



# THOMAS MITCHELL WEEKLY

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Tuesday	17/8	ICAS English Test – <b>Postponed</b>
Wednesday	18/8	Parent / Teacher Interview Bookings Open – 8.00am via Sentral Parent Portal <b>**Year 3 Singing Concert – 6.30pm to 7.15pm Rivergum Performing Arts Centre Postponed **Year 5 Singing Concert – 7.55pm to 8.40pm Rivergum Performing Arts Centre Postponed</b>
Monday	23/8	ICAS Science Test – Proposed Date
Tue-Fri	24-27/8	Year 5 Camp – Log Cabin, Ballarat
Thursday	26/8	ICAS Spelling Bee – Proposed Date
Tuesday	31/8	ICAS Maths Test – Proposed Date
Wednesday	1/9	Parent / Teacher Interview Bookings Close – 4.00pm
Monday	6/9	Proposed Curriculum Day – <b>Students do not attend school on this day</b> Parent / Teacher Interviews – Via Webex
Tuesday	7/9	Parent / Teacher Interviews – Via Webex

**\*\*All activities and excursions are subject to government restrictions, and an assessment at the school level**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As we are again in another lockdown, I am sure most people feel as I do- just wishing that we can all stay safe and get through this as soon as possible!

Thank you all for your support. We are well aware that remote learning is certainly not what everyone would prefer, however, by working together, we will still manage to provide lots of interesting learning for our students.

I am sure parents are aware that our staff are doing the very best they can for their students. During the most recent time at school, I spoke to lots of students, and asked them their thoughts about learning at home or at school. Not one student said they prefer to be at home. They all said their preference was to be at school – they miss their friends so much!

Let's hope we can be back at school again soon!

### Curriculum Day – Tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Postponed

The Curriculum Day we had planned for tomorrow has been postponed. It will be a normal school day with remote learning.

### Year 3 and 5 Singing Concert

Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown we have had to postpone the Year 3 and Year 5 Singing Concerts which were to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

## Some Good News

I have been made aware that a former student of Thomas Mitchell, Paris Marie, will be performing on The Voice on Channel 7 on Monday night at 7.30pm.

I'm sure we all wish her well.

## Road Works

Road Works are continuing on Hallam North Road. The intersection of Thomas Mitchell Drive and Hallam North Road will be closed temporarily again at some stage soon.

I have been told that we will be advised before the intersection is closed. They are going to try to close the intersection during the school holidays.

**John Hurley**  
**Principal**

# 2021 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

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

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians. It is designed to assist all government schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Randomly selected parents will receive their invitations in their letter box. They were posted earlier this week. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Opinion Survey will be conducted from **now until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

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.

