



We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday

- Tehzeeb, 5/6A
- Maggie, 1A
- Olive, 2H
- Siya, 3/4T
- Ethan, 5/6E
- Sereene, 3/4T
- Emily, 3/4T
- Laila, 3/4J
- Sitara, 5/6M
- Oliver, Prep T
- Gideon, 5/6M
- Finley, Prep D
- Emily, Prep E
- Clara, 1R
- Tom, 2H
- Bonnie, 3/4W
- Kylah, 3/4T
- Aiden, 5/6E
- Oliver, Prep H
- Edwin, 2A
- Isla, 2H
- Elodie, 3/4E
- Olivia, 3/4T
- Illeana, 5/6M



## Important dates to put in the diary

Friday 28th February	Yr 5/6 Summer Sport Round 4 @ home
Monday 2nd March	Yr 2 Mind & Body Incursion
Tuesday 3rd March	Classroom Helpers Session 9am—10am
Wednesday 4th March	District Swimming Carnival
Thursday 5th March	Classroom Helpers Session 9am—10am
Friday 6th March	Pupil Free Day
Monday 9th March	Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th March	Yr 3/4 Excursion to MCG
Wednesday 11th March	Final day to place Book Club Orders online
Thursday 12th March	Prep Picnic 5.30pm—7.00pm
Friday 13th March	Yr 5/6 Summer Sport Round 6 @ home

## Student Awards

Angus, 1T	Anne, 1L	Zayn, 1A	Georgia, 1R
Tom, 2H	Indy, 2H	Huxley, 2D	Minnie, 2A
Lachy, 2A	Henry, 3/4E	Asher, 3/4W	Joanna, 3/4J
Lily, 3/4C	Matei, 3/4T	Seamus, 3/4A	Lila, 5/6W
Chloe, 5/6M	Flynn, 1T	Mabel, 1L	Ava, 1A
Eve, 1R	Eadie, 2H	Sophia, 2D	Emily, 2A
Lily, 3/4E	Stella, 3/4W	Lexi, 3/4J	Ryan, 3/4C
Fletcher, 3/4T	Chloe, 3/4A	Jackson, 5/6A	Ruby, 5/6W
Jay, 5/6M			

### School Terms 2020

- Term 1** 28th Jan - 27th Mar
- Term 2** 14th Apr to 26th Jun
- Term 3** 13th Jul to 18th Sep
- Term 4** 5th Oct to 18th Dec

### Pupil Free Days 2020

- 6th March
- 9th June
- 12th August (TBC)
- 2nd November

### Public Holidays 2020

- March 9 Labour Day
- April 13: Easter Monday
- June 8: Queens Birthday
- Nov 3rd: Melb Cup Day

### Contact

Elizabeth Street  
Newport 3015 Victoria



Dear Parents,

Recently I spent a week on holiday 'off grid' in the Abel Tasman National Park in New Zealand. There was no power, no phone service and no internet for 6 days. Initially it felt a little strange to have no access to the outside world but after a day or two it was a truly delightful event. Like all good things, the holiday and the experience ended and we entered back into the real world- it is then you realise how much our current living evolves around the cyber world. Technology has become an integral part of everyone's daily life and it is essential that we learn how to make the best of what it has to offer. At the same time, there are also some unwelcome aspects of the online world and our children must not only be protected but also learn the skills and strategies to protect themselves.

Newport Lakes PS is an accredited eSmart school and includes ongoing lessons in the curriculum that teaches all children strategies on how to stay safe online.

eSmart is a long-term change program designed to educate, track, monitor and prevent bullying and cyber bullying. eSmart provides schools with management tools to deal with bullying and cyber issues and incidents so that students feel safer and more supported at school. It also helps schools to embrace the benefits of technology while reducing students' exposure to cyber risks, such as cyber bullying, online sexual predation, sexting, identity theft and fraud.

As part of our eSmart program, we often invite special guests or experts to help us deliver the program to our students and community. Later this term, we have engaged the Allanah and Madeleine Foundation 'Connect' Team to conduct a series of workshop over 2 days to the students in Yrs.1-6 at NLPS.

In Yrs. 1/ 2 the children will learn the 'The 3 c's of Cyber Safety'– Contact, Conduct and Content. They will receive an overview of the key safety topics and protective factors to ensure there is a consistent approach to keeping safe online.

