



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 5

Wednesday 4 March 2020

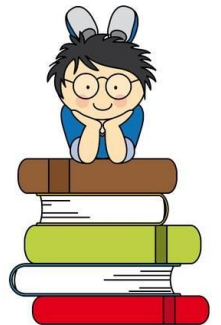
DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

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

HOMEWORK

We hope you have now established a routine for practice and are enjoying your son's singing throughout the week. Memorisation is a key component for performance at Choir and in order to memorise music correctly it is important to practise at home.

Create a practice routine including breathing exercises, vocal warmups and repertoire learning. Please use the tracks to assist learning the correct melodies, breathing and words for each song. Practising for 15 to 30 minutes daily can greatly improve your son's music and singing abilities. We need to express how important it is for the boys to spend time each week at home revising the skills they are learning at Choir.



Practice Tracks:

- *Ah Poor Bird*
- *Dona Nobis Pacem*
- *The Water is Wide, Bring Me a Little Water Sylvie*
- *Placement one in C*
- *Ribbons in the sky*
- *The Swing*

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

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

PERSONAL DETAILS AND HECS FORMS – **urgent!**

A few families still need to return their completed personal details and HECS forms. These went home with choristers in their satchels after the first rehearsal last month. If you haven't yet done so, please complete these forms and return them by no later than next week, March 11. If you need new copies, please let Reception know. Thank you! 😊



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EPIPENS/ASTHMA INHALERS/SPACERS

Your chorister's completed contact details and HECs forms allow all NBCA staff to identify which choristers have illnesses (anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy, etc) and who needs specific attention in the event of an emergency.



If your son has anaphylaxis or asthma (or both), please ensure their satchel contains an epipen and/or asthma inhaler and spacer while at Choir.

The NBCA office holds one of each as a precaution, but it is **essential** for choristers to bring their own. Thank you for your care and attention.

Hospitality Roster – Term 1

Thank you to the **Virdee Family** who is hosting the kitchen today.

March

Wednesday	4	Virdee Family	(Taj J35)
Wednesday	11	White Family	(Ayrton J43)
Wednesday	18	Sahingoez Family	(Deniz J41 Eren J42)
Wednesday	25	Qian Family	(Derek J26)



End First Term

FUNDRAISING



Cadbury Chocolate Block Raffle

We have an **E N O R M O U S** 10kg block of chocolate to raffle off to some lucky family – yes, right in time for Easter!

Tickets can be purchase from Reception - \$5 each or 5 for \$20

The Entertainment Book

The new Entertainment Book is now available! Get your new Entertainment Membership today to support National Boys Choir of Australia.

Head to <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/181d541> to secure yours today!





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LOOKING AHEAD – JUNIOR SHOWCASE

The Junior Showcase is on **Wednesday, May 13**. While the event is a little while off, we will be preparing in the time leading up to it. This will include Wardrobe fittings, conducted by Mrs Connellan in our Wardrobe department.

Fittings will commence during rehearsal on Wednesday, April 15. Wardrobe items (black trousers and white shirt) will start to go home with choristers in calico bags on Wednesday April 29. Further details to follow closer to the date.

- Venue: NBCA studios, Pilgrim Court Ringwood
Arrive: 6.00pm sharp (regular rehearsal time)
Wear: Black performance trousers, white performance shirt, black belt, black shoes/socks plus a jacket to keep warm. Bow ties will be given out to choristers on arrival.
Note: No singlets under white shirts, please! 😊
On stage: 6.30pm
Bring: Your calico bag with a change of clothes to wear home after the concert.
Depart: 7.15pm (after the boys have changed into their casual clothes in their calico bags)

Would you like to help?

Mrs Connellan would love a few volunteers to help with the fittings. If you think you can help, please let Reception know. We will also require a shirt washer after the event. Please let Reception know if you can help with this, too.

PERFORMING CHOIR NEWS

As part of QANTAS' 100-year anniversary this year, a selection of our Performing choristers took part in the filming of the airline's commemorative safety video.

You can view the full video here:

<https://www.news.com.au/travel/travel-advice/flights/qantas-releases-new-inflight-safety-video-celebrating-aussies-being-aussies/news-story/6656925664b89bc4801c8db19c7f4cd1>

The video is also now viewable on QANTAS flights.

MISSING BOOK

A book was left in the waiting area last week. The book is titled A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking. If this is your book, please collect it at Reception. Thank you! 😊

LOST MYKI CARD

A myki card was found on the floor in our Reception area recently. The name 'Lisa' is written on the back. If this is yours, please come and collect it from the Office. Thank you! 😊

ALL weekly circulars will be forwarded via email (unless advised otherwise)

<https://nationalboyschoir.com.au/choir-community/>



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REMINDERS

- Term 1 fees are now overdue
- All photos from the 2019 Christmas Concert are available to purchase from Reception for \$10 (bring your own USB drive with loads of space!)



Enjoy the long weekend!

See you back next week, March 11...