9th 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+

💙 **Thank You to Our Amazing Dads!** ⚽🏀

A huge **thank you to all of our wonderful fathers and father figures** who joined us on Friday for our special Father's Day Lunchtime Games!

It was fantastic to see so many dads and children enjoying time together on the playground. From kicking a ball and shooting hoops to playing games and simply having fun together, there were plenty of smiles, laughter and great moments shared.

The children absolutely loved having their dads at school and were very proud to show them their favourite games and activities. It was wonderful to see our dads getting involved, having fun and creating special memories with their children.

Events like this are a wonderful reflection of the **strong and supportive community we have at Edmonton Primary School**. When our families and school come together, it strengthens relationships, builds a sense of belonging and shows our children that their learning and wellbeing is something we all value.

Thank you once again to all the dads and father figures who were able to take the time to come along and make the afternoon so special. **We loved having you at Edmonton!** 💙

Ngā Mihi

Margaret Samson (Principal)

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(09) 838 9318

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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

- 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 STUFF

Roald Dahl Day September 13th

ROALD DAHL

Early Life

Roald Dahl was born on 13th September 1916 in Llandaff, Wales. His parents were from Norway. He had an older sister called Astri, but in 1920, she died when she was only 7 years old. Roald's father was so sad that he fell ill from pneumonia. A few weeks later, he also died.

His mother was a great storyteller and had a fabulous memory. Roald remembered many tales she told about trolls and other mythical Norwegian characters.

School Life

Although Roald had a happy home life, he had an unhappy time at his school in Wales, and was often 'caned' for bad behaviour. His mother sent him to boarding school in Weston-Super-Mare. He was just nine years old when he arrived at St. Peters School and met the all-powerful Matron who "disliked small boys very much indeed" and the cane-wielding Headmaster.

At the age of 13, Roald attended Repton Public School in Derbyshire. He was happier here. He was brilliant at sports and was very good at boxing. The boys at the school were sometimes asked to be chocolate testers for a famous chocolate company and this experience later inspired the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

Early Work Life

Over the next few years, Roald Dahl worked in Africa for an oil company and then enlisted in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War.

In 1940, Roald Dahl was posted to Libya where he flew a Gloster Gladiator plane. He crashed in the Western Desert in North Africa, and suffered such severe injuries to his head and back that he had to stay in hospital in Egypt for six months. He returned to the RAF but, after a while, he began suffering terrible headaches from his accident. This meant he had to leave because he could not fly planes anymore.

In 1942, Roald was posted to Washington in the USA to work as an assistant air attaché. He met the author C.S.Forester, who suggested that Roald should write about his experiences flying planes in the desert. Roald started writing articles for newspapers.

Family

He met and married actress Patricia Neal. They lived in Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, England. He wrote many of his famous stories there. Roald Dahl and Patricia Neal had five children; Olivia, Tessa, Theo, Ophelia and Lucy. However, Olivia tragically died at the age of 7 from an illness.

Roald Dahl's Amazing Stories

Roald Dahl started telling his amazing stories to his children at bedtime. He realised how much his own children enjoyed his stories and decided to write them down for all children to enjoy. 'James and the Giant Peach' was his first published children's book.

Roald Dahl had a great talent for seeing the world through children's eyes. He said, "If you want to remember what it's like to live in a child's world, you've got to get down on your hands and knees and live like that for a week. You'll find you have to look up at all these giants around you who are always telling you what to do and what not to do."

He had a passion for encouraging children to read. He believed that children should be "comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

Later Successes

In the early 1980s he published The Twits, Revolting Rhymes, The BFG and The Witches. Matilda was published in 1988, Esio Trot in 1990, and his final children's book, The Minpins in 1991.

Sadly, before The Minpins was published, Roald Dahl died on 23rd November 1990, aged 74.

