13 May 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+

Thank you to all the wonderful mums and caregivers who joined us for our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea last Friday. It was a very special afternoon filled with smiles, laughter, and lovely moments shared together. We truly appreciated seeing so many of our whānau in the hall celebrating with us.
A very special thank you also goes to the four girls who did an amazing job setting up the hall and welcoming our guests as hostesses. They showed such care, responsibility, and pride in helping make the afternoon so memorable. We are very proud of them.

Pink Day – Friday 15 May

This Friday, 15 May, we are looking forward to celebrating **Pink Day** at Edmonton – a special day dedicated to friendship, kindness, and inclusion,
We encourage everyone to wear a touch of pink to show support and remind one another that small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Pink Day is about creating a school where everyone feels safe, valued, respected, and included.
At Edmonton, we are proud of the way our students support one another, show compassion, and help make our school a welcoming place for all. Thank you to our staff, students, and whānau for helping Friday! 💗

Ngā Mihi

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

- 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 6th August	Parent teacher interviews
- 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

Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

A huge THANK YOU to Blakes Nana & Poppa for the Lego

A huge thank you to Blake’s Nana and Pop for your very generous donation of a new Lego for our tamariki. The children were so excited and have absolutely loved exploring, creating, and building together using this wonderful new resource.

Your kindness and support are truly appreciated, and this special addition is already bringing so much joy and creativity to our learning spaces. Thank you for thinking of us — we really love our new Lego area!

KIDS PAGE

What has keys but no locks?
A Piano

Attendance Winner

This Week - Room 12

Top 10 Facts About Cats!

Do you want to learn about cats? Check out these top 10 facts...

Cats are one of the most beloved animals in the world. They are graceful, agile and playful, and they make wonderful companions. There are also many intriguing facts about cats that you might not know! From their amazing sense of smell to their extraordinary jumping abilities, here are the Top 10 Facts about cats.

1. Cats can jump up to 6 times their height.

That's right!
Cats are really good jumpers and can jump really high.
You can often see them on the top of a garden fence or on a really high wall!
They have very strong muscles in their legs which catapults them into the air

2. They have a total of 18 toes.

That's a lot of toes!
Cats have 5 toes on each of their front paws.
They then have four toes on their back paws.

3. There are over 500 million pet cats!

There are lots of cats across the world as they are one of the most popular pets to have.

4. Cats sleep for around 13 to 16 hours a day (70% of their life).

Have you ever noticed that cats are always sleeping?
They do this to save their energy.
In the wild they would be saving their energy to go and hunt for their food.
House cats obviously don't need to do this but it just comes naturally to them.

5. 1 year of a cats life equals to 15 years of a humans live.

Cats age much faster than humans and live for a shorter amount of time.
This means that when a cat is 1 year old, that actually equals to 15 human years!

6. One of the largest domestic cat breeds is a Maine Coon.

The Maine Coon is one of the largest domestic cat breeds there is.
In fact, the Guinness World Records gave Barivel, a Maine Coon, the award for being the longest domestic cat ever!
Barivel is 120cm long and lives in Italy.

7. The smallest cat breed is a Singapura.

The smallest cat breed is the Singapura.
It originates from Singapore.
They are around half the size of a normal house cat.

8. Purring means a cat is content.

Most of the time a cat will purr when it is happy and content.
This is mostly when it is getting a nice stroke from it's owner.
They use their purr as a way of communication.

9. A cat can run up to 30mph.

Cats are very speedy.
They can run up to 30mph.
That's about as fast as a car will travel on a typical road!

10. The oldest cat was 38 years old.

The oldest recorded living cat lived up to 38 years old.
He was called Creme Puff!
Most domestic cats live for around 16 – 17 years.

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::

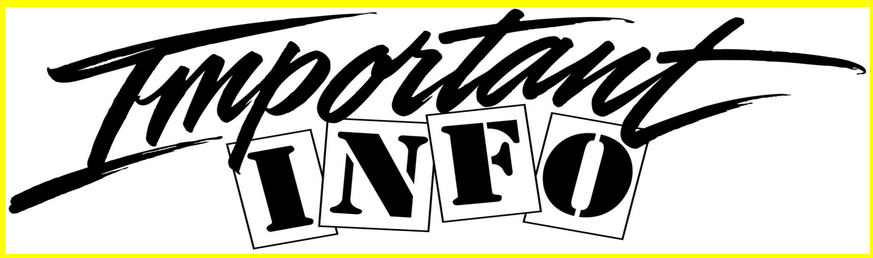
Please use the Skool Loop App to report an absence or leave a message on the school phone Absence Line. We need to know when you children are going to be away to avoid them being marked as 'truant'.

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.

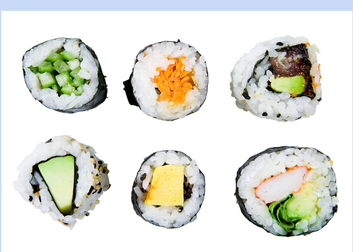
Results of vision and hearing screening will be sent home with your child. The results may be shared with the school, including your child's teacher.

