



# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Junior Choristers Circular No. 4

Tuesday 2 March 2021

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

**Saturday 21 March** NBCA Fun Run/Walk 11:00am to 1:00pm *Full details below!*

Welcome to another COVID-free week at NBCA. 😊

Any change to the regular Junior rehearsal schedule, due to health warnings, will be advised via email to all families, usually within an hour of announcements being made.

### COVID-SAFE RULES

The following COVID-19 rules apply:

- Face masks are welcome, but no longer required
- If anyone in your household is sick, please do not come to Choir
- If you have been to any of the exposure sites as listed here:  
<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/case-locations-and-outbreaks-covid-19> please follow DHHS instructions regarding isolation and testing

### COVID-SAFE REHEARSAL PLAN

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

- All rehearsals are held at our Ringwood studios in person unless otherwise advised
- 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 open five minutes before rehearsal commences
- On arrival, boys will be asked to sanitise their hands
- Boys will move straight to their places in the studio, keeping a 1.5 metre distance away from each other, following the tape markings on the floor
- 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

Please make sure you are practising each week and starting to memorise music. Over the coming weeks, we will be checking words and working on performance skills for our repertoire. We recommend 15 to 30 minutes' practice at least every second day to revise music notes, lyrics and material covered from our weekly rehearsals.



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Practice tracks are now available for selected repertoire to assist the boys with their practice. The full repertoire list is below, which includes three new tracks this week. Please download these tracks and utilise them along with the vocal warmup videos (starting with A). Focus on the breathing and vowel tracks this week.

### **Repertoire List & Vocal Warm-up Videos**

Choristers have taken home sheet music for the following songs. Please take the time to look over these songs and learn the words. Once you have practised, make sure they're returned to your satchel ready to bring to our next rehearsal.

- L'il Liza Jane (track uploaded to assist practice)
- Start the Engine
- Cantilene for Crab (track uploaded to assist practice)
- Sight Singing (for in class use, no track)
- Junior Choir Theory display folder (all Elementary folders can stay at home from last year)
- **NEW:** On a little piece of string (practice track uploaded online, no sheet music)
- **NEW:** One two three (practice track uploaded online, no sheet music)



**Downloads are located here:** Choir Community -> Junior Choristers -> Music -> 2021 folder

### **EPIPENS/ASTHMA INHALERS/SPACERS**

**If your son has anaphylaxis or asthma (or both), please ensure their satchel contains an epipen and/or asthma inhaler and spacer while at Choir.**

The NBCA office holds one of each as a precaution, but it is essential for choristers to bring their own. Thank you for your care and attention.



### **FUNDRAISING – Fun Run/Walk, Sunday 21 March 11:00 am-1:00 pm**

😊 We hope you have this very important date in your diary. 😊

We ask that supporters sponsor boys per kilometre of the 4km course.

This is not a race – walking the dog is encouraged if you don't want to run.

Friends and family are all invited to join us for a nominal registration fee

of \$5 – children 5 and under are free. We will also be on the look-out for some volunteers to assist on the day.

All participants will be rewarded with a sausage in bread as they finish the course. 😊

A sponsorship form and further details will be emailed to you within the week.





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**TERM 1 INVOICES**

Payment for Term 1 invoices is now due. 😊

Please ensure you check your spam and junk folders and mark the invoice email for your inbox. If you have not received your invoice, please alert the staff.

**Friendly reminders...**

- ✓ **Urgent:** Return completed Personal Details and HECs forms and any action plans
- ✓ Epipens, asthma inhalers and spacers in satchels each week if required
- ✓ Payment for Term 1 invoices is now due
- ✓ Be on the look-out for full details about the NBCA Fun Run/Walk



*Enjoy the long weekend!*

*See you back next Wednesday, March 10...*