



# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Junior Choristers Circular No. 6

Wednesday 11 March 2020

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

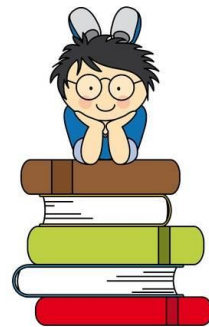
Wednesday 25 March	Open rehearsal for parents 7.15pm ( <i>last 15 minutes of rehearsal</i> )
Wednesday 13 May	Junior showcase (6.00pm arrival, 6.30pm performance)
Wednesday 27 May	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm ( <i>note times</i> )
Wednesday 17 June	Combined rehearsal with Junior 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> )
<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

### HOMEWORK

Thank you to everyone for their efforts to stay on top of practice with the tracks. Please start memorising music as listed below on the repertoire list. The repertoire list shows what music is to be practised at home.

#### Repertoire List

- Ah Poor Bird – Memorised
- Dona Nobis Pacem – Memorised
- The Swing – Memorised
- The Water is Wide
- Placement one in C
- Ribbons in the sky
- Can you hear me? (NEW)



We hope you have now established a routine for practice and you're 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 you're your son learning the correct melodies, breathing and words for each song. Practising for 15 to 30 minutes daily can greatly improve his 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

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

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

### Hospitality Roster – Term 1

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

#### March

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



### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY – Thursday, 5 March

Mrs de Jonge and Mrs Eldred attended the Maroondah City Council International Women’s Day breakfast last Thursday. The breakfast was hosted by the Council and special guest, author Hilde Hinton. Hilde is the oldest sister of actor Samuel Johnson and their late sister Connie Johnson.

Hilde spoke admirably about Samuel’s bid to cycle around Australia on a unicycle to raise funds for their charity Love Your Sister and the importance of the minutes in our lives. Hilde left everyone in the room one important quote: “You’ve got time everywhere, use your minutes”.



### 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**

We have also organised an **exclusive opportunity for families to visit the Cadbury Shop in Ringwood on Thursday 19 March at 10.00am**. If you would like to go, please RSVP to NBCA Reception at [office@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:office@nationalboyschoir.com.au) . RSVPs are essential.

If you can’t make it, you can still visit the shop at the Public Open Day this Saturday 14 March from 9.00am to 2.00pm. No RSVPs are required. Address is 323-351 Canterbury Road, Ringwood for both these dates.



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**REMINDERS**

- Epipens and/or inhalers and spacers in satchels at rehearsals for those boys with anaphylaxis and/or asthma
- Personal Details and HECs forms to be returned – *urgent*
- Let Reception know if you can assist Mrs Connellan in Wardrobe for the Showcase fittings