In Yr. 3/ 4, the children will have a much more in-depth look into the 3 c's and their risks. The children will learn about what are these risks, how to combat risks, recognise the importance of being kind online and thinking before they post.

The Yr. 5/6 program is entitled 'The 3 r's of Online Etiquette' – Reputation, Respect and Reflect. These empowering workshops provide an overview of the key cyber safety topics and protective behaviours for early adolescents.

As with all good learning, it is much more powerful if it is also supported and reinforced at home. To combine with the student workshops, the Newport Lakes Parents and Friends are arranging for an evening parent information session to compliment the Connect workshops being conducted with the students.

This parent workshop, is to be conducted on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and will reflect directly with the messages the children are learning from the same Connect presenters during the day. The Parents & Friends Club will provide further information on this evening Cyber-safety workshop (contents, times, costs etc) in the next newsletter.

### **Fete Funds**

Last year the NLPS Twilight Fete was conducted and a staggering \$35K was raised for the school. After much thought and discussions with parents, teachers and leadership, the Fete executive have suggested that they would like the funds raised to go towards the development of a Sensory garden for our school grounds.



## Principal's Report (continued)

The garden bed will be located between the school front gate and the cubby house, the sensory garden would provide an environment that is designed with the purpose of stimulating the senses. This stimulation occurs courtesy of plants and the use of materials that engage one's senses of sight, smell, touch, taste, and sound.

We are now seeking a garden designer that we could engage to assist us in the development of a plan for this garden. If any parent could recommend a person with expertise or experience in sensory gardens for schools, could you please contact David or the school office or alternatively discuss it directly with Erin or Sam from the Fete Executive Committee.

### Meet the Teacher

The high number of parents that have attended the recent 'Parent Information Sessions' and the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings has been very pleasing and is yet another reason why the students perform very well at Newport Lakes Primary School. Ongoing research shows that family engagement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores parents' confidence in their children's education. Students with involved parents or other caregivers achieve better, gain greater enjoyment, have better social skills, and show improved behaviour. We are all very proud of the high parental involvement that occurs at Newport Lakes PS and firmly believe that it makes our school a special place for all our children and families.

### Staffing

At the end of the 2019 school year we advertised for a new LOTE and Performing Arts/ Drama teacher (short term 12 month contracts) but were unsuccessful in finding an applicant we believed was suitable for either position.

We began the first 4 weeks of the year with casual relief teachers in both of the LOTE and Performing Arts/Drama positions whilst the positions could be re-advertised and a further selection process could be undertaken. The successful applicants were Michelle Sullivan in Performing Arts/ Drama and Ben Ricci in LOTE (Yr. 2-6).

We were pleased to welcome Michelle to Newport Lakes this week and Ben will be beginning late March when his prior commitments have been completed.

### District Swimming Sports

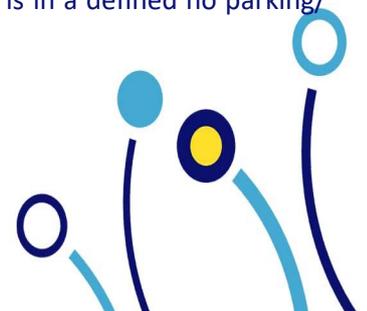
All the best to the school's swim team that will participate in the District Swimming Carnival at Werribee next Wednesday. Many of the students have been participating in the 'before school' swim program and trials in preparation for the event. The support of the parents that have taken the children to and from the pool on these mornings and then prepared them a nourishing breakfast has been greatly appreciated by all the students. Thanks also to Mr.A , Mr.T and Eliza on organising and conducting such an excellent activity.

### Parents assistance required to make our children safe.

The safety of our children is always of the most importance to our school and there are a number of ways in which parents can assist in this task. Some children are being dropped off or permitted to attend school well before it is safe to do so in the mornings before school. School yard supervision does not begin until 8.45am and yet there are many children in attendance well prior to this time.

The school has an excellent childcare facility on site in operation from 7.00am where children can be cared for and supervised until 8.45am. If a parent is not able to supervise their children then they should not be left in the school ground- it is not safe. If this continues to occur, parents will be called and requested to return to school and pick up or supervise their children.

