2nd September 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+

🌷 **Hello Spring!** 🌷

It's hard to believe we are already welcoming **Spring**! The days are getting longer, the weather is warming up, and we are looking forward to seeing our gardens, trees and school grounds burst into life. Spring is a lovely reminder to get outside, enjoy some fresh air and make the most of the sunshine. 🌱☀️

As the weather changes, please remember to **take care** – mornings can still be cool, so a warm layer is a good idea.

💙 **Happy Father's Day!**

A special reminder that **Father's Day is this Sunday**! We would love to invite all our **dads, grandads, uncles and special father figures** to join us at school this **Friday from 12.30–1.30pm** for some lunchtime fun.

Come along and enjoy some time with your children – **kick a ball, shoot some hoops, play a playground game or simply have some fun together!** 🏀⚽

It will be a relaxed and enjoyable opportunity for our dads and children to spend some special time together at school.

We look forward to seeing lots of our dads on Friday! 💙

Wishing all our Edmonton families a wonderful start to Spring and a very **Happy Father's Day** to all the amazing dads and father figures in our community!

Ngā Mihi

Margaret Samson (Principal)

Contact Us:

1-29 School Road, Te Atatu South

Phone:

(09) 838 9318

Email

office@edmonton-primary.school.nz

School Hours

8:55am—3:00pm

TERM DATES 2026

Term 3
Monday 20th July to
Friday 25th September

Term 4
Monday 12th OctoberTo
Tuesday 15th December

TERM DATES 2027

Term 2
Tuesday 2nd Februday to
Friday 3rd July

Term 2
Tuesday 27th April to
Friday 2nd July

Term 3
Monday 19th July to
Friday 24th September

Term 4
Monday 11th OctoberTo
Thursday 17th 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 3 * 20th July — 29th September

- Tuesday 8th September	Water Skills for Life (not rooms 1 & 2)
- Friday 11th September	Whole School Assembly
- Tuesday 15th September	Water Skills for Life (not rooms 1 & 2)
- Tuesday 22nd September	Water Skills for Life (not rooms 1 & 2)
- Thursday 24th September	School Photos
- Friday 25th September	Whole School Assembly
- Friday 25th September	Last Day for Term3

TERM 4 * 12th October—15th December

- Monday 12th October	First Day for Term 4
- Friday 23rd October	Whole School Assembly
- Monday 26th October	Labour Day
- Friday 6th November	Whole School Assembly
- Thursday 10th December	Big Day Out - Pt Erin
- Monday 14th December	Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 15th December	Teacher Only Day
- Friday 11th December	Last Day for children Term 4 2pm finish

Term Dates for 2027

Term 1 * Monday 1st February - Friday 9th April

- Monday 8th February	Waitangi Day

Term 2 * Tuesday 27th April - Friday 2nd July

- Monday 7th June	Kings Birthday
- Friday 14th June	Matariki

Term 3 * Monday 19th July - Friday 24th September

Term 4 * Monday 11th October -Thursday 16th December

- Monday 25th October	Labour Weekend

SAVE THE DATE

KIDS PAGE

New Zealand Conservation Week

New Zealand Animals

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owl
snail
parakeet
heron
duck

kiwi
skink
gecko
lizard
kakapo

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

TE POU THEATRE PRESENTS

WHĀNAU DAY

SAT 12 SEPTEMBER
10AM——3PM
Te Pou Theatre

Free Event, Storytelling, Performances, Kēmu, Kapa Haka, Kai & more

● Print making with Numa Mackenzie ● Storytelling with Hinemoa Elder & others ● Live music performances from SPDRTWNBBY, Harmony Day & more ● Theatre Shows for Tamariki — incl. All The Things I Wish I Could Be ● Special Baby Sensory Session ● Performances from Atamira Dance Company & The Dust Palace & more ● 5 Star Eats Market — Polynesian Kai Vendors ●

Te Pou Theatre
2 Mt Lebanon Lane
Henderson

koangafestival.nz

HŌTAKA | PROGRAMME

TĀKIRITIA!
Festival Opening
10 Sep.
Festival opening event with opera, waiata, poetry, and prose.

