



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 14

Wednesday 27 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

There were so many fun and furry toys last week! We believe a dog came 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 time to focus on your breathing this week. Remember to keep your shoulders relaxed and breathing low into your belly. Also, please let us know as soon as you jump on the Zoom call if you would like to sing *Dona Nobis Pacem* solo this week. Thank you to those boys who gave it a go last week. We would love to continue celebrating 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 needs to be practised 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
- 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 -> 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 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.

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

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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.



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 😊).