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**



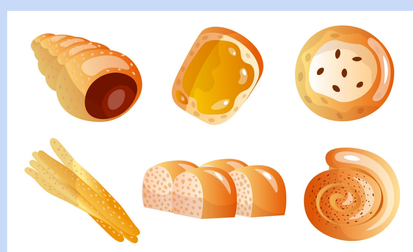
Payment can be made online to

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

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!

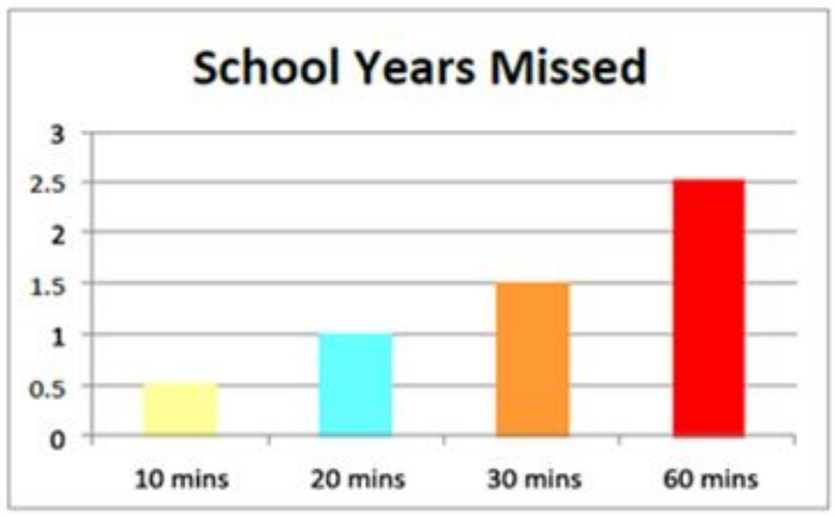
WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

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

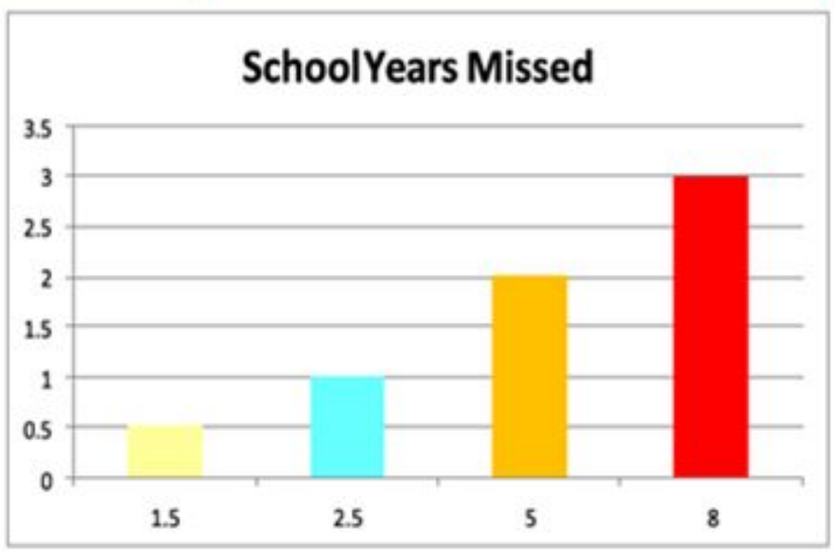
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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