WHĀNAU DAY
Free event
12 Sep.

IHIRANGARANGA
13 Sep.
Blending taonga puoro, spoken word, and real-time painting.

GRASS ROOTS
By Raureti Ormond
16 Sep.
A musical comedy about the (very) queer son of a rugby player.

I WAS BORN TO SPEAK
By Billy Reynolds McCarthy
17——18 Sep.
Bilingual spoken word show on the silencing of te reo Māori.

WAI TAWHITO
By Tūrongo Collective
17——18 Sep.
A story, a ritual, a challenge to the perception of time.

AROHA-HA
A Māori & Pacific Comedy Line-Up Show
19 Sep.
Featuring Kura Forrester, Courtney Dawson, Janaye Henry, Timprovise, Hoani Hotene & Jonjon Tolovae.

SCRIPTS & SIPS | PLAY-READINGS BRUNCH
19 Sep.
Special morning play-readings of new works exploring grief, aroha & hope.

SCRIPTS & SIPS | PLAY-READINGS BRUNCH
20 Sep.
Special morning play-readings of new works in te reo māori made for tamariki & rangatahi Māori.

UPU
Festival Closing
20 Sep.
A stunning theatrical experience of Pacific poetry on stage. A much anticipated homecoming show.

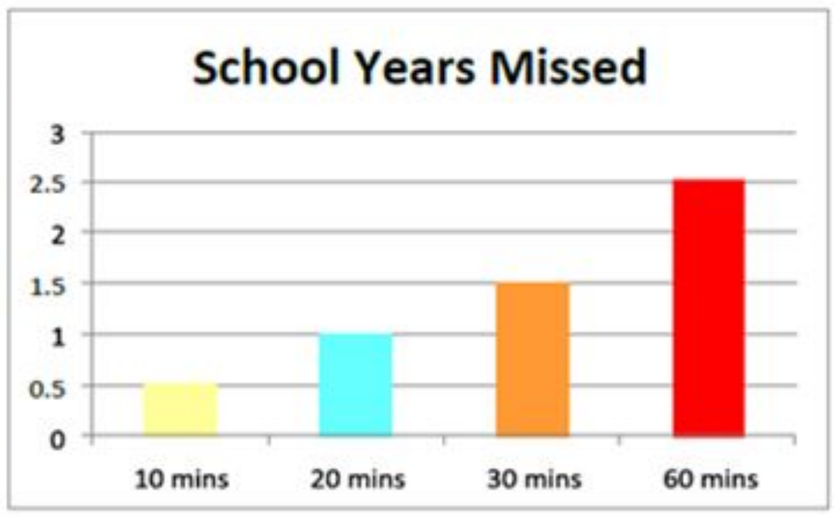
WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

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

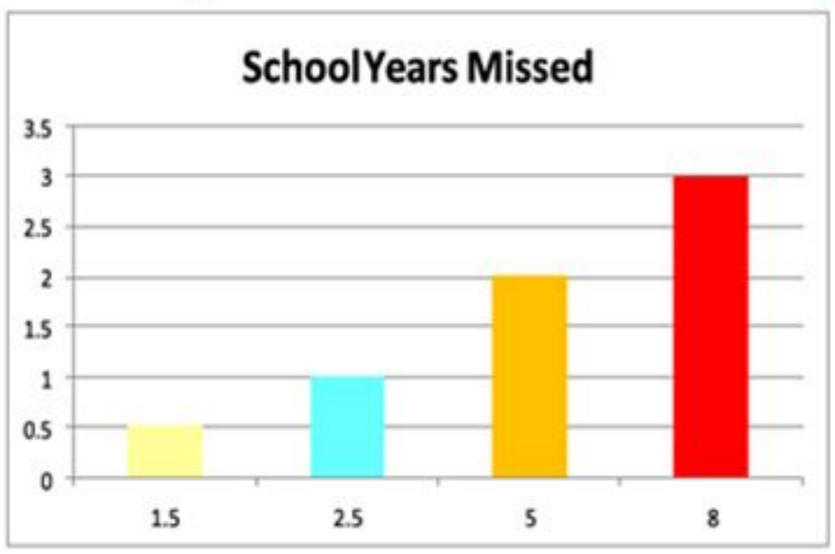
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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

