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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+

Welcome to Week 2!

Welcome to Week 2! It's going to be a full and exciting week around Edmonton, with lots of stimulating learning, visitors, activities and opportunities for our tamariki to get involved.

Our mural is coming to life!

Have you noticed the latest additions to our beautiful school mural? There is now a gorgeous **tūī** taking pride of place! The mural continues to grow and reflect the creativity, cultures and spirit of our Edmonton community. It is wonderful to see our students' ideas becoming such a special part of our school environment.

ShakeOut Week

This week is **ShakeOut**, giving us an opportunity to practise what to do in an earthquake and make sure we are prepared. Our school practice, as it is an important reminder that being prepared helps keep us safe.

A sausage to start the week!

On Monday sausages were cooked and delivered straight to classrooms for any children who wanted one. A huge **thank you to Attendance West** for this wonderful initiative and for helping us get the week off to such a positive start!

The junior playground is nearly ready!

Exciting news — the **swing frame is now up!** We're getting very close to having our new junior swings open and ready for action. We know there will be plenty of excited tamariki waiting for that first swing!

Welcome to our Japanese visitors

We were delighted to welcome another Japanese student group to Edmonton on Monday and Tuesday. These exchanges provide such wonderful opportunities for our students to learn about another culture, share experiences and make connections beyond our school. **And what a transformation!**

A special thank you to **Ann-Marie and Nick** for the incredible work they have put into transforming our library. It is looking **amazing**! We are so fortunate to have people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and create spaces that make our school even more welcoming and engaging for our tamariki.

There is a real sense of energy around Edmonton at the moment — **learning, creating, connecting and growing together.** It'sanother great week!

Ngā Mihi

Margaret Samson (Principal)

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(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 4 * 12th October—15th December

- **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

Enrol to vote today – it's easy! 🗳️

Kia ora koutou and hello to our school whānau,

As you probably know, New Zealand has a general election coming up! What you might not know is that the cut-off date to get enrolled on the main electoral roll is ***25 October****. To ensure your vote counts smoothly, it's best to be enrolled before this deadline.*

Got older teenagers (18+)? *If you have rangatahi who have recently turned 18 or will turn 18 before election day, make sure to check if they are enrolled so they can vote in their first election!*

How to Enrol: *Enrolling is quick and easy online at vote.nz using a photo ID (NZ driver's licence, NZ passport, or RealMe card). If you don't have those types of ID, you can request a paper form to be posted to you (paper forms do not require ID). Don't have the time to do this right now. Fill out this quick form by 350 Aotearoa and get your enrolment and voting reminders sent to you.*

Frequently Asked Questions:

- ***Am I eligible to vote?*** *If you are 18 or older, currently live in NZ, have lived here for at least one year continuously at some point, and are a NZ citizen or permanent resident, YES, you're eligible!*
- ***Are you trying to tell me who to vote for?*** *Not at all! This is strictly non-partisan. Who you vote for is entirely your choice – all that matters is that your voice and your family's voice are heard.*
- ***What's the point if nothing changes?*** *Real change happens when everyday community members have their say!*
- ***Why should I vote if I don't care about politics?*** *Decisions made by the government directly impact our schools, healthcare, local environment, and power bills. By voting, you help shape a future that supports your kids, whānau, and community.*
- ***Where can I find neutral information on candidates/parties?*** *Independent outlets like RNZ and Policy.nz offer non-partisan guides on party policies.*

KIDS STUFF

Nuie Language Week 18th - 24th October

Niuean Greetings



Tau Fakafeleveia

Fakaalofa atu	Hi/Hello
Fakaalofa lahi atu kia koe	Hello/Greetings (to one)
Fakaalofa lahi atu kia mua	Hello/Greetings (to two)
Fakaalofa lahi atu kia mutolu oti	Hello/Greetings (to three or more)
Koe kia	Goodbye (to one)
Mua kia	Goodbye (to two)
Mutolu kia	Goodbye (to three or more)
Ko _____ e higoa haaku	My name is _____

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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.

