NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 2
Wednesday 12 February 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

Wednesday 25 March	Open rehearsal for parents *7.15pm (last 15 minutes of rehearsal)*
Wednesday 13 May	Elementary & Junior showcase *(times TBC)*
Wednesday 27 May	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm *(note times)*
Wednesday 17 June	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm *(note times)*
Wednesday 22 July	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm *(note times)*
Saturday 25 July	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University
Saturday 5 December	Christmas Party for Special Children, Melb Showgrounds *(times TBC)*
Sunday 20 December	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

Phew! So much information last week!

We hope you all had an exciting start to the Junior Choir year last week! We know there was a lot of information to digest, and we welcome any questions during rehearsals each week. Reception is staffed during each rehearsal until 7.00pm.

We anticipate you've completed last week's to-do list:
- ✓ Logged in to the NBCA website and found the Junior Choir area successfully
- ✓ Read last week's Circular and added all special dates to your calendars
- ✓ Completed and handed in your personal details and HECs forms to Reception *due today*
- ✓ Notified Reception if you **do not** want your personal details circulated *due today*
- ✓ Completed the hospitality form if you'd like to help out *due today*
- ✓ Liked and are now following our NBCA socials pages *optional*

A FEW EXTRA POINTERS…

DRINK BOTTLES
It's not necessary for choristers to bring drink bottles to rehearsals. There are water bubblers available in the studio if boys are thirsty. 😊

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP
As you know, the traffic in the carpark gets very busy during drop-off and pick-up times! We remind parents to park the car and walk choristers to and from the NBCA building. This will ensure choristers stay extra safe in the carpark during these peak times. Thank you!

PARKING
Just a reminder that our neighbours require 24-hour access to their premises. So, we ask families not to park in front of roller doors. Thank you, again!

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HOMEWORK
Practice tracks will be uploaded to the NBCA website in the coming weeks, so please be patient. In the meantime, the boys can practise their vocal warmups and breathing exercises. It is important for the boys to spend time each week at home revising the skills they are learning at choir.

HEADSHOT PHOTOS
Last week, we took individual headshot photos of all Junior choristers. The photos are only used internally so staff members have a means to identify boys when they're in our care.

LOOKING AHEAD! Christmas Party for Special Children
Each year, our Junior Choir is considered to perform at the Christmas Party for Special Children at the Melbourne Showgrounds. This is a wonderful public event that offers our Junior choristers their first professional gig outside the realm of NBCA's concert schedule. You can learn more about this event here: http://www.sccpau.com.au/faq.html

We're delighted to announce we've been invited to perform at this year's event on **Saturday, December 5.** It's early days yet, but please mark this date into your calendars now! Further details will be released later in the year; all Junior choristers are scheduled to perform.

STAFF ANNUAL LEAVE
Mrs de Jonge will be on annual leave from Monday February 24 to Wednesday February 26 inclusive. Mrs Eldred will be covering these shifts so you will all be in very safe hands! 😊

REMINDERS
- Hand in your completed personal details and HECs forms to Reception – urgent!
- Let Reception know if you do not want your personal details circulated
- Term 1 fees due next week, February 19
- Homework items
- Completed hospitality forms if you wish to help out
- All photos from the 2019 Christmas Concert are available to purchase from Reception for $10 (on CD or bring your own USB drive with loads of space!)