27 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+

Cultural Diversity Day & Matariki Art Celebration

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our **Cultural Diversity Day** celebrations. It was wonderful to see our school community proudly sharing and celebrating the many cultures that make Edmonton Primary such a special place. Thank you to our tamariki, whānau, and staff for your enthusiasm, support, and participation.

Our **Matariki Art projects** are also progressing beautifully across classes. Students have been creating thoughtful and inspiring artwork connected to the meaning and values of Matariki.

These artworks will be **exhibited at the Te Atatū Community Centre at the end of this term**, alongside art from our cluster schools. We warmly invite all whānau and community members to come along and enjoy the creativity and talent of our tamariki.

We look forward to celebrating this special learning journey with you all!

Ngā Mihi

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 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 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

KIDS PAGE

Attendance Winner

This Week - Room 8

Amazing Smile Facts for Kids

- You started smiling before you were born! Scientists have used 4D scans to see babies smiling in their mommy's tummy as early as 26 weeks!
- Smiling makes you a superhero: When you smile, your brain releases special chemicals called endorphins. These act like natural medicine to help you relax, lower your stress, and feel better when you are having a bad day.
- It's a superpower that's contagious: Smiles are like a domino effect! When you smile at someone, it actually makes *their* brain release happy chemicals too, which can make them smile right back.
- It's easier to smile than to frown: Scientists say it takes way more effort for your face to make a grumpy frown than it does to share a big, happy grin.
- People can see your happiness from far away: A smile is the easiest facial expression to recognize. People can see a smile from up to 300 feet away—that is the length of a whole football field!
- Even animals do it: Humans aren't the only ones! Animals like monkeys and chimpanzees have been spotted smiling and even laughing when they are having fun or getting tickled.

Parenting Talk

Kind, Firm, Calm Parenting

DATE
7pm
Wednesday
10 June

VENUE
Church Unlimited
Auditorium 2
Glendene

COST
$5 per person

Light supper

Simple strategies to *transform* your parenting

If the daily juggle has you feeling overwhelmed or in need of some fresh ideas, this talk is for you.

Kind, Firm, Calm is a transformative parenting posture that empowers you to remain *kind*, so your kids feel loved and connected; *firm*, so they feel the security of boundaries and leadership; and *calm*, so they feel safe and supported to regulate their emotions.

Jenny Hale, Senior Parent Coach
Jenny Hale has been part of the Parenting Place team for over two decades. Her lifelong passion is helping families find solutions to everyday parenting challenges. Jenny's wisdom and insights fill the pages of her transformative parenting handbook, *Kind, Firm, Calm*.

Parenting Place

parentingplace.nz

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!

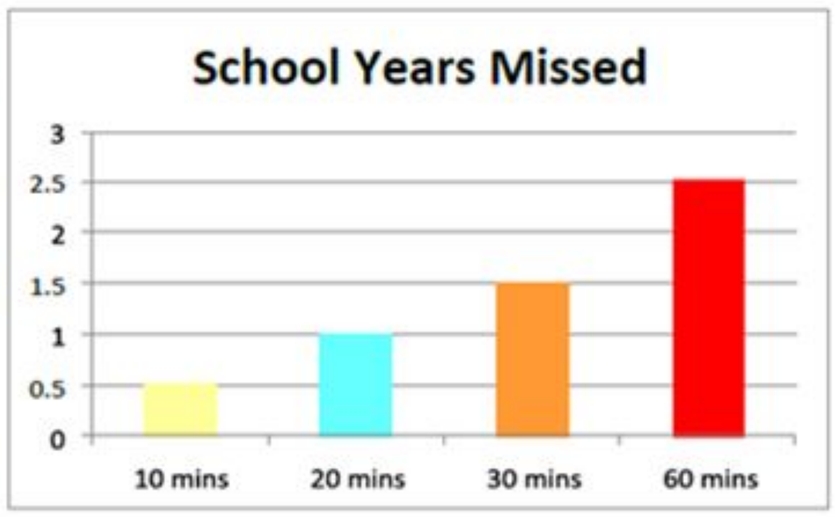
WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