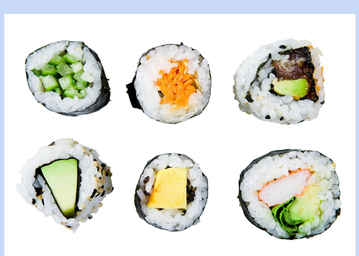
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SCHOOL LUNCHES

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**



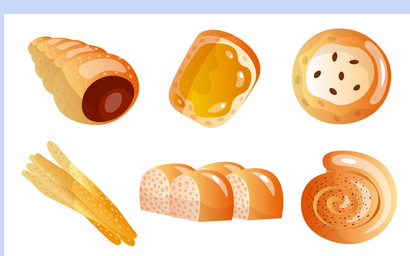
Payment can be made online to

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





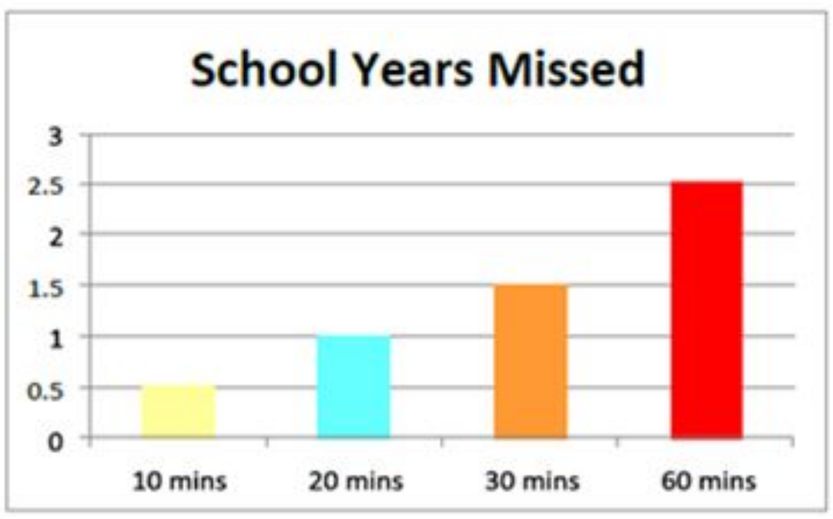


WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

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.



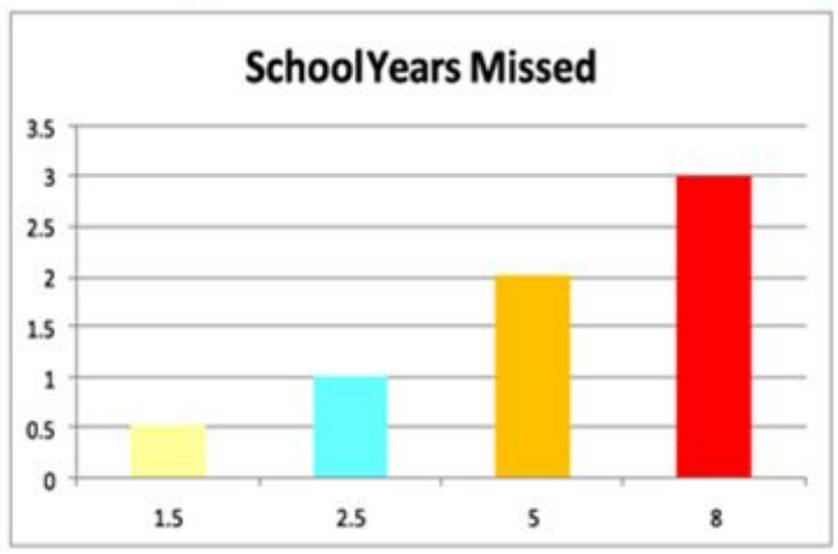
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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

