



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 36

Wednesday 2 December 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TODAY!	Rehearsals in the studio! 6pm to 7:30pm (note finish time)
December 12	Showcase Recording 12:30 – 2:45 pm
December 16	Final Rehearsal Term 4
December 18	NBCA Christmas Twilight Picnic Party 5:30 – 8:30 pm (Pilgrim Court)

2021

Saturday 24 July **NBCA Mid-Year Concert** (Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University)

ALL Junior choristers are at our Ringwood studios again today!
6pm to 7:30pm (note the later finish time)

Boys should continue to use the online videos for practice and warm-up.

ABSENCE

If your son is not able to attend rehearsal, please email an apology to the office. As we have now returned in full to the studio, Zoom is no longer available. If your son or anyone in your family is sick, please do not come to rehearsal.



SHOWCASE CONCERT RECORDING – Saturday next week!

One week to go! Is your chorister ready for the recording on **Saturday, December 12?**

- Venue:** National Boys Choir of Australia, Casey Studio
- Arrive:** 12:30pm
- Wear:** Black performance trousers, white performance shirt, black belt, black shoes/socks, neat hair (bow ties will be handed out and fitted before the recording)
- Bring:** Your calico bag with a change of clothes to wear home and your biggest smile
- Depart:** 2:45pm (after choristers have changed into their casual wear)

WARDROBE FITTINGS

Fittings will continue during today's rehearsal for the following choristers:

J6, J12, J28, J33, J34, J36, J39 and J43

Boys will leave rehearsal briefly in pairs to be fitted. *As they need to change their trousers, please check that boys are wearing underwear.*

Choristers started taking home their calico bag last week, containing black trousers, white shirt and a set of instructions. Please read over the instructions carefully and ensure wardrobe items are ready to wear for the Showcase Concert Recording on December 12. Contact the office if you have any questions.

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REHEARSAL COVID-SAFE PLAN

Please remember the Choir's **COVID-Safe Plan**:

- Please drop off and pick-up your son from the carpark - *the office will be available after rehearsal has commenced, but the foyer remains closed*
- Doors will not open until five minutes before rehearsal commences
- No masks are required
- On arrival, boys will be asked to clean their hands
- Boys will move straight to their places in the studio, keeping a 1.5 metre distance away from each other
Studios and hallways are marked with tape to help with this
- Boys should bring their satchel, with pencil and eraser, water bottle, and a small bottle of hand sanitiser
- Boys are reminded to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue, handkerchief or their elbow

HOMEWORK

The halls are filled with music again! It was so wonderful to hear the boys' melodious voices working together and creating such beautiful sounds as a whole group.

Now – more than ever – it's time to make sure you revise all your words and melodies. When you practise, make sure you stand confidently with a long spine. Focus your eyes in one place, ready to watch the conductor.

All these songs need to be from memory, so please focus on the following repertoire when you practise at home:

- ★ 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'!



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NBCA Family Christmas Twilight Picnic Party – December 18

We're excited to announce our Family Christmas Twilight Picnic Party at Pilgrim Court, Ringwood on **Friday December 18** from 5.30pm to 8:30pm

Choristers have missed so many milestones this year – make sure you don't miss this one!

Bring your picnic, share a Zoom story, laugh with a friend and be entertained by carolling choristers.

Junior Choristers will be acknowledged and promoted into the Performing Choir. Performing Choristers will surprise you and the Young Men's Choir will dazzle you with their talents.

There will be a giant slide and bouncing castle to amuse the younger members and siblings. And...there may even be a visit from a very Jolly Fellow dressed in red!



TERM 4 INVOICES

A reminder that the payment date for Term 4 invoices was November 4. If you have overlooked settling your account, action to process payment would be appreciated.

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