



# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Elementary Choristers Circular No. 12

Wednesday 13 May 2020

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

<b>TBC</b>	Elementary Showcase (to be re-scheduled)
<b>Saturday 25 July</b>	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University (to be re-scheduled)
<b>Sunday 20 December</b>	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

### HOMEWORK

It's super exciting to see you all singing through our new piece together last Wednesday in our Virtual Rehearsal Room. Please continue to use the videos and tracks to learn the notes. If you haven't yet, please make sure you print off a copy of the music. You'll find the PDF on the NBCA website after you've logged in:

Choir Community dropdown menu -> Elementary Choristers -> Music tab -> 2020 Online Learning

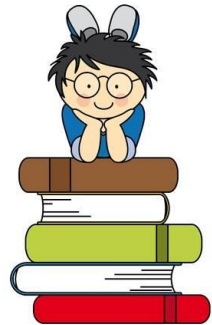
You've all done such a great job memorising words to *Moon So Round and Yellow*. We will be checking words for verse 2 during today's rehearsal!

Also, keep practising those actions for *Long Legged Sailor*. We hope you are having fun with this. We will keep revising them each week during our virtual rehearsal.

The repertoire list below shows what music is to be practised at home.

#### Repertoire List

- NEW: Chariot's Comin'!
- Angels in the Snow
- Kangaroo
- Ickle Ockle
- On a Log
- Mister Sun
- Moon So Round and Yellow
- Breathing exercises
- The Salley Gardens
- Can you hear me? (Lower part track)
- Algie Met the Bear (as taught by Ms Ferwerda)
- NEW: Water Spout Song (as taught by Mrs Zavou)



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

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

**Also, don't forget to complete our short questionnaire so we can track how you're going with the Virtual rehearsal Room:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JDH8P66>

Please let us know if you have any issues or if you're an apology each week 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.

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#### ELEMENTARY VIRTUAL REHEARSAL ROOM

Wednesday rehearsals for Term 2 from 5.15pm to 5.45pm

*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=1wsed8ppzmtf6gb6x8dg88w7st6/Elementary%20Choir%20Online%20Learning>

Password: NBCA2020

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/222025139?pwd=MmZ1RDdTNzdKV0FwbTduWVh3NGtwUT09>

Meeting ID: 222 025 139

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.

#### TERM 2 INVOICES

Invoices for Term 2 will be issued today. Choir Tuition Fees for Term 2 have been discounted by 35%. Please note also that payment of the \$150 Wardrobe Deposit, usually added to the Term two invoice, has been deferred. This recognises that we are providing 'virtual rehearsals' because of the COVID-19 restrictions making it impossible to run our normal program, and the current crisis and financial uncertainty being experienced by many in the community. Our Administrative and Artistic staff are all still working and we have been fully engaged in adapting our program to suit current restrictions. We hope your sons have been enjoying this new mode of operation: but a Zoom choir is not a real choir, and we look forward very much to being able to gather at Ringwood again.

As you know, we are a not-for-profit organisation, and normally receive no funding from Government or other bodies. Income from fundraising and other sources (such as performances) is currently negligible, but our operating costs remain fairly constant. We are hopeful of receiving some support through COVID-19 Government programs, but we are largely still reliant on fee income to cover these operating costs. We would therefore ask you to attend to these invoices as promptly as

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you can. If you need to talk confidentially about payment of your son's fees, please contact our Treasurer, Mr Colin Seedy, on [treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au) .

**FUNDRAISING - Cadbury Chocolate Block Raffle**



For people who have purchased tickets in our G I A N T chocolate block raffle – never fear, we *will* be drawing this raffle - we have simply put this on hold until choir resumes in a more normal way. We promise to keep you posted . . . .



**Tickets are \$5 each *or* 5 for \$20**

Please email [office@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:office@nationalboyschoir.com.au) if you still want to purchase a ticket or two (or five 😊).