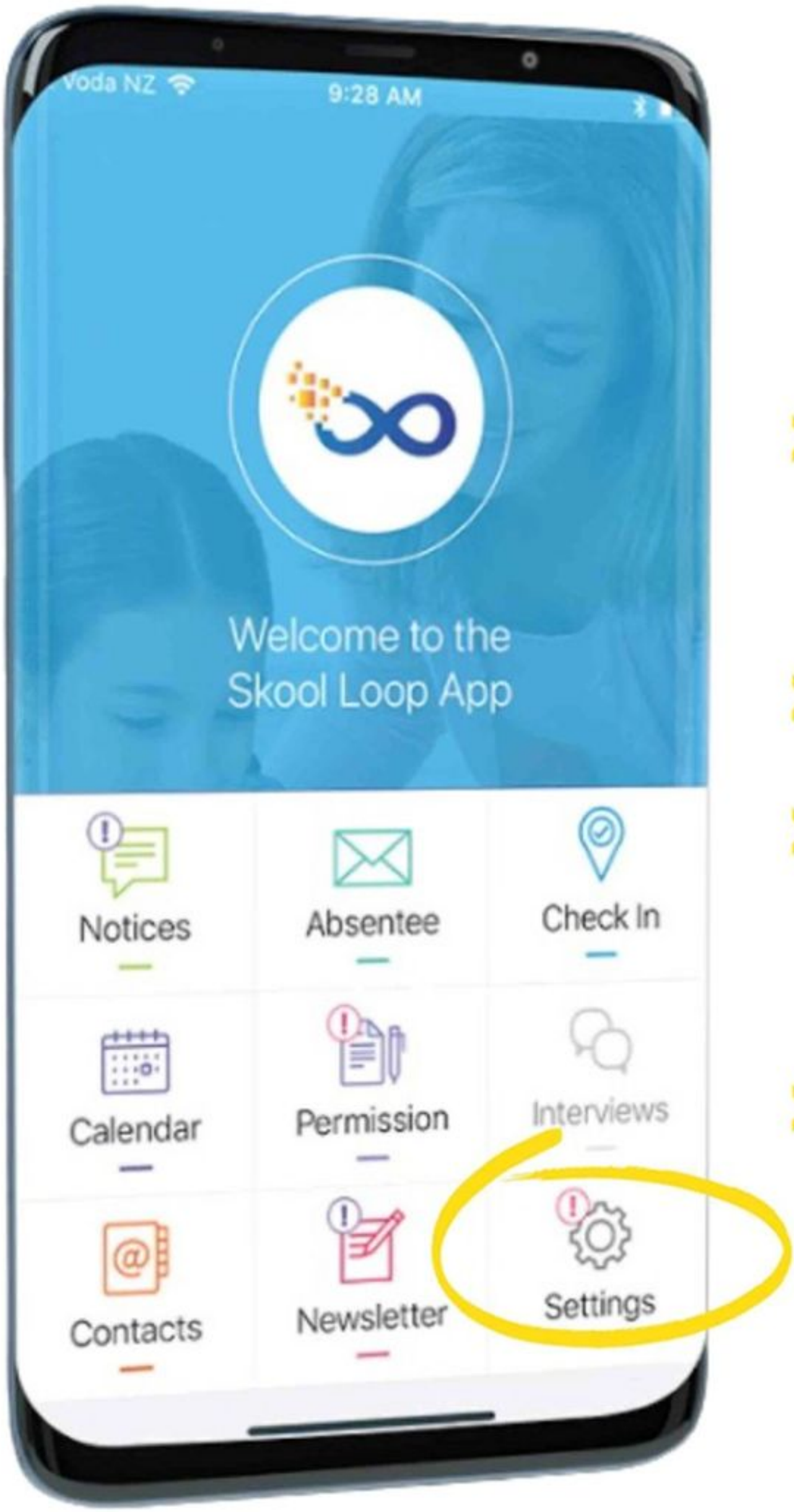
EDMONTON Courtesy SCHOOL

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

NEED MORE INFO?