There are also a small number of parents still ignoring the parking restrictions in Elizabeth and Ross St, particularly near the pedestrian crossing and in the blue zone 'pick up and drop off zones'. They may possibly be new parents to the school, or grandparents/carers unaware of the parking restrictions, or it could be parents that blatantly ignore the local traffic laws and believe it is okay to park wherever they wish – even if it is in a defined no parking/standing area.



## Principal's Report (continued)

Parents may have noticed the council's parking officers patrolling the local streets around the school over the last week and fines have been imposed upon cars parked illegally. Sometimes you may see the council officers, other times they will just take photos and you will receive an infringement fine in the mail – the simple way of avoiding this would be to park in the correct areas, obey the rules and make it safer for our children.

### School Production Year

Every alternate year is our school concert or production year. In 2020 we plan to have 2 school concerts/ productions; a Prep & Yr.1 concert and a Yr. 2-6 Production.

We know from experience that many families like to place these dates into their calendars so to assist with your yearly planning the dates for these events are :

**Yr. 2-6 Production      Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September and  
Prep & Yr. 1          Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

Both events will be conducted at Williamstown Town Hall;

We are currently in the initial planning stage and further information on both shows will be available in the upcoming newsletters.

**Pupil Free Days 2020** At the last School Council meeting, the following Pupil Free Days for 2020 were approved:

Term 1	Friday March 6 <sup>th</sup>
Term 2	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August
Term 4	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November

If there are any unavoidable changes to the above dates due to unforeseen circumstances, parents will be notified at the earliest possible opportunity.

Childcare will be available on most pupil free days (provided there are sufficient numbers)

### Thanks to Parents & Friends

A big thank you to the Parents & Friends for funding the new Sunsail shade in the quiet yard. This welcome addition to the playground not only brightens up our school yard but also makes it safe for our children to safely play during their recess and lunch times.



## Principal's Report (continued)

### School Council Elections

The ballot for remaining position on school Council closes tomorrow (Friday 28th March). If you have not already voted, and would like to have your say on the parent representative on School Council, please lodge your vote at the school office by 4pm .

I hope you have a good week

David Moss  
Principal

### CLASSROOM HELPERS IN PREP – 2 2020

If you would like to volunteer to help our Prep—2 teachers during the reading hour throughout the year then please sign the form below to attend a 1 hour induction session facilitated by Janet Gill. Parents will need to attend the induction in order to assist in classrooms. We have a record of all parents who have attended our previous inductions, so if you attended one of those you will not need to attend our 2020 induction. We look forward to developing the home-school partnership as part of this initiative. Parents are advised that you require a current Working With Children Card to volunteer at the school. These are available on line at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au).



Please circle the day that you will attend:

**Tuesday 3rd March 9am- 10 am**                      or                      **Thursday 5th March 9am -10am**

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child/ren name & Class \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the above Parent Helper Induction Session.





Our year started off with our AGM, on February 20th. Thanks to all those who came along.

We would like to take this time to say a special thank you to Nicole Stupka, who is stepping down this year, after spending two years on the executive team & countless hours working on all things Parent Club.

This year we are lucky to have a slightly different exec with Lisa O'Brien Hynes as President, Erin Stubbs as Vice President, Prue Handbury as Secretary & Maria Udovicic as Treasurer. We also have Tara Naylor & Kerrie O'Brien as general members.

There are plenty more spots to be filled with upcoming events, so please feel free to come along to our next meet (date TBC) & see what Parent Club is all about.

### Uniform Sale...

Our first uniform sale went off with a bang, despite the usual 3:30pm rain! Lisa O'Brien & her wonderful team raised an amazing \$400...well done! There will be another sale held on April 24th, so pop it in your calendars.

### Fruit Cutting...

Every Monday we provide fruit for all classes from Foundation to Grade 2. We need a few helpers each week to cut up the fruit & then deliver it to classrooms. Keep an eye out on then office board in the office for a calendar, where you can book in a Monday to come along & help (younger siblings welcome).

### Icy Pole Day...

We have three more Icy Pole Days for term one. Don't forget to bring along 50c & find Karli James & her wonderful team at lunch time THIS Friday 27th in the quiet yard.





# ACTIVITY: Mindfulness Journal

## Respectful Relationships @ Home

### ACTIVITY 1

Listen to Smiling Minds 'The Bubble Journey' meditation [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DScEC\\_UKKc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DScEC_UKKc) before brushing your teeth.