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

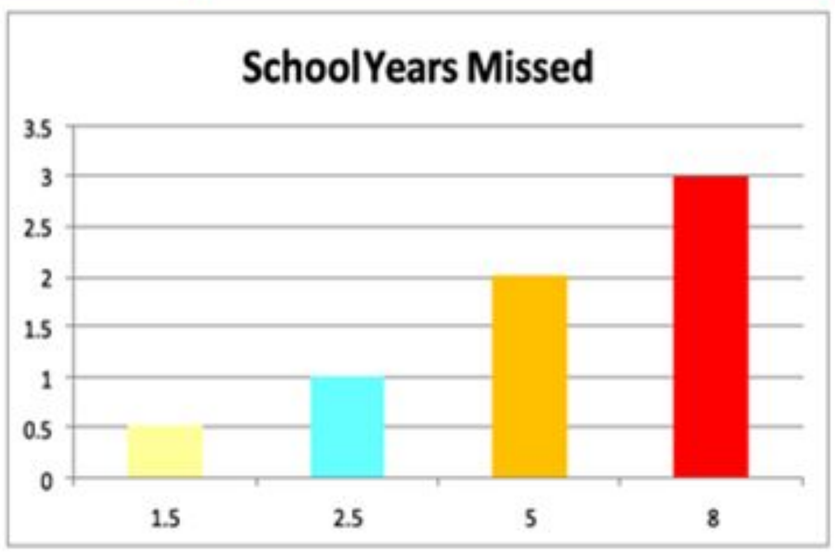
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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

