



EVPS Values

- Respect**
- Honesty**
- Caring**
- Excellence**
- Responsibility**

EVPS Weekly Views

School Motto

'From Little Things Big Things Grow'

PLEASE REMEMBER we are an 'egg & nut free' school: no eggs, peanut butter, nuts or nutella spread to come to school at any time. Please assist us to keep our students safe. Thank you.



Principal Views

DURING THIS PANDEMIC

Reflecting on these interesting times have you noticed that we need to be:

- ★ More patient with things such as queues at supermarkets, shops, businesses?
- ★ Better organised to ensure we have items we need when working at home?
- ★ More conscious of time in terms of being on time for online meetings like Zoom (especially morning meetings)?
- ★ More resilient when things don't always go as we expected?
- ★ More mindful of the wellbeing of ourselves and friends and family?
- ★ More outward looking than inward looking?

I am very mindful that we have some better days and sometimes some not so good days as do the people around us. Please think twice before you shoot off a complaint in an email or reach for the phone to let your displeasure be known. We are all in this strange world times together and we will come through together if we all stop and think and ask ourselves what can I do to make things better.



2021 PLANNING

Planning for 2021 is well underway and we are asking families that know that they will be leaving our school before the start of the 2021 year to please advise us as soon as possible. This will allow us to have accurate numbers for planning for classes and staff in 2021. Thank you for your assistance.

PREP ENROLMENTS

The number of Prep enrolments is down on this time last year so this is a reminder that if you have a child to start school in 2021 please collect an enrolment pack from the office as soon as possible so that we can ensure we have the correct number of classes and teachers planned for the transition program and the Prep classes of 2021. Thank you for your assistance.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen will reopen for lunch orders and snacks for students onsite on Thursday and will be open every school day until the end of term. Please note all ordering and payment needs to be made online via QkR. Any questions please ask the office staff.



HOME VISITS AND CAN WE HELP?

During remote learning time if staff are concerned that there has been no contact made with your children via online sessions, work submissions and phone calls home are not being answered then you may find that some of our leadership team are visiting homes to see if we can be of assistance. We are concerned for the wellbeing and learning of all our students and really encourage parents to try to have their children up and ready for the 9am Zoom teacher class meetings each morning. Please note for safety reasons there is a new link for Zoom meetings each day. I am really enjoying catching up with some of our students when Jenny and I are out and about visiting some of our families.

ONLINE AND REMOTE LEARNING

The teachers are working really hard to differentiate the work this term so that students are being supported at their level. We really encourage all families to try to get their children online so that they can attend guided reading sessions and other differentiated sessions that we may introduce as the term continues. Please contact the school if you do not have a netbook or computer at home that allows your child to access online learning.



EDGAR'S CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yesterday afternoon I was involved in the ECPS reference group meeting and had the pleasure of hearing the Principal, Ann Turner- Calleri talking about the plans she has and progress made so far. Ann can be contacted by phone on 9134 8215 to discuss enrolments if you live in the ECPS zone and are wanting to enrol. Please note if you are already enrolled at EVPS and live in the ECPS zone you can still remain enrolled and attend EVPS.

Pauline Kubat: Principal

Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

School Mantra: Every Day Counts.

**Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Re-Think
Sustainability: It's our responsibility**

We don't swear at Epping Views!

MESSAGE FROM PAULINE

I really miss seeing the students, staff and parents of EVPS and have enjoyed my visits to some of the 9am Zoom sessions. Thank you to 3KK who made me feel very welcome on Tuesday morning. I can't wait to have everyone back at school and learning and working together.

Is your information on CASES and Compass correct? Yesterday when Jenny and I were visiting families we found several had moved house and not advised the office of the new address. Has your address, phone number, email address, work contact and location recently changed? Please advise the office of new details or update on Compass as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday 25 August, the Department of Education and Training is presenting a free webinar for parents and carers by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, on building family resilience during coronavirus (COVID-19).

