



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 15

Wednesday 3 June 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

You were all shining last week. Thank you to those boys who participated!

We are excited to invite you all to join our Zoom **Dance Party** during our normal Zoom rehearsal time starting at 6.00pm today. The session will be run by Steph Boemo and will last for about 30 minutes. Put on your favourite exercise clothes, push back the couch and join in! Or, you can cha-cha in your chair if you prefer. We hope you can join us for a bit of fun! All family members are welcome.

Week 8 is our 'get your bodies moving' week so have fun practising all our diction and actions songs this week. Even though you'll be moving your bodies more this week, remember to focus on your breathing. Don't let any tension creep into your shoulders.

The repertoire list below shows what music needs to be practised at home. Please use the practice tracks from the NBCA website to go over this music.



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



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=VUJpnZ2F6UEU4dksxVnlmMDZ0U0Vidz09>

Meeting ID: 637 982 942

Password: NBCA2020

Virtual Rehearsal Room reminders:

- **Wear your favourite exercise clothes today!**
- 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

As Government restrictions ease, we are working towards a gradual return to rehearsals in Ringwood, and 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.

If your son would like to attend rehearsal at Ringwood next Wednesday, please email the office by 5.00 pm on Friday 5 June.

We will confirm names and numbers, together with compliance instructions, after the weekend.



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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 😊).