



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 30

Tuesday 5 October 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TOMORROW!	First rehearsal for Term 4 via Zoom 6:00pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 27 November	Very Special Kids Christmas Party – Melbourne Showgrounds
Saturday 18 December	NBCA Christmas Concerts
Sunday 19 December	NBCA Christmas Concert

😊 **Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you had a restful break.** 😊

THIS WEEK'S REHEARSAL via Zoom

Due to the lockdown, rehearsal for Junior choristers will be **ONLINE** tomorrow 6:00pm to 6:45pm on Zoom (please note start and finish times).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054498129?pwd=dVZER0RnRVBwNUhOaThtT25ETS9TQT09>

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 Zoom 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.

VACCINES

While nothing specific has yet been announced, it would seem that our chances of returning to normal Choir rehearsals will be connected to State vaccination rates. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to get as many of your family as are eligible vaccinated as soon as possible.

Information about vaccinations can be found here: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine>

HOMEWORK

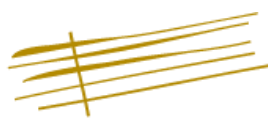
Complete the rehearsal video for practice. Your challenge this week is to see how many of the pieces you can sing without looking at the music on the screen. Aim to practise with the video at least 4 times in the next week.

Term 4 Repertoire Rehearsal Video:

Junior Choir

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Repertoire

- ★ For the Children – All Part 1
- ★ Singabahambayo – All Part 1
- ★ Drunken Sailor (Part 1 or 2)
- ★ Take These Wings (Part 1 or 2)
- ★ Do you hear what I hear?
- ★ The Christmas Clock
- ★ Jubilate, Sing with Joy
- ★ Jolly Old St. Nicholas
- ★ Mince Pie or a Pudding
- ★ Turkeys United

*Tracks and sheet music are uploaded on the choir website for you to access.

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.

OFFICE

The office will remain closed until the end of the lockdown and staff members are working from home. Email is the best way to contact the Choir during the lockdown – we will be able to phone you back if you leave your number in your message: office@nationalboyschoir.com.au

****NEW** TERM 4 FEES**

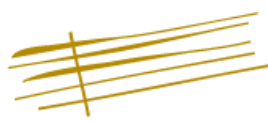
Term 4 invoices which will be issued next week, will include a discount of 25% for Tuition Fees. This is to recognise that because of COVID lockdowns, we have been forced to provide Zoom rehearsals during much of Term 3 and will commence Term 4 in the same format. We are hopeful that with increased vaccination levels in the community, Term 4 will see the current lockdown eased and rehearsals return to our Ringwood studios.

The discount is less than we allowed last year, but in 2020 we were able to access the Government's Jobkeeper and other subsidies to help defray our operating costs which have remained constant during lockdowns. This year, the Jobkeeper subsidy was available for only the first quarter, so we are largely reliant on fee income to cover our costs, especially as income from other sources such as performances and fundraising has been negligible. We would therefore appreciate it if you could settle your invoice by the due date.

If you wish to talk about payment issues, please contact our Treasurer, Colin Seedy on treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au

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AUDITIONS



It starts with an audition...

The National Boys Choir of Australia is currently holding **online auditions** for boys in years 1 and 2, for our January 2022 intake. Auditions are free, informal, and take only a few minutes, and will run through October 2021. If you would like to arrange an appointment for your son, or know someone else who might be interested, please visit our website: www.nationalboyschoir.com.au



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VERY SPECIAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This event is currently still scheduled for Saturday 27 November at the Melbourne Showgrounds. Find out more about Very Special Kids from their website: <https://www.vsk.org.au/who-we-are>

Friendly reminders...

- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Term 4 starts tomorrow on Zoom at 6:00pm to 6:45pm
- ✓ Do you know someone who wants to audition for the NBCA? Appointments now available
- ✓ Join the [NBCA Facebook group](#)
- ✓ Entertainment Memberships now available to [purchase](#)