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Tuesday	31/8	ICAS Maths Test – Postponed
Wednesday	1/9	Parent / Teacher Interview Bookings Close – 4.00pm
Thursday	2/9	Parents will be emailed a link and instructions on how to access the online Parent/Teacher Interview
Monday	6/9	Curriculum Day – Students do not attend school on this day 9.00am to 1.00pm – Staff Development Program 2.00pm to 7.00pm – Parent / Teacher Interviews – Via Webex
Tuesday	7/9	Normal school day for students 4.00pm to 6.00pm – Parent / Teacher Interviews – Via Webex

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

As we continue through our current lockdown, I am sure that you, like me, are hoping that we return to school for everyone on Thursday 2nd September.

We will keep you informed of the latest information from DET (Department of Education and Training) as soon as we get it. I hope that the availability of extra vaccines allows people to be vaccinated more quickly. At school, we are supporting staff to get their vaccination.

Recently, we have been advised that children are encouraged to wear masks while at school. We support this advice.

Naplan Information.

After the announcements in the media, Victoria has apparently done very well in the Naplan Tests this year.

We hope to get school and individual results next week. We will provide results to parents as soon as they are available.

Curriculum Day – Monday 6th September

We have seriously considered the implications to staff students and parents around our curriculum day on Monday 6th September but believe it is important for the parent teacher interviews to proceed regardless of being in remote learning or at school. Students will not be required at school on this day and we encourage parents to go to the Sentral Portal to book their interview time as soon as possible. Staff will be participating in a development program in the morning before taking a break for lunch and commencing parent teacher interviews in the afternoon.

John Hurley

Principal

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 Camp has now been finalised with 78 children having paid a deposit and confirming their places. Individual notices and payment arrangement emails were sent to these families yesterday.

Father's Day Stall

Given the uncertainty at present and possible restrictions once we return to school, our plans for having a Father's Day Stall have been cancelled.

Wishing all fathers and their families a happy day.

Dina Gotsis

On behalf of the Father's Day Team

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held this term on **Monday 6th September and Tuesday 7th September**. The registration window to book these interviews through your Sentral Portal page **will close Wednesday 1st September at 4pm**.

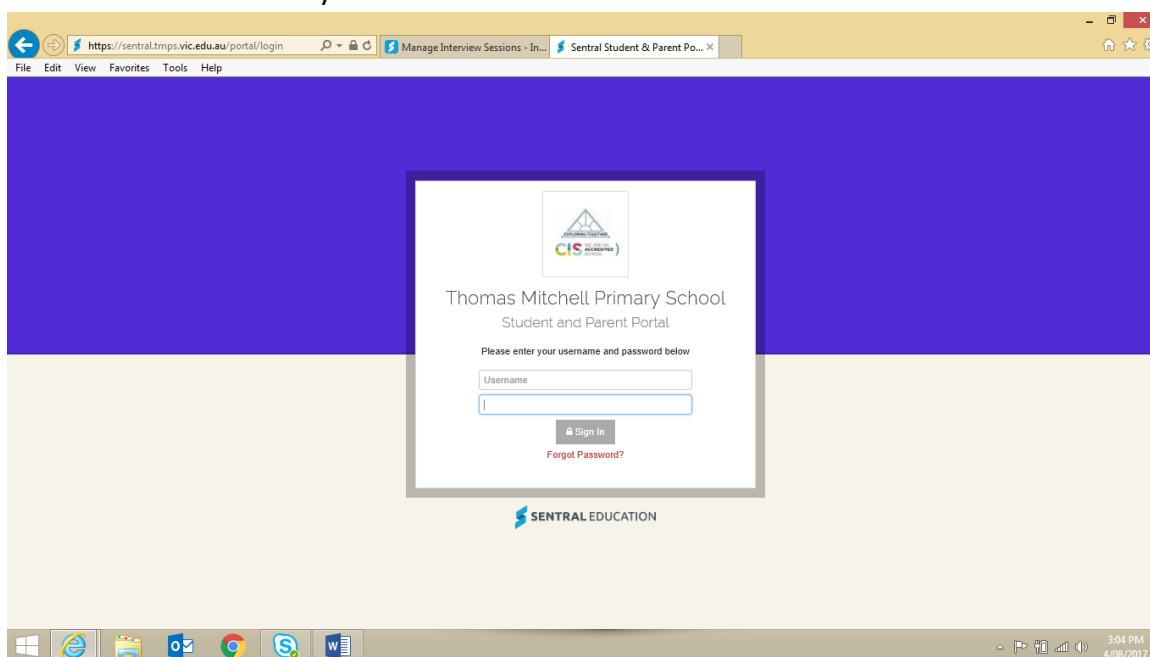
To book an interview time, please log into your Sentral Parent Portal account using your **username** and **password** that you created when you first registered.