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

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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

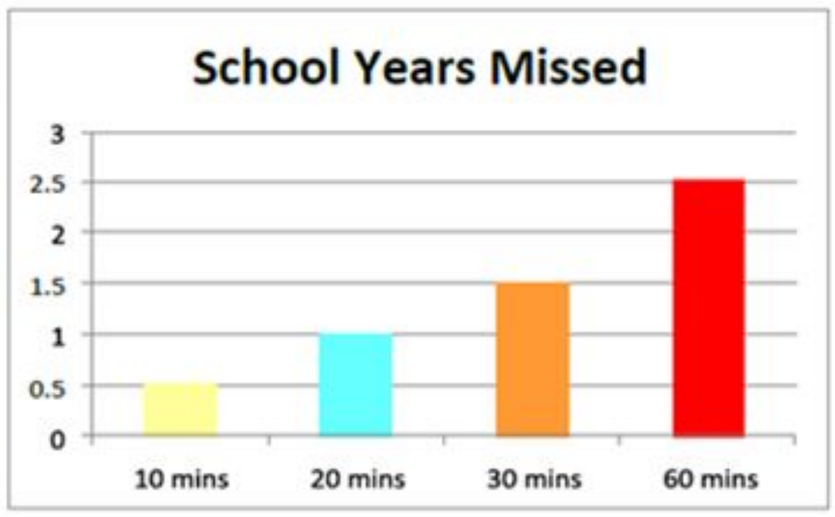
WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

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

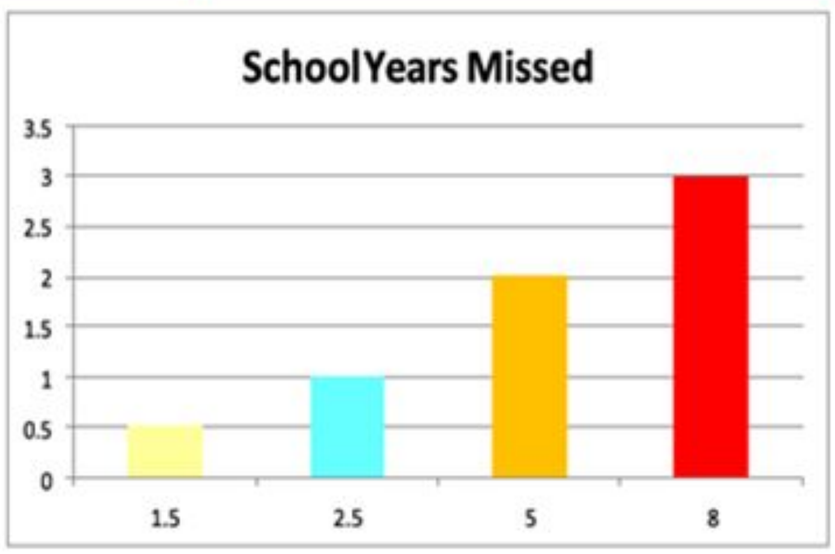
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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