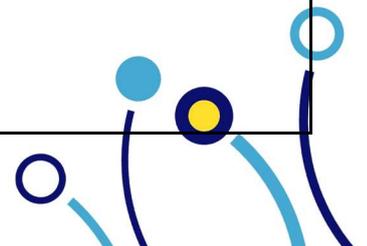
Use the time when brushing your teeth to practice mindfulness. Pay attention to all the feeling and sensations and train your brain to focus.

How did it feel when I brushed my teeth today? Draw a picture.

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Other things I thought about. Write down your thoughts or draw a picture.

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# ACTIVITY: Mindfulness Journal

## Respectful Relationships @ Home

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### ACTIVITY 2

Listen to Smiling Minds 'Starry Night' sleep meditation [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DScEC\\_UKkc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DScEC_UKkc) before going to bed.

Answer the following question before and after the meditation. Did you notice a change in how you were feeling?

### How do you feel?

HAPPY									
Not at all									Extremely

CONTENT									
Not at all									Extremely

ALERT									
Not at all									Extremely



# EVERYONE CAN LIKE:

BLUE THINGS



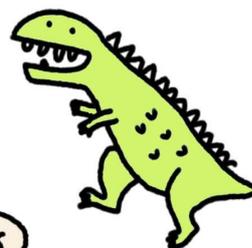
PINK THINGS



PRINCESSES



DINOSAURS



SPORTS



DANCING



BABIES



UNICORNS



BUILDING THINGS



SCIENCE



MAKE-UP



TRUCKS



DOLLS



SCHOOL



LONG HAIR



SHORT HAIR



WRESTLING



BOOKS



COOKING



SKATEBOARDING



CODING



FART JOKES



# School Clean Up



Dear Newport Lakes Families,

Newport Lakes Primary School is helping to clean up, fix up and conserve our school environment by once again participating in **Clean Up Australia Day** for the fourth year running. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more about keeping our school environment clean and litter free.

On **Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>**, the whole of Newport Lakes Primary will participate in cleaning up our school grounds and the connecting streets and parks that surround our school. We will spend the **hour before lunch 12:30 - 1:30** picking up unwanted rubbish caught between plants and portables, and try our best to sort between what can be recycled and what is general waste.

The 5/6 grade will clean the park located at the end of Elizabeth street on Newcastle street.

The 3/4 grades will clean the outside perimeter of our school including Elizabeth Street and Ross Street.

The Preps and 1/2s will be cleaning the inside of our school grounds.

**We are inviting all children to bring their own gardening gloves and/or tongs from home to help assist them with their rubbish picking. Please avoid plastic gloves, we are trying to reduce the amount of rubbish right?**

We also want to encourage and invite any parents interested in supporting our school's cleanup to join us on the day.

**Date:** March 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 12:30- 1:30pm (Before Lunch)

**Where:** Please see allocated areas (Parents are welcome to meet at their child's grade)

If you have any concerns about your child participating in this event please see your child's teacher before the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.



Thanks,

Ashlee



# QUANTIN BINNAH VACATION CARE PROGRAMS

## Newport Lakes



### Vacation Care Program Term 1 2020

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March



Professor Bunsen's  
Science Fun  
Incursion (QB)  
Excursion (Corpus)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March



Werribee Village Cinema  
Trolls World Tour  
Excursion to the cinemas at Pacific Werribee

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April



Green Thumb Fun  
Plant your own assorted Veggies  
Incursion

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April



Toonworld Education  
Stop Motion  
Animation Workshop  
Incursion

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



Melbourne Museum  
Exhibitions Include:  
Dinosaur Walk, Gut Feeling, First Peoples  
Excursion

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April



Wyndham Chess Club  
Comes to Us  
Incursion

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April



Werribee Village Cinema  
Peter Rabbit 2  
Excursion to the cinemas at Pacific Werribee

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April



Easter Bonnet Parade  
Make and decorate  
your own Easter Bonnet  
Incursion

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April



Werribee Park Mansion  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Excursion to the Werribee Park Mansion  
for a picnic and Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April



Good Friday  
Public Holiday  
All Centres Closed

**Newport Lakes**

**\*see terms and conditions online**

## Applications for Term 1 Vacation Care Available Online Now

Please go to the following address to apply online:

[https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/service\\_profile/show/267](https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/service_profile/show/267)

Please select Newport Lakes from the list to begin your application.

