



# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Junior Choristers Circular No. 9

Wednesday 22 April 2020

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

Wednesday 13 May	Junior showcase ( <i>to be re-scheduled</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

Please keep learning and working on each song in your practice each week. The aim is to have everything memorised by the time we meet back together face-to-face. Your focus repertoire this week is *Ribbons in the Sky* (top part), *Placement One in C* (top part) and *Long Legged Sailor*.

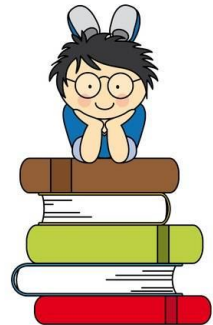
#### **Practice tips:**

- 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

Each week you will have the rehearsal video and live zoom call where we will continue working on our repertoire and learning new vocal skills. Make sure you include these in your practice routine. The repertoire list below shows what music is to be practised at home.

#### **Repertoire list:**

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



### JUNIOR VIRTUAL REHEARSAL ROOM

Wednesday rehearsals for Term 2 from 6.00pm to 6.30pm

*Don't forget to download and watch the pre-rehearsal video at the start of each week:*

<https://readycloud.netgear.com/client/browselink.html#t=1cbsgbe9m8hvf3xvyn9xkwe4u7l/Junior%20Choir%20Online%20Learning>

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**To access the Virtual Rehearsal Room, go to:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/637982942?pwd=VUbnZ2F6UEU4dksxVnlmMDZ0U0Vidz09>

Meeting ID: 637 982 942

Password: NBCA2020

**Virtual Rehearsal Room reminders:**

- Have your pencil and scores ready
- Have gone through the warm-up videos
- Create and wear a BIG name tag (just write your name on a piece of paper and tape it to your shirt);
- Write your name and choir number into the chat when you arrive (e.g. Joe Smith E 19 or James Lock J05)
- Be sitting well on a firm chair or upright on the edge of the couch
- Be in a common area if possible (if in a bedroom, please set up a virtual/digital background)
- Have parents nearby
- Use earphones/headphones as necessary

The chat feature on Zoom is only to be used for direct questions/answers to the NBCA staff. There will be opportunities throughout the term to message and chat with a choir friend. However, when we are learning it is important that you remain focussed on the musical task.

Please let us know if you have any issues or if you're an apology by emailing the office at [office@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:office@nationalboyschoir.com.au) . Mrs de Jonge will be monitoring emails before and during each rehearsal.