



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 17

Wednesday 17 June 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TODAY!	Rehearsal 4.45pm to 5.30pm (see details below)
TBC	Elementary Showcase (to be re-scheduled)
Saturday 25 July	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University (to be re-scheduled)
Sunday 20 December	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

NBCA CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS & REHEARSALS

Please remember to read the [NBCA's procedures](#) for return to rehearsals in the Ringwood studios. Rehearsal will be held from 4.45 to 5.30pm.

As of Monday, the following choristers will be attending our studios today:

E1 Ethan Akula, E5 Moses Chan, E9 Sasha Dean, E12 Benjamin Guan, E16 Charlie Huang, E17 Harrison Keegan, E18 Steven Kou, E22 Yuankai Li, E23 Thurston Long Nguyen, E25 Windsor Ma, E27 Jack Morgan, E31 Shahan R-Shakeel, E33 Adi Rob, E35 Miguel Salgadno, E36 Emerson Sebire, E38 Noah Stepien, E39 Blake Stewart, E43 Dean Thongyen, E44 Trin Thongyen, E50 Colin (Langran) Zhao

All other boys will be rehearsing from home and the Zoom details are as follows:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/222025139?pwd=MmZlRDdTNzdKV0FwbTduWVh3NGtwUT09>

Meeting ID: 222 025 139 Password: NBCA2020

If you would like your son to attend rehearsal at our studios next week, please contact the Office by 5.00pm this Sunday, June 21. As restrictions ease again this weekend, we will be allowed to have up to 50 people in the Casey Studio – so we would be delighted to welcome all Elementary Choristers who are able to come next Wednesday 24 June, for the final rehearsal this term.

If your son has a face mask from last week, please would you check that it fits. The elastic can be knotted or cut if necessary. Masks need to be washed and brought clean into the rehearsal in the satchel or in a pocket.

Please do not send your son into the building wearing a mask.

The doors will not be opened before 4.35pm – please wait in the car, rather than queuing up in the cold.

We suggest you might have your son practise wearing a face mask at home, to get used to the idea. They don't need to be worn for Zoom rehearsals. Please reassure him that they are only a precaution, like wearing a seat belt in a car. There are still no reports of infection connected to the Choir community. If your son cannot wear a face mask, please contact the Office.

A quick reminder of the procedure going forward:

- Drop off/pick up in the carpark – doors open at 4.35pm
- Sanitise and temperature check at the door – with staff
- Cloth face masks will be issued at rehearsal

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

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- Spatial distancing of 1.5 metres is required (no close contact) – follow the floor markings
- Bring music satchel, pencil, eraser, sharpener, water bottle, sanitiser
- No sharing music, equipment, water bottles
- Wash/sanitise hands after toilet or cough/sneeze
- Exit one by one – staff to supervise

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. Mrs de Jonge will be monitoring emails before and during each rehearsal.

HOMEWORK



We've come back and had our first face-to-face rehearsal! It was so lovely to see some choristers back last week and we look forward to hopefully seeing all of you in the coming weeks. We experienced a few technical issues with the internet last week, so we appreciated your patience and we hope you enjoyed the split rehearsal.

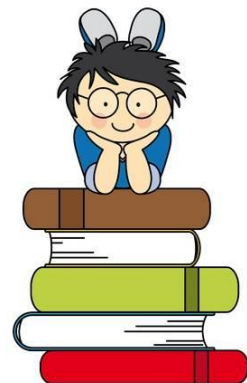
Your practice focus this week continues from last week with attention to your **POSTURE** and **BREATHING**! This has slipped a little over the last number of weeks.

Please be mindful of how you are standing to practise. Remember, as you breathe in expand your tummy and keep those shoulders relaxed. A great way to practise this is to first start on the floor with our breathing exercises and then move in front of a mirror and watch yourself while you sing. Check that you are expanding while keeping those shoulders relaxed and still.

The repertoire list below shows what music needs to be practised at home. We are working towards memorising all music as soon as possible. Please use the practice tracks from the NBCA website to go over this music.

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





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Download the tracks by logging in to the NBCA website and following the pathway:
Choir Community dropdown menu -> Elementary Choristers -> Music tab -> 2020 folder



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 😊).