Vacation Care  
Program  
Newport Lakes

OPENING HOURS

6:30am to 6:00pm

PROGRAM FEES

Vacation Care \$65

Childcare Subsidy  
Applies

Call DHS on 13 61 50

For further information  
please contact the  
Quantin Binnah admin office

 [admin@qbcc.org.au](mailto:admin@qbcc.org.au)

 03 9742 5040

# 2020 Photo Day

## Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Newport Lakes Primary School PHOTO DAY IS **MONDAY 23RD MARCH, 2020**

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 22-03-2020 \*\***

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1 **Click Here** - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [CT6 TAG XVM] Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**\*\* Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS** No envelope required if ordering online

### 3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [CT6 TAG XVM]

Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [22-03-2020]

Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

### ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

**ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE**

**Step 1: Student Details:** Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

**Step 2: Purchase Details:** Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

**Step 3: Payment Method:** Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a \$25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.  
[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133 Advancedlife Team



The Warmies Waste Warriors is a clean-up group setup by a 13yo Newport resident. The group conducts regular clean ups at The Warmies in Newport and welcomes children to come along and help protect their local environment.

The first event for the year is Clean Up Australia Day

**Sunday 1 March @ 9am**

We meet at the white Gatehouse, next to the Athletics track entrance at Newport Park. BYO gloves if you have them (or we have some to borrow) & wear closed toe shoes. We provide bags & pick up tools.

You can find more information about the event & the Warmies Waste Warriors on Facebook.





# QUICK STIX LACROSSE

CATCH & THROW, GIVE LACROSSE A GO!



ONLY  
**\$50**  
FOR 5 WEEKS  
REGISTER  
Now!

**Mondays 5-6pm**

**Feb 17, 24 & March 2, 16, 23**

**Location: PJ Lynch Reserve**

**Kids Ages 5-12**

**Beginners Welcome**

**All Equipment Provided!**

**[www.quickstixlacrosse.com.au](http://www.quickstixlacrosse.com.au)**  
to register





# Open Night

Thursday 19th of March 2020

Tours at

9.30am | 11.30am | 2.00pm | 5.30pm

No booking required

Principal's address and transition  
information presentation at 6.00pm

Williamstown Campus Yr 7 - Yr 9

Kororoit Creek Rd

(03) 9393 5800

[www.bayside.vic.edu.au](http://www.bayside.vic.edu.au)





WILLIAMSTOWN  
HIGH SCHOOL

*Parents and prospective students are  
warmly invited to attend our*

WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

# BAYVIEW CAMPUS

## *Open Night*

**Tuesday 5 May 2020 6:30pm**

**6:30pm—7:10pm** Welcome & Presentation by Campus Principal

**7:15pm—8:30pm** Student led tours & workshops

**Bayview Campus** Bayview Street, Williamstown 3016

Phone 9399 9228

[www.willhigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.willhigh.vic.edu.au)



WILLIAMSTOWN  
HIGH SCHOOL



School Crossings Victoria Inc.

## Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2019/2020 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at

[www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au](http://www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au).

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

**You're invited!**

**HOME ROAD**  
KINDERGARTEN

# Open Day

**Sunday 15th March, 10am - 12pm**



- ★ Coffee Cart ★ Fire Truck visit
- ★ Sausage Sizzle ★ Face Painting ★ Cake Stall
- ★ Lucky Jars ★ Raffle (drawn at 11.45am)
- ★ Petting Zoo ★ Arts and Crafts
- ★ Meet our educators & explore the facilities
- ★ Early bird enrolments for 2022 3yo Kinder

**44 Home Road, Newport. Ph: 9391 2958**

Get in touch with your inner self during

# Mindful March

Present Mindfulness Academy Presents

## **Parenting with Presence Meetup Group**

Thu 5th March 2020 7pm-8.30pm

Williamstown Community & Education Centre

## **The Importance of Self-Care Workshop**

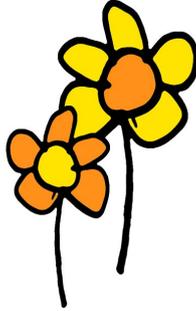
Fri 6th March 2020 11am-12pm

Footscray Library



FB: @presentmindfulness or @mindfulmarch2020





 **Newport Lakes** Primary School

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