If you have not already registered for the Parent Portal, please refer to the attached document 'First Time Registration Instructions for Sentral Parent Portal'. You will also need an access key. This has previously been issued by the school to you.

Please note. All Parent Teacher Interviews will be held online using Cisco Webex.

An email will be sent to you on Thursday 2nd September with a link to access the interview online

For all inquiries regarding the Sentral Parent Portal page, booking an interview or how to use Cisco Webex, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience.



Below is a link to help you access the Parent Portal page.

Some internet browsers (internet explorer) will not work with this link. Google Chrome is the recommended browser.

<https://sentral.tmps.vic.edu.au/portal/login>

Logging into Sentral Student and Parent Portal

One time process for families who have not yet registered for the Portal

Register at this website

Some internet browsers (internet explorer) will not work with this link. Google Chrome is the recommended browser.

<https://sentral.tmps.vic.edu.au/portal/register>

Thomas Mitchell Primary School
Create a Portal User Account

Username: email@email.com.au
MUST BE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS

Password:
MUST BE AT LEAST 8 CHARACTERS

Password (Confirm):
PLEASE CONFIRM PASSWORD

Title: [Dropdown]

First Name: First Name
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FIRST NAME

Surname: Surname
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SURNAME

Create your Account

Username: valid email address

Password: create your own password and minimum of 8 characters long

Repeat Password

Enter Title, First Name and Surname (eg, Mr John Smith)

Create your account

Login

Once your account is created, you will be redirected to the login screen.

Enter your email address as your **Username** and the password you just created.

Thomas Mitchell Primary School
Student and Parent Portal

Please enter your username and password below

Username: email@email.com.au

Password:

Sign In

[Forgot Password?](#)

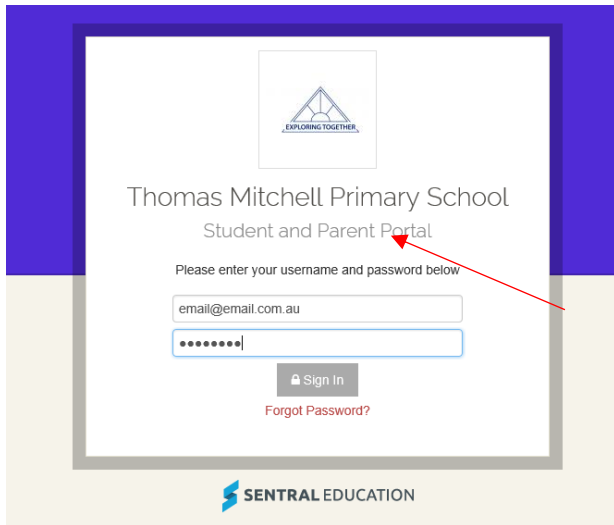
SENTRAL EDUCATION

Linking your child to the account

Previously you will have been issued with an access key. Once you have logged in, enter your access key in the box and click **Add Key**. Your child will now be linked in your portal.

If you require another access key please contact the school.

Booking a Parent, Teacher, Student Interview with Sentral



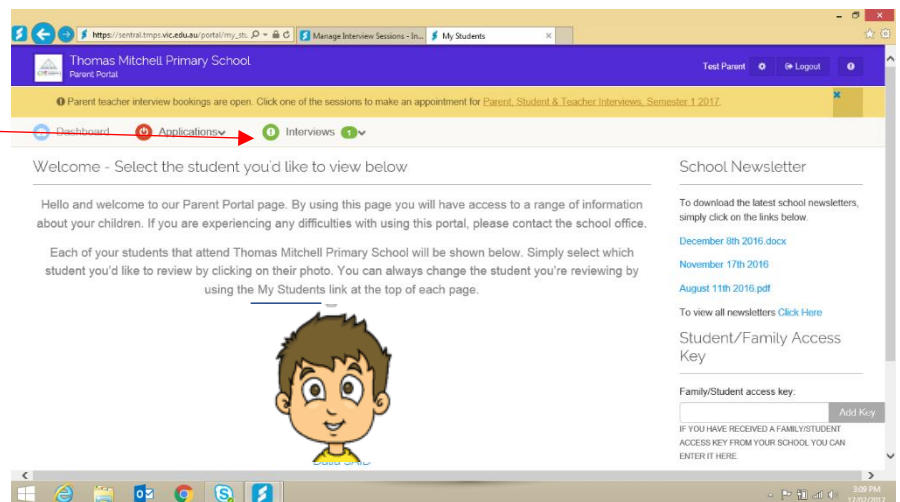
Your child is welcome, but not required to attend the parent teacher interviews. Specialist interviews are not a requirement. Please only book through the school office if you have something specific to pass on to your child's specialist teacher.

