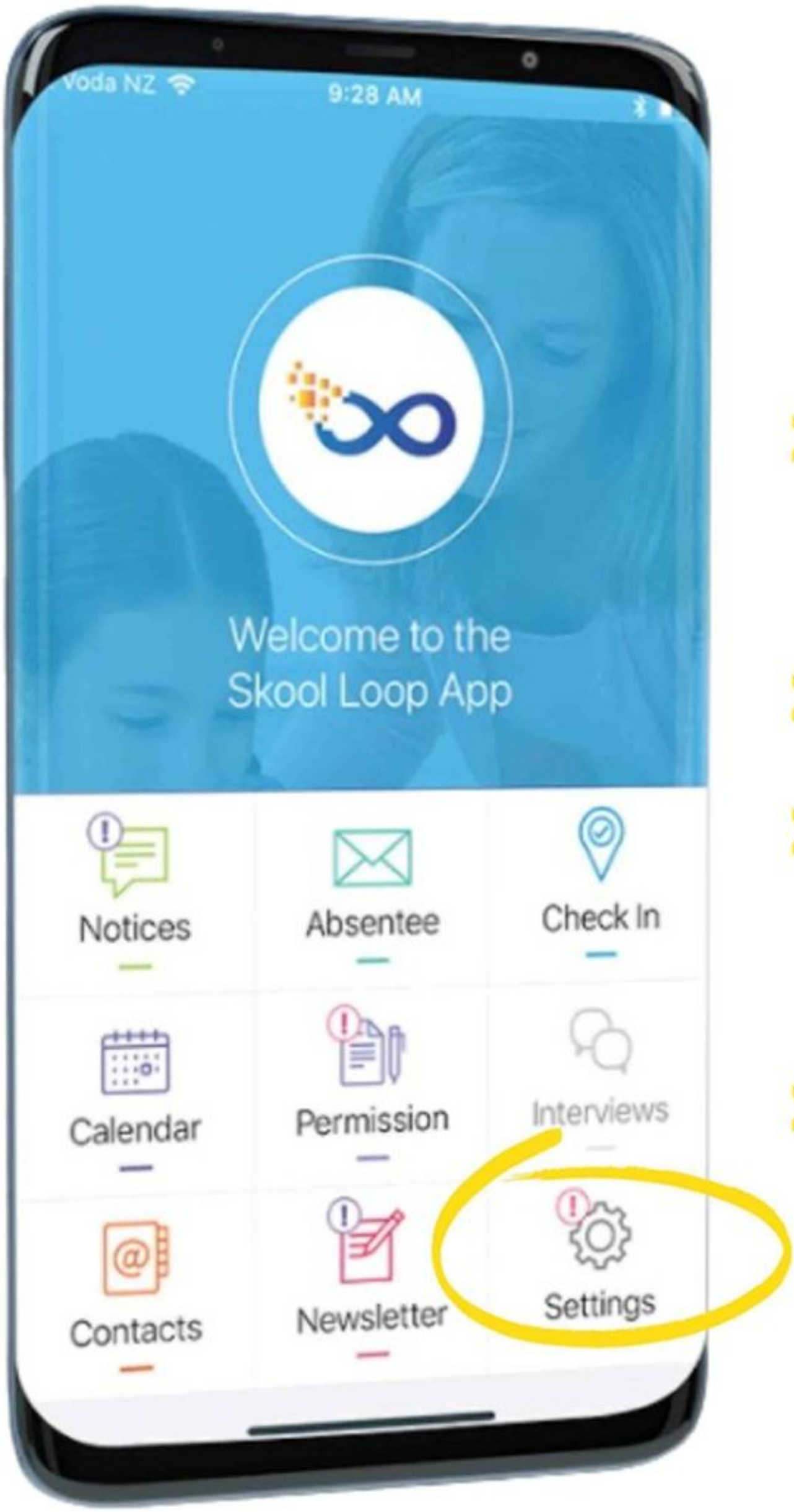
EDMONTON Courtesy SCHOOL

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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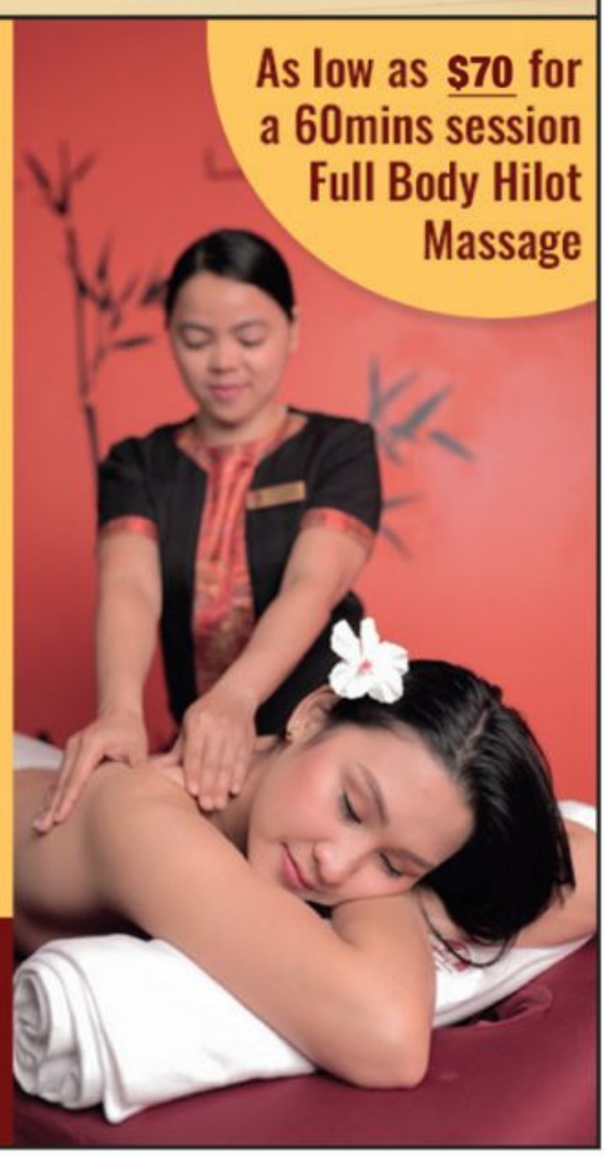

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