

ALL CHORISTERS

Circular No 31

Circulars are always available via the NBCA Community page.

Friday 20 October 2017

COMING EVENTS

Sat 11 & Sun 12 November - Weekend Workshop - ALL boys

Monday 11 December - Arts Centre Christmas Morning Melodies (selected boys)

Sunday 17 December - Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Sunday 17 December, 7.30pm at Hamer Hall

Tickets are well and truly on sale!

By phone: 1300 182 183

In person: Arts Centre Melbourne Box Office Theatres Building (level 5)

Box Office open: Monday to Saturday 9am to 8.30pm and Sunday 10am to 5pm

Online: <https://www.artscentremelbourne.com.au/whats-on>

Adults: \$61.20

Concession: \$51.00

Children: \$27.50

A \$8.50 Service Charge applies per order to bookings made online or by phone, mail, fax and email.

What better way to kick-start the Christmas celebrations than a sing in the beautiful Hamer Hall. As mentioned last term, we have endeavored to keep ticket prices affordable.

If you'd like more flyers to hand out to family members, colleagues, friends, school or activity groups, contact Mrs de Jonge or Mrs Eldred in the NBCA Office. ☺ ☺

HOMEWORK

Check **Angels Carol** – memorised?

Start memorising **Silent Night** verses 1 to 3

MONDAY REHEARSAL

Monday October 23 Sopranos in 2 part (all first sopranos and seconds who swing soprano) 5pm to 7pm

We don't have many Monday rehearsals this term so the ones we have are important! ☺

RETIRING CHORISTERS

Can you please let the office know ASAP (if you haven't already) if you are planning to leave at the end of this year other than with voice change – this will make organizing next year a little easier if we know in advance. Thanks ☺



For those leaving with voice change or end of year 8 but are unsure about whether the voice is changing or not, please see Mr Casey ASAP for a voice check. The list of departing boys will be compiled very shortly. A reminder of our policy from the handbook:

*“Boys generally remain as **Performing Choristers** until their voice begins to change. Awards for extensive service are presented to choristers who meet one of the following criteria:*

1. *The chorister is leaving due to voice change*
or
2. *The chorister is completing Year 8 at school and has decided to leave after discussion with Mr Casey and Mr Carmody. (Boys in this category are generally very close to the voice change.)”*

Boys who leave and do not meet the above criteria are not entitled to receive an award on stage formally acknowledging their time with the Choir. However, they will be forever an Old Boy of the National Boys Choir of Australia and be afforded the same invitations after they leave the organization.

FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to those wonderful people who have sold and returned their money for the chocolates that went home at the end of last term. Early Santa stamps for you! 😊😊

. . . speaking of Santa - we are holding our annual **Christmas Hamper Raffle** this term - this has become a major event for the choristers. How it works . . .

- We ask all families to contribute a little something Christmas-y suitable for a hamper – the options here are limited only by your imagination!
- A box (that magically empties each week!) will be in the Parent Reception area to collect said goodies
- The ‘Christmas Fairies’ will prepare anywhere up to 30 deliciously gorgeous hampers over the weeks leading up to Christmas
- A book of raffle tickets will go home to all families (to sell & return money & ticket butts)
- The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn on Friday 8 December (just 7 short weeks away) during the Performing Choir rehearsal – prizes can then be collected in the week prior to the Christmas Concert – Sunday 18 December.



In the meantime - we urge you to return any chocolate money or unsold chocolates ASAP.

However, for those entrepreneurs out there, we have a few boxes going here if you have access to ‘**chocoholics**’

Boring stuff! Term 4 invoices went home last week; as usual prompt payment is appreciated 😊

Not so boring stuff! Photos of the recent tour are available to anyone who would like a copy- bring in a named USB and we can organise that for you.