14th Octoober 2026

Edmonton Primary School Newsletter

Principals Korero

Kia ora, Talofa lava, afio mai, ˈnʌməstɛɪ , pai ata, Kuja hapa, greetings, สวัสดี, 欢迎 and malo e lelei, Salaam+

Welcome back to Term 4, Edmonton whānau! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing holiday break and had the opportunity to spend some special time with family and friends.It is wonderful to have our tamariki and staff back together, ready for another exciting term of learning, growing and celebrating all that makes our school community so special. Term 4 is always a busy and rewarding time, filled with opportunities to reflect on how far our children have come, recognise their achievements and make the most of the learning opportunities ahead.At Edmonton, we are proud of our diverse and vibrant community, where every child is valued, encouraged and supported to be the very best they can be. As we move through the final term of the year, we will continue to focus on learning, building positive relationships, showing kindness and respect, and creating wonderful memories together.There is plenty to look forward to this term, and we encourage our tamariki to come to school each day ready to learn, participate, challenge themselves and celebrate one another's successes.

Our Mural – A Celebration of Our Tamariki and Our Community

We are delighted to share the progress of our beautiful new mural at Edmonton Primary School! After an exciting process where our students had the opportunity to view the designs and cast their votes, the winning design was chosen by our tamariki.

The winning design, featuring the shape of Aotearoa New Zealand filled with colourful hands and beautiful patterns, is a wonderful celebration of who we are as a school community. The hands represent the many people who make up our Edmonton whānau, each bringing their own identity, culture, talents and stories. Together, they create something truly special.

The mural reflects the diversity, connection and sense of belonging that make Edmonton such a special place to learn and grow. It is a reminder that every child matters, every culture is valued, and we are stronger when we come together.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this project and, most importantly, to our students for sharing their voices and helping choose a design that represents our school so beautifully.

This mural belongs to our tamariki and our community – a colourful reminder that we all have a place at Edmonton Primary School!

Ngā Mihi

Margaret Samson

(Principal)



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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 4 * 12th October—15th December

- Monday 19th October — Sausage Sizzle - Attendance West
- 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



Sausage Sizzle



SCHOOL LUNCHTIME SAUSAGE SIZZLE
MONDAY 19 October 2026
Attendance West will be at school on Monday 19 October cooking chicken sausages for all children who would like them for lunch.
Attendance West play an invaluable role in supporting our school with student attendance. They work hard to establish positive relationships with our families who are struggling to get their child to school for a variety of reasons. In doing so they have been able to support whānau to address the issues. and identify the potential barriers to engaging with the school and/or their learning.



KIDS STUFF
How to make a Windsock

How to Make a Windsock

You Will Need

- Cardboard Tube
- Glue
- Crêpe Paper or Tissue Paper - Various colours
- Coloured Card
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Single Hole Punch
- String or Cord
- Stickers or sequins to decorate



Instructions



1 Cut the crêpe or tissue paper into long thin strips. You will need approximately 7 strips.



2 Staple each strip of crêpe or tissue paper onto the bottom of the cardboard tube.

How to Make a Windsock







3 Place the cardboard tube on the coloured card and draw a line to measure the tube length.



4 Cut out the length of the coloured card and wrap this around the tube using glue or staples.



5 Get creative and decorate as you wish.



6 Use the hole punch and make a single hole in the top of the cardboard tube approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the top.

7 Make another single hole directly opposite the first hole approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the top of the cardboard tube.

How to Make a Windsock



8

Take your string or cord and thread it through the two single holes.

9

Tie a knot in the string or cord. It is now ready to hang outside in a windy spot!







Waitākere Water Polo Club would appreciate your help sharing the attached Term 4 Flippa Ball opportunity with your Years 4–6 families. Younger children are also welcome where they are confident, competent swimmers.

Flippa Ball is a fun, beginner-friendly introduction to water polo, played in a 1.2-metre-deep pool. It helps children build water confidence and safety, fitness, teamwork and ball skills—while giving their swimming greater purpose and keeping it enjoyable. No previous water-polo experience is required.

WWPC provides the coaching, equipment and refereeing. Children register individually, so families do not need to form a school team.

Term 4 sessions:
• Sundays, 11.00am–12.00pm
• 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 November 2026
• West Wave, except 22 November, which is a dry-land session at the Recreation Centre
• $80 per child for the term

Register: https://www.waitakwaterpolo.co.nz/register



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.

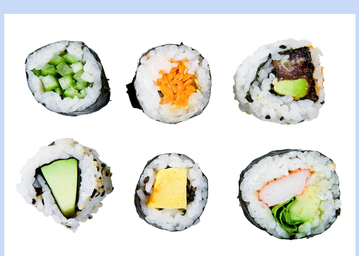
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SCHOOL LUNCHES

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**



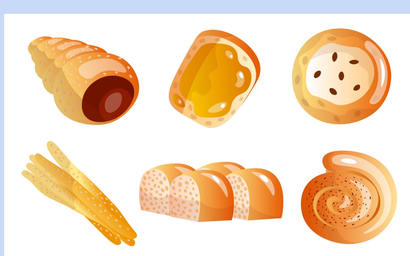
Payment can be made online to

Edmonton School Board of Trustees

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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.