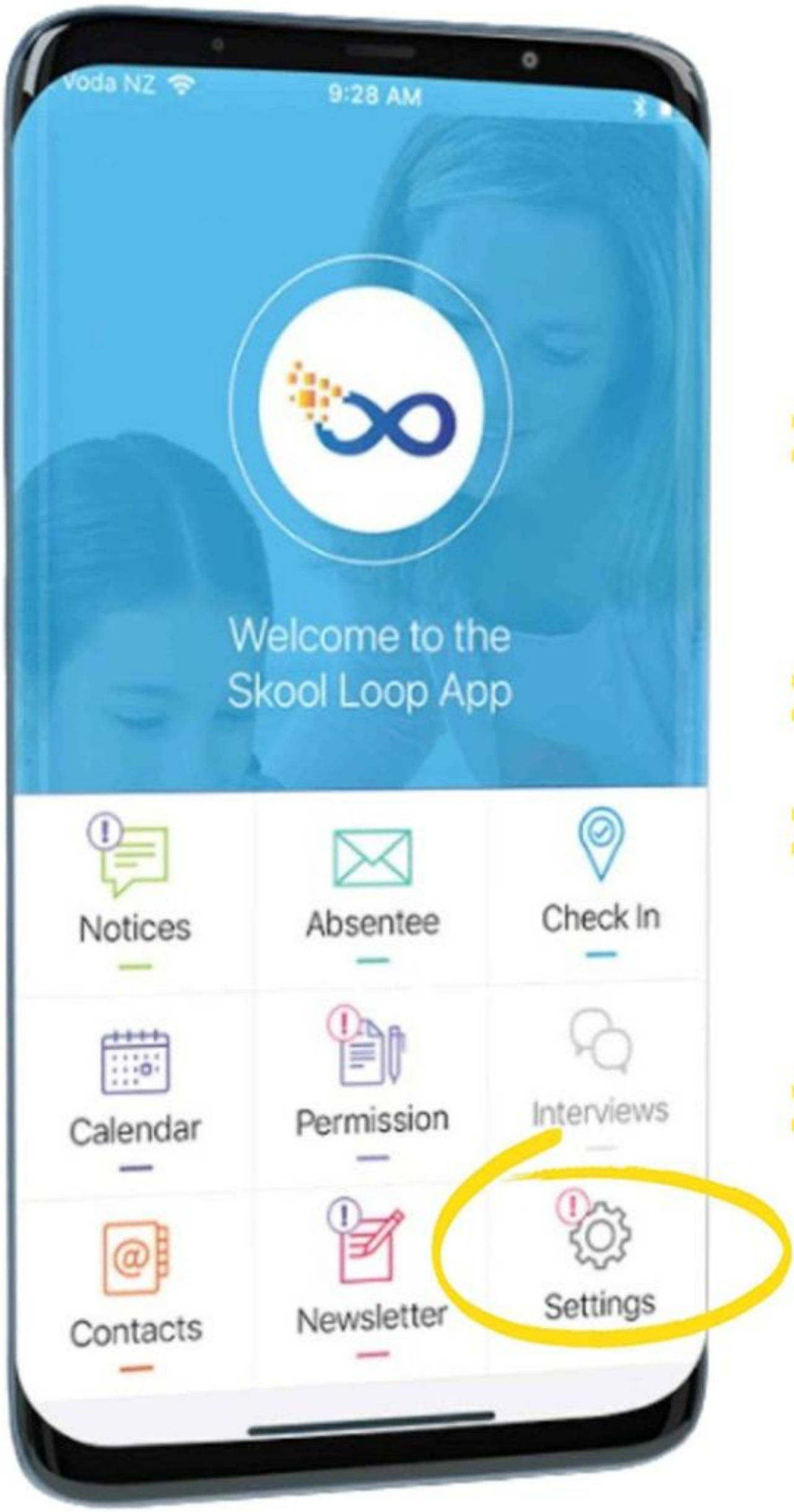
EDMONTON Courtesy SCHOOL

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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Call Skool Loop NZ on 0800 238 379

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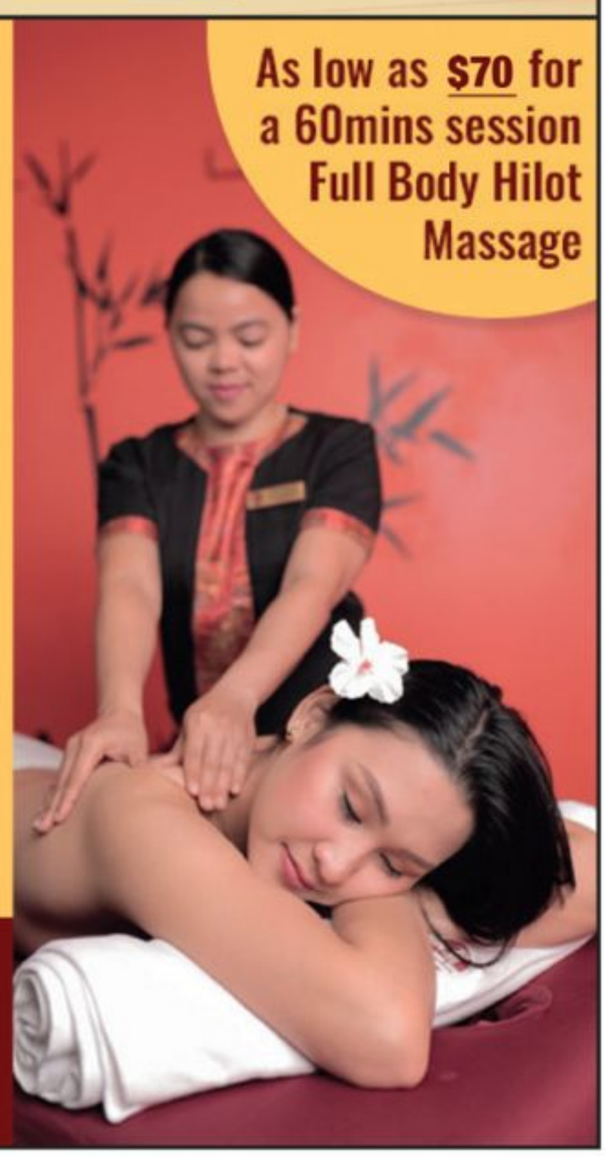

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