Parents and carers play a vital role in helping children feel safe through uncertain times.

Dr Carr-Gregg's webinar is aptly named Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era.

In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown and remote learning. Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- further resources and where to get help.

Dr Carr-Gregg's presentation will run for 45 minutes. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session in which parents and carers can ask Dr Carr-Gregg questions.

Webinar details

- **When:** Tuesday 25 August
 - **Time:** 7:30pm
- **Duration:** 45-minute presentation followed by 15-minute questions and answers session
- **Format:** online via Webex
 - **Cost:** free

How to register

To register and for more information visit the [Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era eventbrite page.](#)

Who am I?

Let's play a game!

Use the clues to work out which EVPS staff member is behind the curtain.

How to play:

Read the clues, write your guess down somewhere safe, and wait for next week's newsletter to find out the answer.

CLUE BOX!

1. I work in year 5.
2. Some days you will find me helping the computer technicians.
3. My last name is a fruit.



Who am I?

CLUE BOX!

1. I have worked in Prep, Year 5, Digital Learning and OSHC. Now, you'd find me in the office.
2. My name has a hyphen in it "-".
3. I used to teach people how to roller skate and blade.



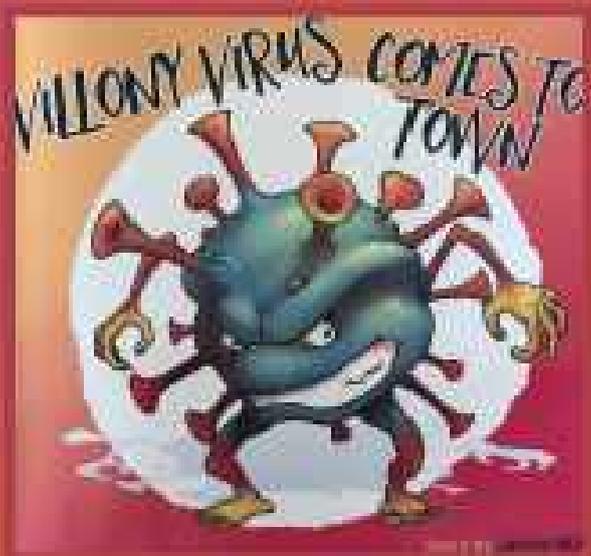
Jaimee-Lee

VILLONY VIRUS

COMES TO TOWN



This children's book is intended to help educate children (aged 5 – 11 years) about a pandemic; to help children realise that others may feel as they do; to reassure children that they will be okay and to give them hope for the future. Children can learn some basic strategies to help cope with stress and change.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Written by Lake Macquarie Clinical Psychologist Janice McKay,
Inspired by her separation from her grandchildren during COVID 19.

Illustrated by Jerram Fahey



VILLONY VIRUS COMES TO TOWN



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**Community
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We are here to help

To better respond to community needs and keep everyone safe we are working by phone and home delivering food and material aid



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for anyone experiencing hardship, needing information or support

Response line open Monday to Friday 9–1pm



9401 6655

for anyone needing free legal assistance

Legal line open Monday to Friday 9–5pm



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if you would like to volunteer or you feel isolated and would like a phone friend to keep you connected

Volunteer line open Monday to Friday 9–5pm or email friendlyconnections@whittleseacc.org.au



City of
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Supporting children to be school ready

For parents/
carers of children
preparing for
school in 2021

A panel of health professionals from DPV health will provide practical tips to parents/carers on how to help children prepare for school.

The panel consist of a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Developmental Psychologist and Dietician.

When: Monday 7 September 2020,
11.30am - 1pm.

Where: Online

Cost: Free

Bookings: Booking is essential and must be done by 2 September 2020 via <https://www.trybooking.com/BKWHZ>

For more information:

Contact Council's Family Services Education Officer on 9404 8865 or email familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



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