



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 7

Wednesday 18 March 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

Wednesday 25 March	REHEARSAL CANCELLED
Wednesday 15 April	First rehearsal, term 2
Wednesday 13 May	Elementary Showcase (4.45pm arrival, 5.15pm performance)
Wednesday 27 May	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4.45 to 6pm (note finish time)
Wednesday 17 June	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4.45 to 6pm (note finish time)
Wednesday 22 July	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4.45 to 6pm (note finish time)
Saturday 25 July	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University
Sunday 20 December	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

CORONAVIRUS

The NBCA has set in place some extra precautions relating to the outbreak of Covid-19. These are intended as additional measures only, and apply to tonight's rehearsal. The details were sent out in an email on Tuesday 17 March at 2.00pm.

There is still no-one connected with the Choir who has contracted the corona virus, or been in contact with any infected persons. We are confident that you and your sons have been safe to continue coming to Choir. If that situation changes, we will inform you immediately.

In the light of Government announcements today however, we have decided to cancel rehearsal next Wednesday, 25 March. The next scheduled rehearsal for Elementary Choristers will be Wednesday 15 April. We will confirm by email, prior to that date, whether that rehearsal will proceed.

HOMEWORK

Thank you to everyone who is staying on top of practice with tracks and beginning work on memorising repertoire. Please ensure your son keeps learning and working on each song during practice each week.

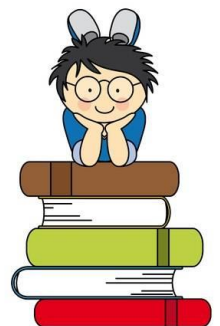
Practice tips:

- Always start with your breathing exercises and vocal warmups
- Set yourself a goal to work towards for each song when you practise (for example, following music, memorising words, feeling the beat, intonation/pitch)
- Write down your goal to share at our next rehearsal
- Drink plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated

Please start memorising music as listed on the below repertoire list which shows what music is to be practised at home.

Repertoire List:

- Angels in the Snow – Memorise (newly added)
- Kangaroo - Memorised
- Ickle Ockle - Memorised
- On a Log - Memorised





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- Mister Sun - Memorised
- Moon So Round and Yellow - Memorised
- Breathing exercises
- The Salley Gardens (NEW)
- Can you hear me? (Lower part track)

Memorisation is a key component for performance at Choir. In order to memorise music correctly, it is important to practise at home. Please use the tracks so your son learns 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 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.

Practice Tracks:

- Kangaroo (learnt by ear, no sheet music)
- Ickle Ockle
- Angels in the Snow
- Mister Sun (learnt by ear, no sheet music)
- Breathing exercises
- Moon so round and yellow
- On a Log
- Can you hear me?
- The Salley Gardens

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

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

Hospitality Roster – Term 1

Due to our Coronavirus precautions now in place, the hospitality roster is on hold until further notice. Thank you to those families who have already supplied lovely treats this 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. Payments via card are acceptable, too.

Due to Coronavirus precautions, the exclusive Cadbury Shop visit scheduled for tomorrow Thursday 19 March is now cancelled. Cadbury has decided to close their shop to external customers.

If you would like to place an order, please download and [complete this form](#) and email it to office@nationalboyschoir.com.au by end of business tomorrow, Thursday 19 March. We will then arrange a collection of orders which can be collected from Choir.



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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!

REMINDERS

- Epipens and/or inhalers and spacers in satchels at rehearsals for those boys with anaphylaxis and/or asthma
- Let Reception know if you can assist Mrs Connellan in Wardrobe for the Showcase fittings
- Let Reception know if you can assist with shirt washing after the Showcase