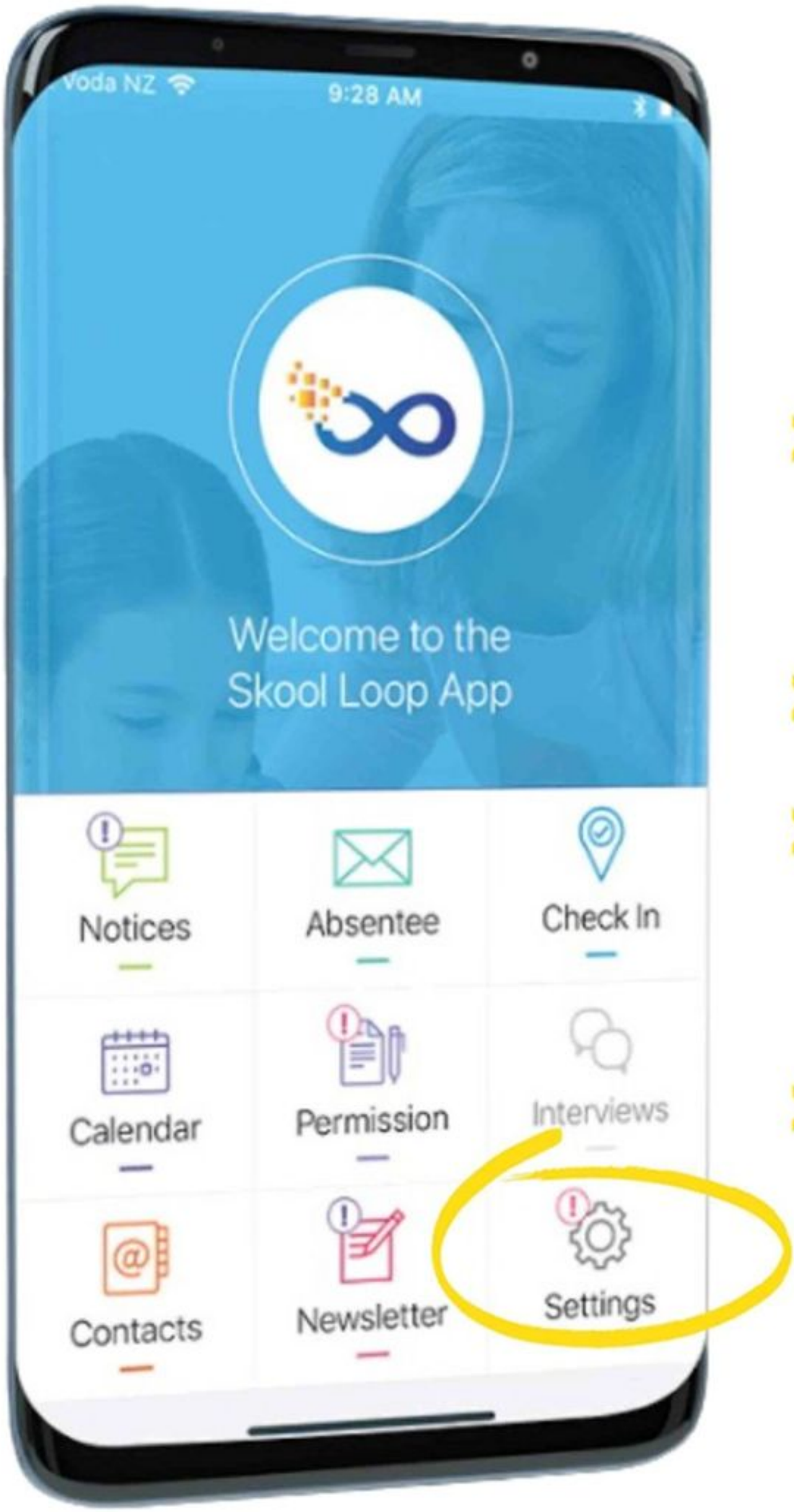
EDMONTON Courtesy SCHOOL

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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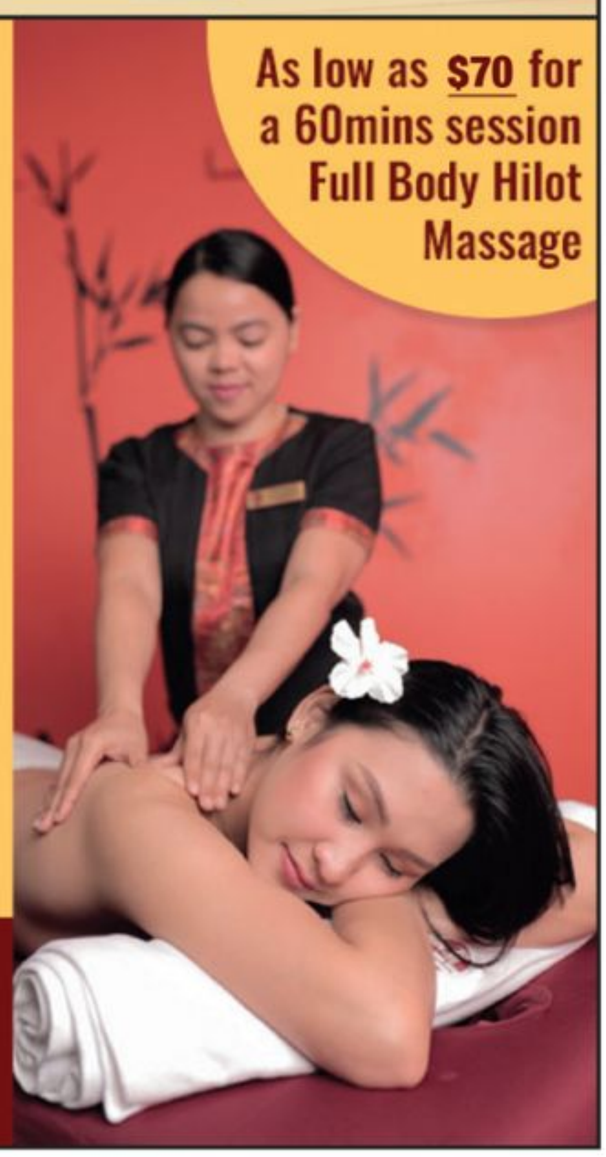

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