



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 5

Tuesday 9 March 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

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



We hope you enjoyed the long weekend! 😊 😊

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

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

HOMEWORK

Words, words words!

It's time to memorise some music. Our first song to memorise is 'My Dog Jed'. Please make sure this song is a priority and you are able to sing it confidently without looking at your music.

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) with a continued 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.

- ★ Singing is Fun/Sing sing together (practice tracks uploaded online)
- ★ Sing Allelu (practice track uploaded online)
- ★ Start Every Day with a Song
- ★ My Dog Jed (practice track uploaded online)
- ★ On a little piece of string (practice track uploaded online, no sheet music)
- ★ One two three (practice track uploaded online, no sheet music)
- ★ To Tell a tale of two (practice track uploaded online)
- ★ **NEW:** Start Every Day with a Song (practice track uploaded online)
- ★ **NEW:** Taba Naba (no sheet music, learnt by ear, track uploaded to assist practice)
- ★ **NEW:** When the sleepy man comes (practice track uploaded online)
- ★ **NEW:** Wadawurrung

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

We hope you have this very important date in your diary!

A sponsorship form has now been emailed to you.

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 ask all people to register their interest in participating in the Fun Run/Walk to assist us with our planning. Email us your interest at office@nationalboyschoir.com.au

We will also be on the look-out for some volunteers to assist on the day – particularly to act as marshals stationed along the route.

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





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Thank you!

A big thank you to all Elementary choristers who participated in the evacuation drill during last week's rehearsal. Safety is our Number 1 priority here at Choir, and our evacuation drills help us to stay up to date with our safety requirements. All choristers participated well and followed all instructions from our staff dutifully. We appreciate their cooperation and enthusiasm. 😊

CAR PARK

- Please park only in marked spaces, not in staff parking bays, yellow painted areas or in the garden/on the grass
- Speed limit is strictly 10 km/h – there are lots of children around
- Traffic is one-way, in a clockwise direction

Friendly reminders...

- ✓ Email your expression of interest for the Fun Run/Walk
- ✓ Epipens, asthma inhalers and spacers in satchels each week if required
- ✓ Memorise 'My Dog Jed' and complete homework items using the tracks and videos