Call Skool Loop Aus on 1800 203 493

Call Skool Loop NZ on 0800 238 379

SKOOL LOOP

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Lunchbox ideas, priced before you shop.

Kiwi Lunchbox plans a week of school lunches around whatever is on special at Woolworths and New World — and shows what the week will cost.

- ✓ **No account needed, nothing for sale.** Open it and use it.
- ✓ **Allergy filters** — nut-free, dairy-free, gluten-free, egg-free, vegetarian and vegan.
- ✓ **A shopping list you can print**, sorted by supermarket aisle.
- ✓ **Prices checked every week** against the current NZ supermarket mailers.

~$4	94	$2–$7.80
median cost of a complete lunchbox, per day	lunch menus — 89 of them nut-free	the range, depending on the main

Over a 10-week term that spread works out at roughly **$100 to $390 a child**, depending on what you pack.

kiwilunchbox.co.nz

Built and maintained by Yong Jae Lee, a parent in Flat Bush, Auckland.
Questions: kiwilunchboxplanner@gmail.com

Prices are tracked weekly and shown as estimates. August 2026.

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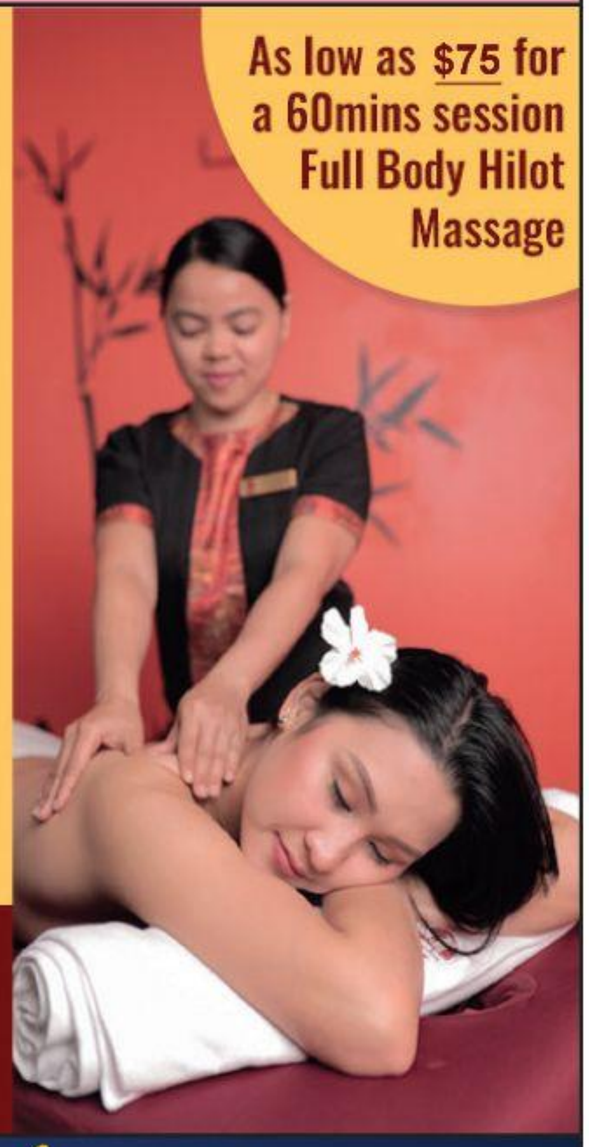

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