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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





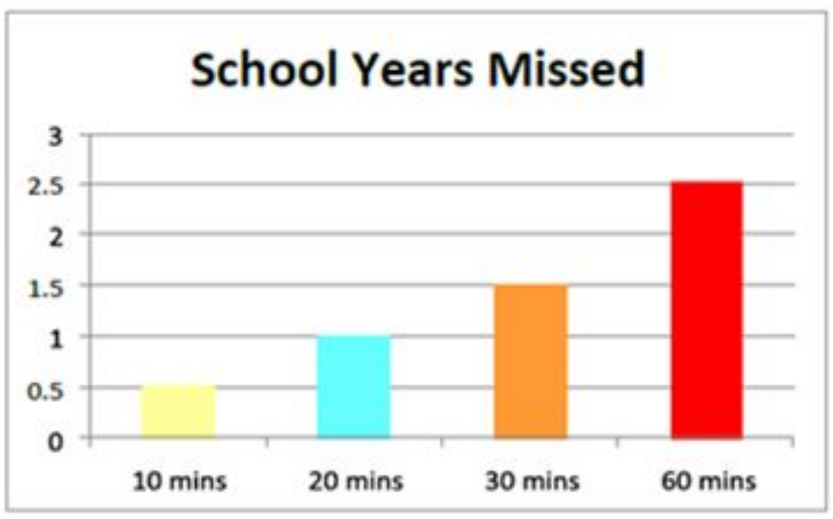


WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

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

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.



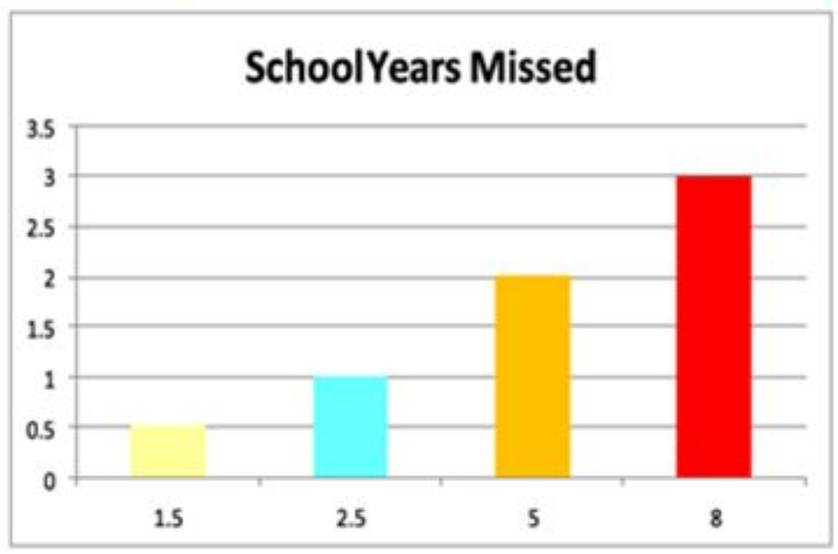
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT...