## Playgroup

***Playgroup is suspended until further notice due to COVID restrictions.***

# Parent Teacher Interviews

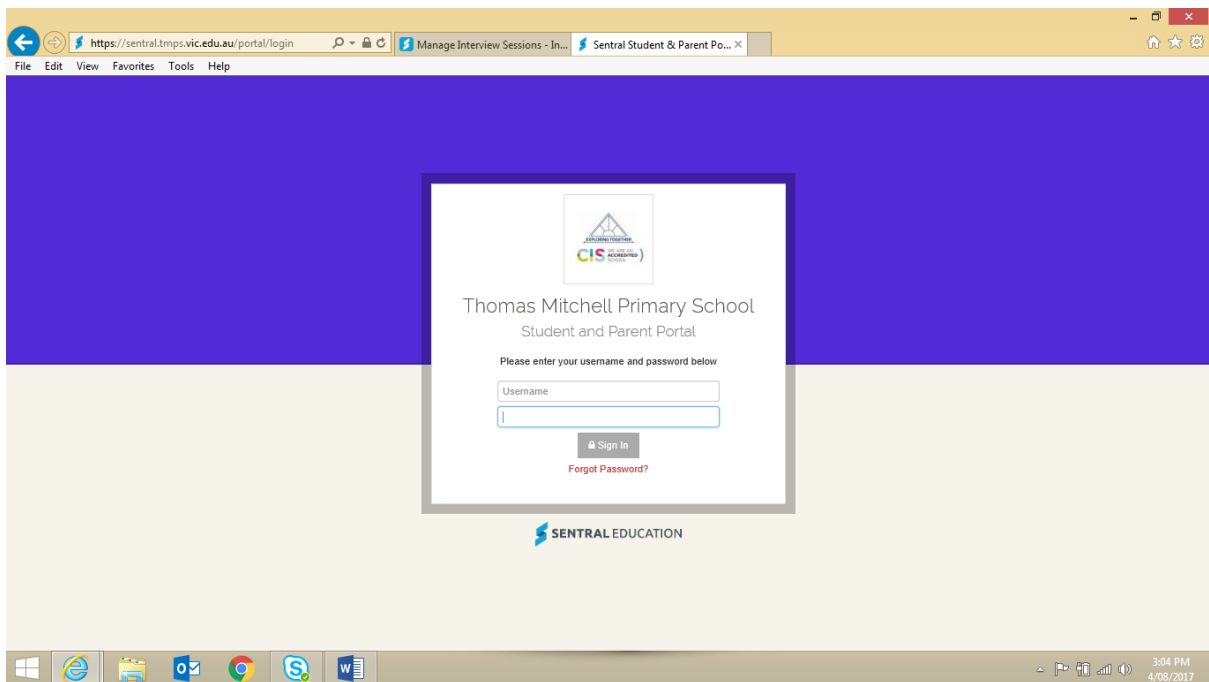
Parent teacher interviews will be held this term on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. The registration window to book these interviews through your Sentral Portal page opens on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 8am and will close Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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 with your login details and how to use this platform at the end of the booking window.**

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 menu]

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?](#)

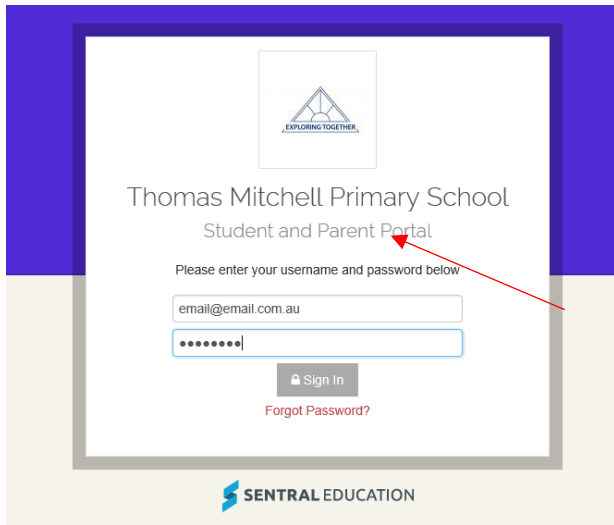
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### Linking your child to the account

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



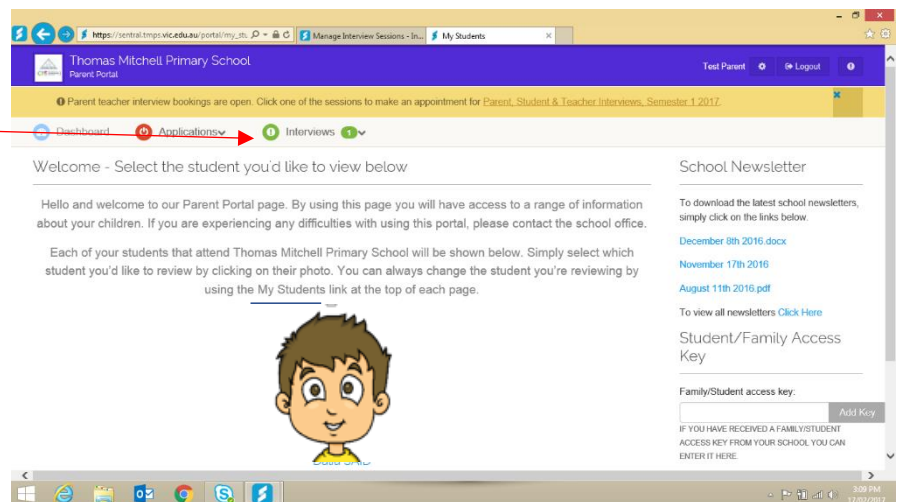
Your child is welcome, but not required to attend the parent teacher interviews. Specialist interviews are not a requirement. Please only book through the school office if you have something specific to pass on to your child's specialist teacher.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> August at 8am and will close on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 4pm.**

