

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 10

Tuesday 20 April 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TOMORROW	First rehearsal for Term 2
This Sunday	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Nunawading (details below)
Wednesday 12 May	Elementary Choir Showcase (details below) 3 weeks to go!
Wednesday 19 May	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4:45pm to 6:00pm note finish time!
Wednesday 9 June	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4:45pm to 6:00pm note finish time!
Wednesday 21 July	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4:45pm to 6:00pm note finish time!
Saturday 24 July	NBCA Winter Concert – save the date!

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2!

We hope you enjoyed your school holidays. Rehearsals resume tomorrow, 4:45pm to 5:45pm. 😊

The waiting area/ foyer will be open to any family members who wish to wait inside during rehearsal. COVID-Safe rules still apply and parents will need to sign in and out using the Choir QR code.

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



ELEMENTARY SHOWCASE – Wednesday, 12 May at NBCA Studios

This is the Elementary Choir's first staged concert in full stagewear! Our Elementary choristers are excited to present their repertoire to their families. All important details are below. Please note that this is a ticketed event.

Venue:	National Boys Choir of Australia studios, Pilgrim Court Ringwood
Arrive:	4:45pm sharp (regular rehearsal time)
Wear:	Black performance trousers, white performance shirt, black belt, black shoes/socks plus a jacket to keep warm. Bow ties will be given out to choristers on arrival.
On stage:	5:15pm
Bring: Depart:	Boys – calico bag with a change of clothes to wear home <i>after</i> the concert. 6:00pm (after the boys have changed into their casual clothes in their calico bags)

Note: This is a ticketed event, and every audience member must have a ticket booked through Trybooking in order to gain entry. There will be no tickets at the door. Numbers will be capped at 80 so first in, best dressed. <u>https://www.trybooking.com/BQQYI</u>

Stagewear: Choristers will be fitted for black performance trousers and white performance shirts starting during rehearsal tomorrow. These wardrobe items will be sent home in calico bags once all fittings are completed. *Volunteers* – if you're available to help Mrs Connellan in Wardrobe with fittings tomorrow, please let the office know. Thank you!



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Shirt washer needed!

We will need a volunteer shirt washer after the Showcase so please email the office if you can assist. Only washing the shirts is required; no ironing involved! We will provide the laundry powder, too.

HOMEWORK

Only three weeks to go until our Showcase Concert! 😇

Now is the time to check memory of all your words and practise performing with confidence. All music for the Showcase will be performed from memory so this week is your chance to make sure you have memorised all your notes and words. Keep using those practice tracks, too.

Showcase Music List:

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

Other Repertoire & Vocal Warm-up Videos:

★ Vocal Warmup Videos (online for you to utilise in practice)

For the Mid-Year Concert:

- ★ Wadawurrung Part 1
- ★ For the Children Part 2
- ★ Singabahambayo Part 2 (track uploaded to assist practice)

TERM 2 FEES

Term 2 invoices will be emailed to families this week. If you made payments to the Choir for the cancelled Fun Run, the amounts you paid have been deducted from your term invoice.

If you don't receive a copy of your invoice please advise the office. As always, prompt payment is always appreciated.

If you would like to discuss any payment issues, please email our Treasurer Colin Seedy directly at treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – this Sunday, 25 April

Can you help between 2:00pm and 4:00pm? Please let the office know. Preferably in two-hour blocks, but we can negotiate times.

If you are in the area – pop in and say hi and grab a sausage in bread for lunch. 😊



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Grassy Areas in the Carpark

Now that we are in Autumn the grassy areas in the carpark are becoming muddy. Please ask your choristers to avoid the muddy areas so they keep their shoes clean and mud-free for rehearsal. Thank you!

Friendly reminders...

- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Book your tickets for the Elementary Showcase (link above)
- ✓ **URGENT:** Memorisation of Showcase music
- ✓ Can you assist with shirt washing after the Elementary Showcase?
- ✓ Bring blue satchels to *all* rehearsals
- ✓ Epipens, asthma inhalers and spacers in satchels each week if required
- ✓ Please park in marked spaces only and drive in a clockwise direction at 10km/hr