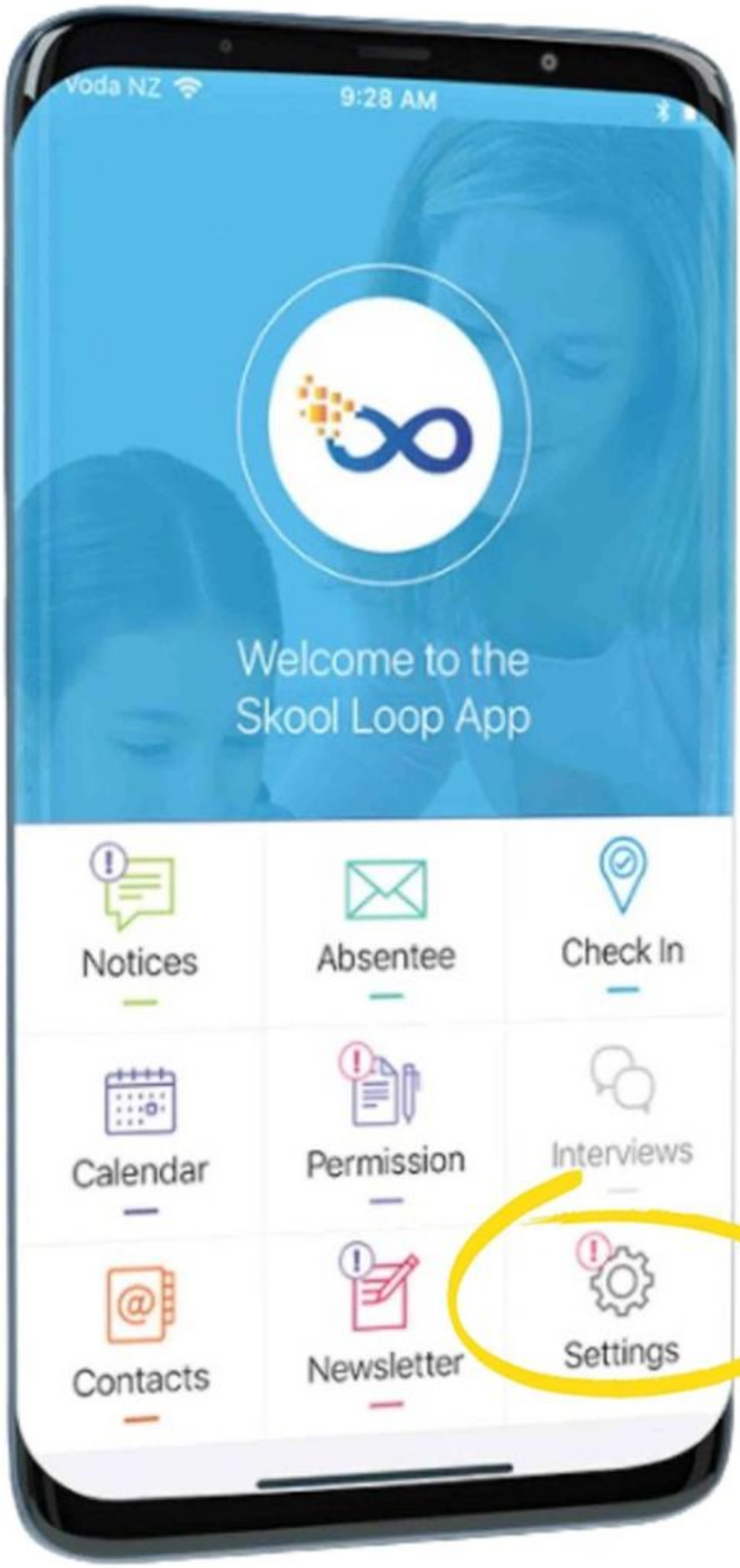
If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year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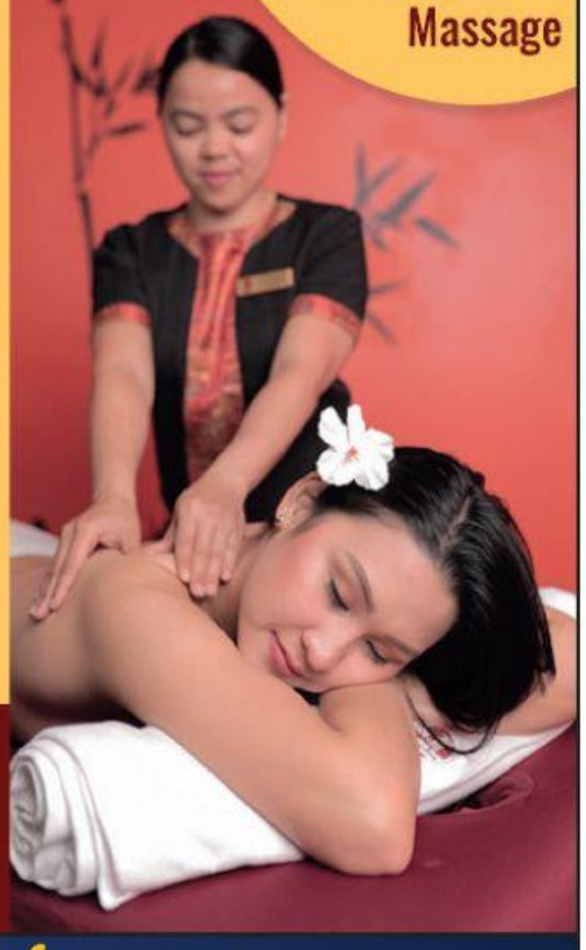
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