



# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Junior Choristers Circular No. 30

Wednesday 21 October 2020

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

<b>TODAY!</b>	<b>Rehearsal via Zoom only 6.00pm to 6.45pm (note later finish time!)</b>
<b>October 12 – 31</b>	AUDITIONS
<b>November</b>	Elementary Showcase (details to be confirmed after lockdown)
<b>CANCELLED</b>	Christmas Party for Special Children, Melbourne Showgrounds
<b>CANCELLED</b>	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert
<b>Saturday 24 July 2021</b>	NBCA Mid-Year Concert 2021 (Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University)

### Don't forget! Today's rehearsal starts at 6.00pm and finishes at 6.45pm



What great movers you are. We hope that you can implement some of the stretching and mobility work as it will complement your singing and body awareness.

This week, we will be diving back into singing. So, please make sure you bring along all your music and have watched and rehearsed with the pre-recorded video.

### NBCA CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS & REHEARSALS

*\*Please note there's a new link for the Term 4 Virtual Rehearsal Room...*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89421955575?pwd=Y2ZxdkJSVjlkYVBrZGw1RFgvdS9oUT09>

Meeting ID: 894 2195 5575

Passcode: NBCA2020

### **PLEASE ACTION:**

A waiting room will be enabled for the rehearsals so please make sure you have changed the profile name to your Chorister number and name for admittance (for example – J12 Jim Smith). This will be vital to be admitted into the rehearsal room this term. This can be done upon logging in using the settings tab.

**Don't forget to watch the Week 3 video prior to our rehearsal today!**

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

Password: NBCA2020

**Virtual Rehearsal Room reminders for today:**

- ★ **Don't forget:** Have your music and a pencil ready
- ★ **Important:** Have gone through the warm-up and weekly pre-rehearsal videos
- ★ Have your pencil, printed scores and downloaded music ready
- ★ Label your profile name with your name and choir number

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

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- ★ Write your name and choir number into the chat when you arrive (e.g. J12 Jim Smith)
- ★ 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

***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.***

### **HOMework**

Please continue to focus on the following repertoire when practicing at home. All these songs need to be from memory, and we will be checking this in the coming weeks.

- ★ To tell a tale or two
- ★ Hey Ho Nobody Home
- ★ Ah Poor Bird
- ★ Dona Nobis Pacem
- ★ Mrs Hen
- ★ Monkey and the Turtle
- ★ 1,2,3,4 Hoedjes van papier
- ★ The Swing
- ★ Tall Silk Hat
- ★ Long Legged Sailor
- ★ Algie Met the Bear
- ★ Turkeys United
- ★ Carol of the Angels
- ★ Day of Celebration
- ★ Ribbons in the Sky
- ★ Chariot's Comin'!



***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 4 REHEARSALS**

With COVID-19 restrictions being gradually eased, we expect to be able to re-open the Ringwood office in the next week or so, and are looking at a careful and safe return to studio rehearsals soon after. We will contact you with details as soon as they are confirmed.

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**TERM 4 INVOICES**

Tuition Fees have again been reduced by 35% reflecting that we are still running 'virtual rehearsals' because of COVID-19 restrictions. Invoices will be emailed to families this week and it would be appreciated if you could pay the amount due as promptly as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like to discuss payment issues, please contact our Treasurer Mr Colin Seedy at [treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au).

**NBCA AUDITIONS FOR 2021**

The NBCA's annual Auditions are being held by Zoom this year from Monday 12 October to Saturday October 31.

*Please help!* All schools with choristers enrolled have been contacted and asked to place our Auditions notice in their newsletters and on social media. Please would you check that our message has been posted, and if not, perhaps contact the school to encourage them to include it.



With auditions approaching, our social media postings have increased, and it would be very helpful if you would share any audition posts as widely as you can.

If you know of anyone who may like to audition for the 2021 intake, they can contact us via the website: <https://nationalboyschoir.com.au/events/auditions/>. Remember, we are interested in hearing boys in years 1 and 2.