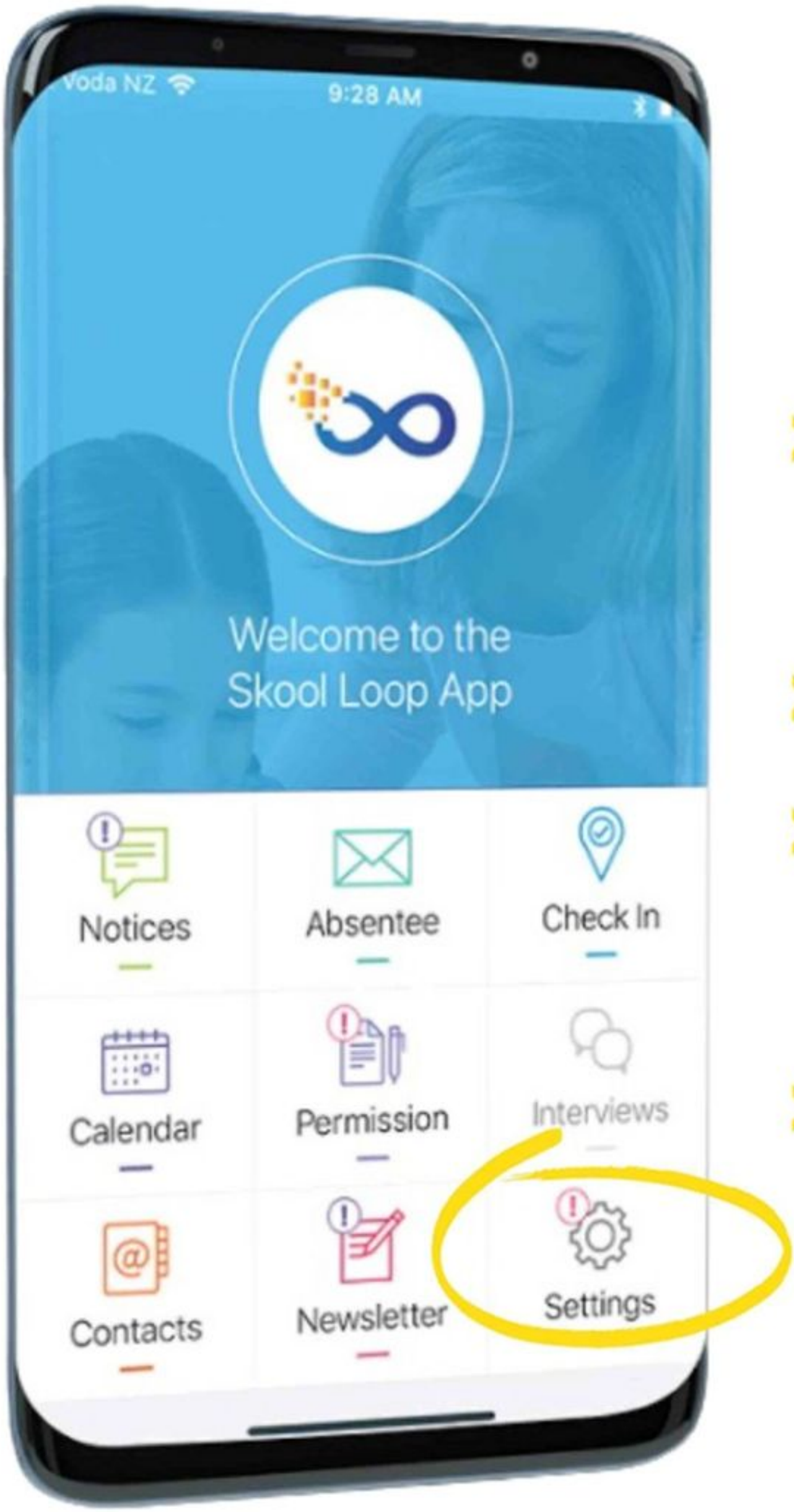
EDMONTON Courtesy SCHOOL

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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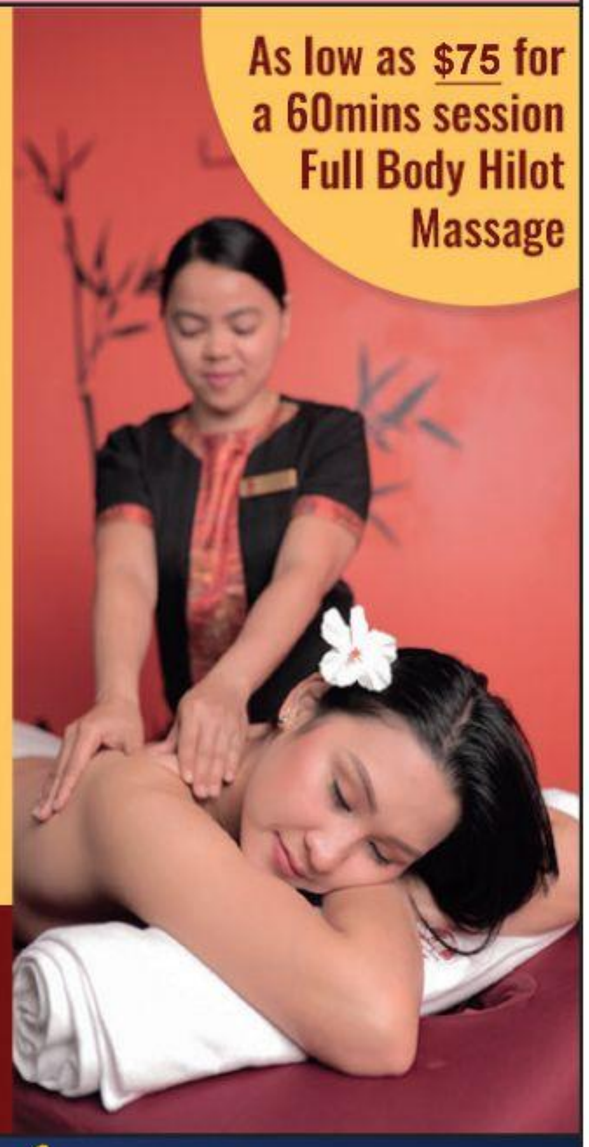

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