



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 20

Wednesday 29 July 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TODAY!	Rehearsal via Zoom only 6.00pm to 6.30pm (<i>see details below</i>)
TBC	Junior showcase (<i>to be re-scheduled</i>)
CANCELLED	NBCA Mid-Year Concert
Saturday 5 December	Christmas Party for Special Children, Melb Showgrounds (<i>times TBC</i>)
Sunday 20 December	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert



NBCA CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS & REHEARSALS

Wednesday online rehearsals for Term 3 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=VUJnZ2F6UEU4dksxVnImMDZ0U0Vidz09>

Meeting ID: 637 982 942

Password: NBCA2020

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 J 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 . 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

- ★ Carol of the Angels (New Week 2)
- ★ Hey Ho Nobody Home (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)
- ★ Day of Celebration (Week 1)

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

- ★ 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



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 from the NBCA website and following the pathway:
Choir Community dropdown menu -> Junior Choristers -> Music tab -> 2020 folder



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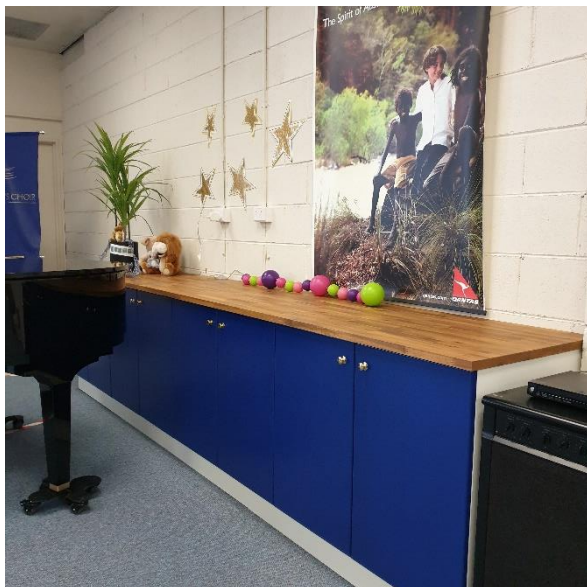
TERM 3 FEES

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 if you still want to purchase a ticket or two (or five 😊).