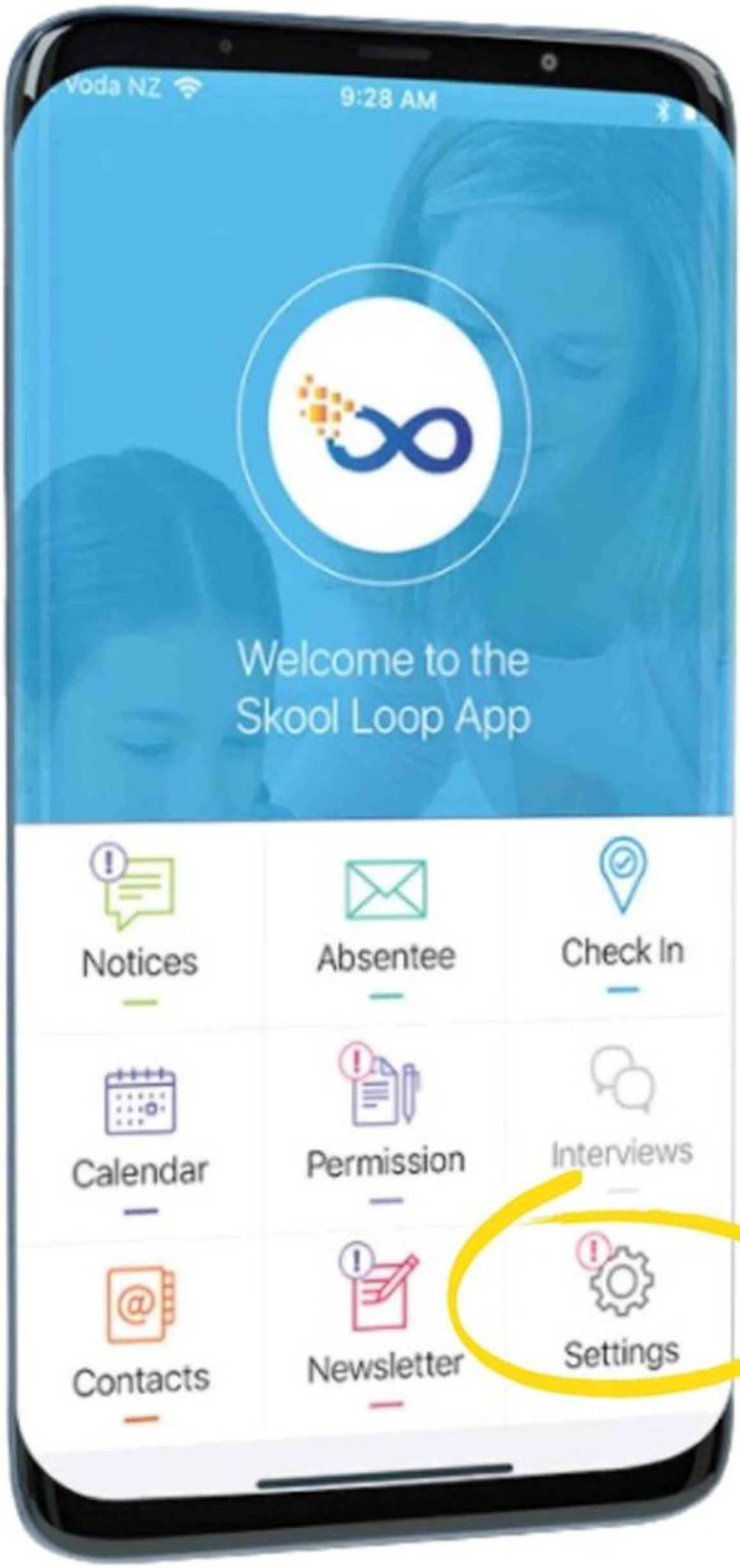
If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year	Over 5 school years
3 days per week	120 days per year	Over half a school year	Almost 8 school years

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

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Waitematā

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Your School Public Health Nurse can support with:

- B4 School Check hearing and vision screening
- Assessing and treating sore throats
- Rheumatic fever treatment
- Assessing and treating skin infections and headlice
- School-based immunisations
- Promoting tamariki and whānau wellbeing
- Referring whānau to other health services
- Education on supporting children with health conditions and allergies (e.g. anaphylaxis)
- Tamariki ear nurse referral
- Asthma & breathing condition support
- Continence referral
- Support for school absences linked to health conditions
- Child and youth health assessments

Your School Public Health Nurse is:

Shaleet Raju

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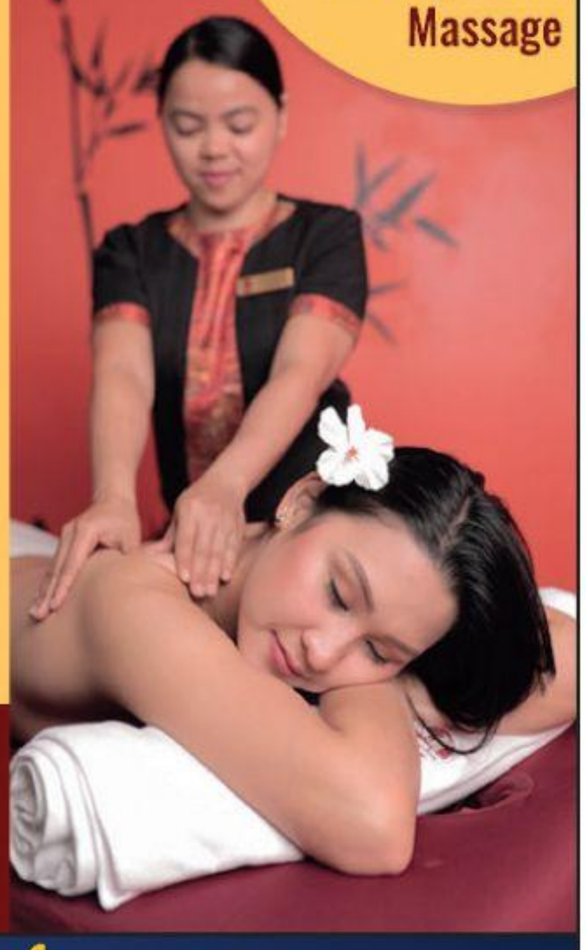
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