



# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Elementary Choristers Circular No. 14

Wednesday 27 May 2020

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

<b>TBC</b>	Elementary Showcase (to be re-scheduled)
Saturday 25 July	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

There were so many fun and furry toys last week! We believe a dog came to visit, too. So, we hope they enjoyed the music. 😊

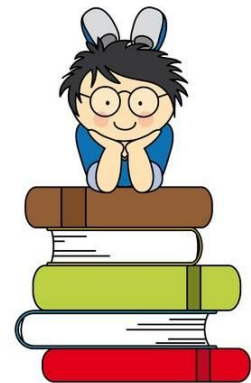
This week's challenge is **Sparkles**. Wear or bring something sparkly. It's time to party a little as restrictions are slowly lifting.

Keep practising those new songs that are in our weekly rehearsal videos and take the time to focus on your breathing this week. Remember to keep your shoulders relaxed and breathing low into your belly.

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

#### **Repertoire List**

- Chariot's Comin'! (Part 2/Lower Part)
- 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
- Water Spout Song
- Calypso Song (as taught by Mrs Zavou on our week 6 and 7 recorded rehearsal)



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

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

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.

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

<https://nationalboyschoir.com.au/choir-community/>



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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:**

- **Bring along or wear something SPARKLY 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.

### RINGWOOD OFFICE

Commencing Monday 1 June, the NBCA Office in Ringwood will partially re-open, and will be attended as follows:

- Monday & Tuesday – Mrs Justine de Jonge
- Wednesday – closed (email monitored)
- Thursday & Friday – Mrs Jan Eldred
- Hours: 10 am – 3:00 pm

Please don't visit the premises unless you have made a prior arrangement.



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#### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

As mentioned in last week's Circular, as Government restrictions ease, we are starting to plan for a gradual return to rehearsals in Ringwood.

Zoom rehearsals will continue for at least the next two weeks, but we are looking at the possibility of some boys rehearsing in the studio from Wednesday 10 June. There is still much to be confirmed, but social distancing rules will apply, as at the end of Term 1. We are looking at options for face masks or shields, and will keep you informed when decisions have been made. All rehearsals will continue to be available on Zoom.

#### INVOICES

Term 2 invoices were emailed 13.05.20, but unfortunately the 27.05.20 due date for payment was not shown. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and if not yet paid, we ask you to attend to this 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](mailto:treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au).



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#### 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 😊).