



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 24

Tuesday 10 August 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TOMORROW Rehearsal via Zoom 6:00 – 6:30pm

Saturday 27 November Very Special Kids Christmas Party – Melbourne Showgrounds

Sunday 19 December NBCA Christmas Concert

THIS WEEK'S REHEARSAL via Zoom

Due to the current lockdown, rehearsal for Junior choristers will be **ONLINE** tomorrow 6:00pm to 6:30pm on Zoom (please note start and finish times).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054498129?pwd=dVZER0RnRVBwNUhOaThT25ETS9TQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5449 8129 Passcode: NBCA2021

Virtual Rehearsal Room points to action:

- Write your name and choir number into the chat when you arrive (e.g. Joe Smith E 19)
- Be sitting well on a firm chair or upright on the edge of the couch
- Be in a common area if possible (if in a bedroom, please set up a virtual/digital background)
- Have parents nearby
- Use earphones/headphones as necessary

There is no need to bring your sheet music or satchel to rehearsal. All music required will be presented on the screen (visual/aural).

The chat feature on Zoom is only to be used for direct questions/answers to the NBCA staff.

OFFICE

The office will be closed until the end of the lockdown (currently this Thursday), and staff members are working from home.

Email is the best way to contact the Choir during the lockdown – Justine will be able to phone you back if you leave your number in your message: office@nationalboyschoir.com.au

Apologies

If your son is unable to attend the rehearsal this week, please email office@nationalboyschoir.com.au. The inbox will be monitored during each day this week and during the rehearsal times as normal.

Next week...

We will be in contact with all families about the format for next week's rehearsal as soon as possible.



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**** WINTER CONCERT CANCELLED ****

With lockdown again in place, and uncertainty about when it will finish, and what restrictions will remain, we had hoped to postpone the concert once more, to mid-September. It has become clear that a live concert will not be possible in the timeframe available, so we will instead proceed with making a recorded Winter Concert (audio & video). The Winter Concert scheduled for 22 August is therefore cancelled, and any ticket purchases will be refunded in full.

Further details about the filming and recording schedule, and associated combined rehearsals, will be published as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SOLOISTS!

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected this time around to sing in small solo groups. We were so proud of the standard from all choristers and it was a tough decision. We look forward to having more boys sing solos and working in small groups as the year progresses.

Take these wings

- Alan
- Kazuki
- Carter

For the Children

- Dean
- Trin
- Henry
- Zak
- James
- Lucas

HOMEWORK

Please continue to practise your pieces with the focus being on memorisation. We will be performing all our music from memory at the Winter Concert.

Repertoire for our Winter Concert:

- ★ Wadawurrung – All Part 2
- ★ For the Children – All Part 1
- ★ Singabahambayo – All Part 1
- ★ Drunken Sailor (either Part 1 or 2 – see list below)
- ★ Take These Wings (either Part 1 or 2 – see list below)

Other Repertoire & Vocal Warm-up Videos:

- ★ Vocal Warmup Videos (online for you to utilise in practice)
- ★ Sight singing (for in-class use, no track)

ALL weekly circulars will be forwarded via email (unless advised otherwise)

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BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – Saturday 4 September

Can you help out at our fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Nunawading? Please let the office know by email or phone: office@nationalboyschoir.com.au or 9872 4480. A roster will be communicated in due course.

2021 AUDITIONS

The NBCA is conducting auditions for our January 2022 intake on Saturday 14 August and Saturday 4 September.

If you know anybody who might be interested in auditioning, please ask them to visit our website www.nationalboyschoir.com.au or email auditions@nationalboyschoir.com.au

VERY SPECIAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is an annual performance at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds for the Junior Choristers, run by Very Special Kids, a charity for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Please save the date now – Saturday 27 November – times and other details will be published soon.

Find out more about Very Special Kids from their website: <https://www.vsk.org.au/who-we-are>

Friendly reminders...

- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Tomorrow's rehearsal via Zoom (note times)
- ✓ Can you volunteer for the next Bunnings sausage sizzle?
- ✓ Join the [NBCA Facebook group](#)
- ✓ Entertainment Memberships now available to [purchase](#)