Step 1

Log onto your Student & Parent Portal account using your email and password. If you have not created your account, you will need to do this first. Please contact the school office for details on this process or if you are experiencing any difficulties. **The registration window to book interviews will open on Wednesday 18th August at 8am and will close on Wednesday 1st September at 4pm.**

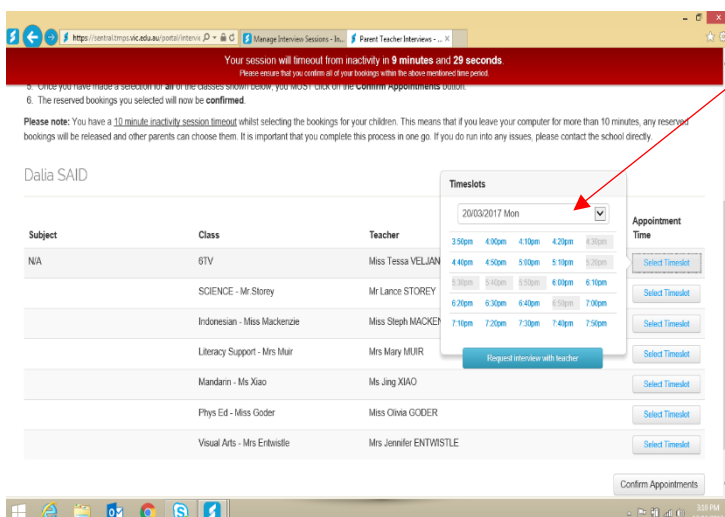
Step 2

Once logged in, click the interviews button.



Step 3

Please select a time with your child's classroom teacher. If you are booking an interview with more than 1 teacher, please ensure you leave a gap between interview times. Note that interviews run over two nights and you can change the night with the drop down arrow. **All interviews are held online using Cisco Webex. Bookings for specialist teachers can be made through the school office.**



2021 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

A reminder to parents who have received an invitation to participate in this year's survey to please do so by **Friday 3rd September**. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes up to **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please contact the school office if you would like more information or a translated document.

BOOK WEEK Winners

Although Book Week may look a little different this year, the [Children's Book Council of Australia \(CBCA\)](#) has still been judging all short listed books. Book Week runs from 21-27 August. This year the theme is [Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds](#).

Celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, the awards attracted more than 500 entries, making it difficult for judges to choose just one winner from each category. CBCA chair, Wendy Rapee said the first Book of the Year Awards were awarded in 1946, when there was only one winner.

"You might say this 75th birthday is a diamond jubilee of sorts, and I am reminded of the brilliance and lustre of a diamond when I think how a carefully constructed story can light up the mind of a child," she said. "Our children's imaginations, their wellbeing, their knowledge of the world around them, and their connections to each other have flourished because of these stories."

These are the winners in 2021.

The Book of the Year for Younger Readers:

Aster's Good, Right Things by Kate Gordon.

Book of the Year for Early Childhood:

No! Never! By Libby Hathorn and Lisa Hathorn-Jarman

The Picture Book of the Year:

How to Make a Bird, written by Meg McKinlay and illustrated by Matt Ottley,

The Eve Pownall Award for non-fiction:

Dry to Dry: The Seasons of Kakadu written by Pamela Freeman and illustrated by Liz Anelli.

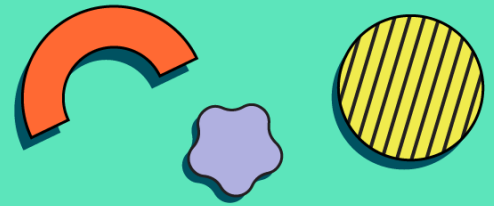
For the full list of CBCA Book of the Year 2021 Award and Honour books, please visit the CBCA website

www.cbca.org.au

All short listed books and the above winners, will be available at Thomas Mitchell library once school resumes.

Josie Morando,
Librarian

Newsletter



EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Bookings now open for Mission III

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers



A message from your Coordinator

We are nearly at the end of Lockdown to some extent (hopefully) and also the days are getting longer. We have been a bit crafty in OSHC this last week with some great crafts being done. We are working on a Harma Bead picture, some children have been eaten by shark!

Thanks Marie Coordinator at Your O.S.H.C.



Activities coming up

- Can a pencil make a water leak from a bag?
- Fathers' Day Activity
- Create your own puppet

What's on the menu

- Sweet Pizza
- Fruit Muffins
- Lettuce wraps.

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

