



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 13

Wednesday 20 May 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TBC	Junior showcase (<i>to be re-scheduled</i>)
Saturday 25 July	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood (to be rescheduled)
Saturday 5 December	Christmas Party for Special Children, Melb Showgrounds (<i>times TBC</i>)
Sunday 20 December	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

HOMEWORK

Thank you to the boys who put in so much effort and came dressed up to our rehearsal last week. It was so much fun. 😊

This week's challenge is to bring along a soft toy or something furry to the Virtual Rehearsal Room!

We hope you are having fun learning some new repertoire from our weekly recordings. This week Mrs Zavou is teaching you *Purple Penny* and the *Calypso Song*. Also, remember to practise the fast actions for all of *Long Legged Sailor*.

When you arrive in the live chat today, please let us know if you are keen to try singing some of *Dona Nobis Pacem* during our call. We would love to celebrate your learning and singing during the rehearsal this week.

Your other focus repertoire this week is *Bring Me a Little Water Sylvie* (upper part), *Ribbons in the Sky* (upper part), *Placement One in C* (bottom part) and *Long Legged Sailor* – with actions. The repertoire list below shows what music you need to practise at home.

Repertoire List:

- Chariot's Comin'!
- Ah Poor Bird
- Dona Nobis Pacem
- The Swing
- The Water is Wide
- Placement one in C
- Ribbons in the sky
- Can you hear me?
- Algie Met the Bear
- Water Spout Song
- NEW: Calypso Song (as taught by Mrs Zavou on our week 6 recorded rehearsal)



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

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

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



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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>

Password: NBCA2020

To access the Virtual Rehearsal Room, go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/637982942?pwd=VUJnZ2F6UEU4dksxVnlmMDZ0U0Vidz09>

Meeting ID: 637 982 942

Password: NBCA2020

Virtual Rehearsal Room reminders:

- **Bring along a soft toy or something furry today**
- 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.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

With the Victorian Government starting to ease restrictions, the Choir is looking at how to proceed for the next few months. We hope to be able to have small groups back at Ringwood soon, possibly around the time that schools return (although the regulations governing our activities are different, as we are not a school).

One challenge will be how we put on performances, since it is likely to be quite some time before concert halls are allowed to be filled – according to some estimates, not until after a vaccine has been made available. However, our first challenge will be to return to rehearsals at Ringwood, and our primary concern will be to ensure the health and safety of all boys and staff.

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

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Through the foresight of the Board from 20 and 30 years ago, we are very fortunate to have such large premises available, with space for adequate social distancing. We hope to have further information in next week's Circular.

INVOICES

Term 2 invoices were emailed home last week. We ask you to attend to these invoices as promptly as 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.



The Entertainment Book

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

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 if you still want to purchase a ticket or two (or five 😊).