



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR  
OF AUSTRALIA

## Elementary Choristers Circular No. 20

Wednesday 29 July 2020

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

<b>TODAY!</b>	Rehearsal via Zoom only 5.15pm to 5.45pm ( <i>see details below</i> )
<b>TBC</b>	Elementary Showcase (to be re-scheduled)
<b>CANCELLED</b>	NBCA Mid-Year Concert
<b>Sunday 20 December</b>	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert



### **NBCA CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS & REHEARSALS**

Wednesday online rehearsals for Term 3 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>

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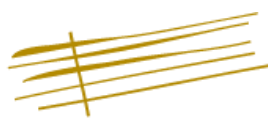
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#### **Virtual Rehearsal Room reminders:**

- Wear your PJs/slippers/dressing gown
- Have your pencil and new scores ready
- Have gone through the warm-up videos
- Label your screen with your name and choir number
- Write your name and choir number into the chat when you arrive (e.g. Joe Smith E 19)
- 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.

***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.***



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### HOMEWORK

It was so wonderful to see you all last week. Thank you for being so ready and eager to learn our exciting new repertoire. We hope you had some fun going through the videos last week and we're excited to share new music again with you this week.

Please make sure you download and print music ready to sight-read our new songs together on Wednesday. There is no need to learn new songs prior to our rehearsal as we will be going over these together.



### TERM 3 REPERTOIRE

- ★ New Year Carol (New Week 2)
- ★ Sweetly Sings the Donkey (New Week 2)
- ★ A Place Like Home (Week 1)
- ★ Mrs Hen (Week 1)
- ★ Welcome, Welcome Every Guest (Week 1)
- ★ Turkey's United (Week 1)
- ★ 1,2,3,4 Hoedjes van papier (Week 1)
- ★ Tall Silk Hat (Week 1)

**You may also continue to sing through your existing repertoire, as listed below...**

- ★ 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



Before attending our virtual rehearsal make sure you have used your practice videos to warm up your voice, so you are ready to sing.

***You can also download tracks and music by logging in to the NBCA website:***

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

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

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



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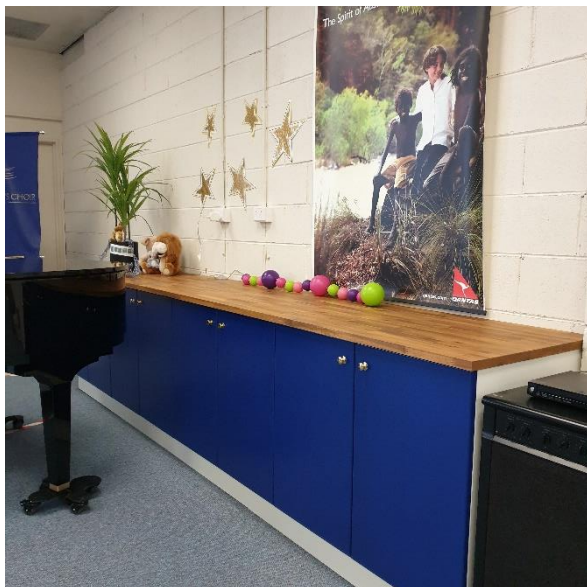
### TERM 3 FEES

Term 3 fees will go out to families via email next week. If you don't receive your email, be sure to check your spam and junk folders.

### PERFORMANCES

The Mid-Year Concert has been cancelled. We hoped to reschedule it for September, but the new lockdown has made that impossible.

Our Performing Choir plans to make a recording (and DVD), now tentatively scheduled for mid-November. We also plan to schedule a Showcase for the Training Choirs in November. If a Christmas Concert is allowed (pending Government restrictions), it will be smaller in scale than usual and not at Hamer Hall this year.



### WORK AROUND THE BUILDING

Over the 'holidays' we did a bit of a tidy-up ... We now have fabulous new cupboards and benches in the reception area and both the Casey and Bird studios. The new music cupboards in the front studio have been painted and now 'disappear' into the wall 😊

Thank you to Paul Devine, 'Hire A Hubby' in Mt Waverley (*would highly recommend if anyone needs anything done around the house*)

### 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 😊).