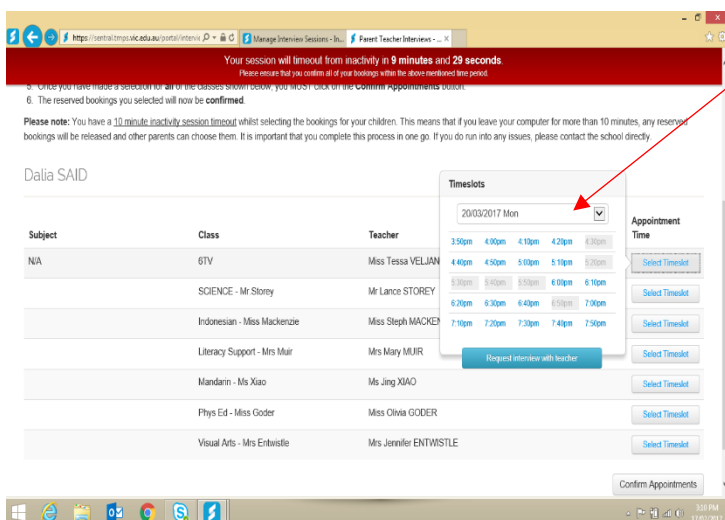
## Step 2

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.**



# Year 1 Primary Industries Education Foundation 'Kids To Farm'

The Year 1 students will participate in an online program called 'Kids to Farm' run by PIEFA (Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia) for their Term 3 inquiry unit 'Earth and Space'. Students will explore the ways that food and fibre production is influenced by seasonal changes. They will also develop an understanding of the external features of sheep and the needs of plants and animals on a farm.

This is a free activity and there is no cost to students.

The activity will be run online on:

Monday 16th August

- 1AB and 1LH - 9.15am - 9.45am
- 1PC and 1CL - 11.45am - 12.15pm
- 1SC and 1DH - 2.25pm - 2.55pm

## Premiers' Reading Challenge – Reading suggestions

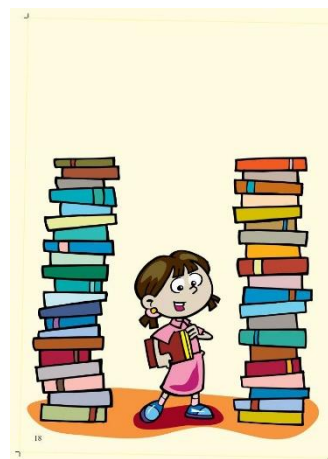
It may be a little more challenging to access reading material at the moment, but here are a number of suggestions to make it a little easier. Keeping up with reading for learning or pleasure is really important, especially at this time.

- For young children, search YouTube for 'read a picture book', and listen to dozens of children's books like The Lorax, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Rainbow Fish. ·
- Watch your favourite authors read their books at The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds and Activities.
- Watch astronauts on the Space Station read children's books at [Storytime from Space](#).
- Stream videos of authors reading children's books with illustrations at [Storyline Online](#).
- Listen to a David Walliams audio book.
- Download a free classic children's or young adult's book from [International Children's Digital Library](#) or [ManyBook.net](#)
- Local Library. If you are a member, you can access online resources for free. Some of their free online resources include, [Storybox Library](#), Tumblebooks and Borrowbox.. They also have online storytime, read by staff, to watch. If you are not a member, it is free to join and you will be able to access a world of books and resources for free. The library also **offers contactless click and collect and free home delivery**. Contact your local library for more details.

The PRC website is [www.education.vic.gov/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov/prc)

*Josie Morando*

*Librarian*





# TMPS Enviro. News

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## Recycle and Reuse Tin Cans

Last week the Eco Kids used tin cans to make into something else that can be reused. They used paper, string, contact and all sorts of craft materials to come up with some very creative designs. Great work team!



*Liz Cooke*  
*Sustainability Coordinator*