



# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Junior 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 Junior 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 two songs to memorise are 'L'il Liza Jane' and 'Start the Engine'. Please make sure these two songs are a priority and you are able to sing them confidently without looking at your music.

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*ALL weekly circulars will be forwarded via email (unless advised otherwise)*  
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We recommend 15 to 30 minutes' practice at least every second day to revise music notes, lyrics and material covered from our weekly rehearsals.

Practice tracks are now available for selected repertoire to assist the boys with their practice. The full repertoire list is below. Please download these tracks and utilise them along with the vocal warmup videos (starting with A) 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)
- **NEW:** Start the Engine (track uploaded to assist practice)
- 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)
- On a little piece of string (practice track uploaded online, no sheet music)
- One two three (practice track uploaded online, no sheet music)
- **NEW:** Wadawurrung
- **NEW:** A boy's best friend is his mother
- **NEW:** Taba Naba (no sheet music, learnt by ear, track uploaded to assist practice)
- **NEW:** Tango for Tuna

#### **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](mailto: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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#### **URGENT: HECS and Personal Details Forms now due**

Thank you to those families who have returned their blue HECS and Personal Details forms.

The following families need to return their HECS and personal details forms to rehearsal tomorrow:

- J10, Gu-Han
- J19, Li
- J28, Salgado
- J29, Stepien
- J35, Wang
- J38, Zhao

Thank you in advance for your attention. Please contact the office if you need the forms re-printed.

#### **Thank you!**

A big thank you to all Junior 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...**

- ✓ **Urgent:** Return completed Personal Details and HECs forms and any action plans
- ✓ Epipens, asthma inhalers and spacers in satchels each week if required
- ✓ Memorise 'L'il Liza Jane' and 'Start the Engine' plus extra homework items using videos and tracks
- ✓ Payment for Term 1 invoices is now due