



# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Junior Choristers Circular No. 3

Wednesday 19 February 2020

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

Wednesday 25 March	Open rehearsal for parents 7.15pm ( <i>last 15 minutes of rehearsal</i> )
Wednesday 13 May	Junior showcase ( <i>6.00pm arrival, 6.30pm performance</i> )
Wednesday 27 May	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm ( <i>note times</i> )
Wednesday 17 June	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm ( <i>note times</i> )
Wednesday 22 July	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm ( <i>note times</i> )
<b>Saturday 25 July</b>	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University
<b>Saturday 5 December</b>	Christmas Party for Special Children, Melb Showgrounds ( <i>times TBC</i> )
<b>Sunday 20 December</b>	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

### DATES ON THE HORIZON

The Choir endeavours to flag important dates as early as possible so that families have plenty of notice and can plan appropriately. These dates will always appear in the box at the top of the weekly circular, as above. Full details relevant to each event will always be issued closer to the dates and uploaded to the NBCA Junior Choir calendar on the website.

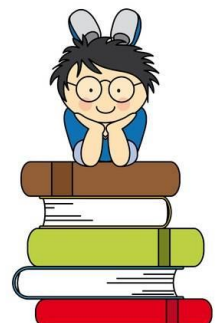


#### **Upcoming major dates on your immediate horizon include:**

- **Wednesday 25 March**  
Parents are invited to visit the last 15 minutes of rehearsal and enjoy a 'short concert'; the boys will be keen to display their new skills!
- **Wednesday 13 May**  
The Junior Choir will be performing in their Junior Showcase here at the NBCA and will wear full stagewear (supplied by the NBCA). Full details for this performance will be communicated in the coming weeks.

### HOMEWORK

Practice tracks are now appearing online, ready to download. Now is the time to put in place a practice routine including breathing exercises, vocal warmups and repertoire learning. Please use the tracks to assist your practice in learning the correct melodies, breathing and words for each song. Daily practice of 15 to 30 minutes can greatly improve your music and singing abilities. We can't express enough how important it is for the boys to spend time each week at home revising the skills they are learning at Choir.



#### **Download the tracks by logging in to the NBCA website and following the pathway:**

Choir Community dropdown menu -> Junior Choristers -> Music tab -> 2020 folder

#### **This week's tracks:**

- ♪ Ah Poor Bird
- ♪ Dona Nobis Pacem



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PERSONAL DETAILS AND HECS FORMS – now due!

Thank you to those families who have completed and returned their personal details and HECS forms. Please complete and return these forms as a matter of urgency if you haven't yet done so. Forms went home with boys in their satchels so let Mrs de Jonge in Reception know if you need new copies.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Choir is constantly practising and reviewing safety procedures. We plan to practise our evacuation procedure with the Junior Choir over the coming weeks. We will walk around the back way to the carpark.

Hospitality Roster – Term 1

Thank you to those families who have offered to 'host' the NBCA kitchen during the weekly rehearsal! We have received enough interest to start a roster for Term 1. The roster is below, and spots are still available for the last two weeks of term. If you can volunteer, please let Reception know.

**Volunteers** – all you need to do is provide a small container of milk, food is optional (for waiting parents and siblings not choristers; nut-free), pop used dishes in the dishwasher then leave the kitchen area tidy. If you can't volunteer on your nominated date, please alert the office as soon as possible.

February

Wednesday	19	NBCA	
Wednesday	26	Cumming Family	(Alistair J8)

March

Wednesday	4	Virdee Family	(Taj J35)
Wednesday	11	White Family	(Ayrton J43)
Wednesday	18	Volunteer needed	
Wednesday	25	Volunteer needed	



End First Term



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**REMINDERS**

- Term 1 fees due today
- All photos from the 2019 Christmas Concert are available to purchase from Reception for \$10 (bring your own USB drive with loads of space!)
- Mrs Eldred will be covering Reception during rehearsal next Wednesday, February 26