



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 21

Wednesday 5 August 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

CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

With the introduction of Stage 4 restrictions in Victoria, the Choir offices will close on Wednesday evening, and staff will work only from home. The office will continue to be staffed on weekdays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm: phone calls will be diverted, and email will continue to be monitored. It will not be permissible under these restrictions to visit the Ringwood studios. Rehearsals will continue as scheduled on Zoom and will be unaffected by the new restrictions.

CHOIR PRESIDENT

At the Choir's Annual General Meeting last week, Mr Rex Wenn announced his retirement as President. Rex has been associated with the Choir for at least 38 years. His three sons sang in the Choir, (Cameron was Choir Captain in 1986), and Rex was President for 17 years. We thank Rex for his outstanding contribution to the NBCA over such a long period and wish him well in his retirement. The new President is Mr Keith Mortimer (Choir Captain in 1985).

NBCA CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS & REHEARSALS

Wednesday online rehearsals for Term 3 from 6.00pm to 6.30pm

To access the Virtual Rehearsal Room, go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/637982942?pwd=VUpnZ2F6UEU4dksxVnImMDZ0U0Vidz09>

Meeting ID: 637 982 942

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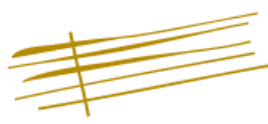
Did someone say ssss....Scavenger Hunt?!

There's a hint about this Wednesday's activities so make sure you have watched the Week 3 video prior to our Wednesday rehearsal this week:

<https://readycloud.netgear.com/client/browselink.html#t=1cbsgbe9m8hvf3xvyn9xkwe4u7l/Junior%20Choir%20Online%20Learning>

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Virtual Rehearsal Room reminders:

Make sure you have your shoelaces tied so you can quickly find our challenge items around your home throughout the evening. It might also help if you have tidied your bedroom and put things away.

- Have your pencil, printed scores and downloaded music 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.

HOMework

We hope you had fun learning in your PJ's last week. This week is our **Scavenger Hunt!**

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Thank you for being ready and eager to learn our exciting new repertoire. We hope you had some fun going through the videos last week and we are excited to share new music again with you this week.



Please make sure you have downloaded/printed music so we're ready to sight read our new song and continue learning existing music together. There is no need to learn new songs prior to our rehearsal as we will be going over these together.

TERM 3 REPERTOIRE

- ★ Monkey and the Turtle (New Week 3)
- ★ Carol of the Angels (Week 2)
- ★ Hey Ho Nobody Home (Week 2)
- ★ A Place Like Home (Week 1)
- ★ Mrs Hen (Week 1)

Homework continued...

ALL weekly circulars will be forwarded via email (unless advised otherwise)
<https://nationalboyschoir.com.au/choir-community/>



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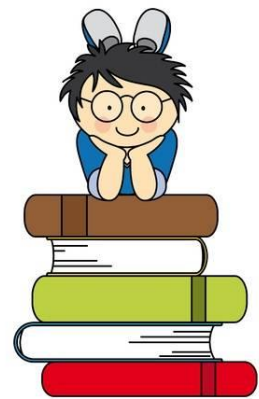
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- ★ Welcome, Welcome Every Guest (Week 1)
- ★ Turkey's United (Week 1)
- ★ 1,2,3,4 Hoedjes van papier (Week 1)
- ★ Tall Silk Hat (Week 1)
- ★ Day of Celebration (Week 1)

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

TERM 3 INVOICES

These will be emailed to families this week. If you don't receive the email, be sure to check your 'spam' and 'junk' folders. Tuition Fees have again been reduced by 35% for this term. This recognises firstly that we are obliged to provide virtual rehearsals because of continuing COVID-19 restrictions and secondly, the current financial difficulty being experienced by many in the community. An annual Stagewear Levy of \$33.00 normally included with the Term 3 invoice will not be charged this year.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like to discuss payment of fees, please email our Treasurer Mr Colin Seedy at treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au .

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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 😊).