

ALL CHORISTERS

Circular No 31

Friday 18 October 2013

COMING EVENTS

Sunday October 20 - Doncaster Church of Christ Concert – Tassie tour boys

November 16/17 -Workshop weekend – all boys

Thursday December 19 – Arts Centre Morning Melodies, selected boys

Saturday December 21 - Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

Tuesday December 26 - Boxing Day Test, selected boys

MRS E IS BACK!

Jan is back in the building after a fabulous overseas adventure. We are very grateful to Jo Braddy for looking after the office in Jan's absence.

2014 UK TOUR

We are sorry to say that the proposed UK tour will not go ahead. ☹ As outlined in Circular No 28 on September 13, we have done as much as possible to reduce costs by reworking the itinerary/accommodation but we do not have enough firm deposits to allow us to proceed with a choir which is balanced across all voice parts. The falling Australian dollar has also made it difficult to contain anticipated costs. We know that many will be disappointed and we thank the families who have put deposits in, and we do appreciate that many others would like to be involved but found the cost prohibitive. We are investigating international and local alternatives for our 2014 tour and will have information for you as soon as possible regarding that.

In the meantime, we propose that your \$350.00 deposit can be either refunded or allocated against this term's fees. Please indicate on your term 4 account if you would like the deposit to cover term 4 fees and if so, whether you want the balance to be refunded now or held as a credit against term 1 fees for next year.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Hamer Hall, Saturday 21 December

Tickets for the Christmas Concert will go on sale this coming Monday – 21 October. One of the featured items will *Brother Heinrich's Christmas* by John Rutter and it's a great Christmas story for families with a narrator joining the Choir and orchestra, so good reason to encourage lots of families to attend!

All ticketing will be handled by the [Arts Centre Melbourne Box Office](#).

Ticket prices

Adults	\$48.00
Concession*	\$40.00
Children 16yrs & under	\$25.00

A couple of concert flyers have gone home with the boys tonight. If you think you might be able to display or distribute a small number at work or other organisations please call in at the office and collect a few extras.

Speaking of concert flyers – we need to arrange delivery of a couple of thousand to the Arts Centre Box Office, Theatres Building – if anyone works in the area of Hamer Hall and feels they may be able to assist us, again, give the office a call.

ABSENTEES

We know that school commitments and illness can't be helped, but we do need to let you know that at last Monday's rehearsal we had just 25 boys present and 19 absent. Unfortunately it was very difficult to run a worthwhile rehearsal. We have had high numbers of absentees from many rehearsals this year and this puts significant pressure on our teaching programme. Any assistance on improving this would be appreciated.

HOMEWORK

It's time to start on some memorisation for the Christmas Concert. This week boys should memorise:

- Good King Wenceslas (but not the solo sections)
- Gloria

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to all who have returned herb seed packs and/ or money. Outstanding packs should now have been returned. We have been allocated a date at Bunnings to run the sausage sizzle:



Bunnings Nunawading Sausage Sizzle – Sunday December 15

We will be looking for **napkins, Bread? Sausages? Onions? Condiments? and cooks/ helpers** etc. shortly! ☺



Please let the office know if you think you can help with any of the above.

Christmas Hamper Raffle - A colourful, Christmassy sort of box is now sitting under the Captains Boards in the reception area awaiting donations for the Christmas Hamper Raffle between now and when the raffle is scheduled to be drawn (Friday 13 December). Fabulous hampers will be created and displayed as your donations arrive – therefore the box will ALWAYS be hungry for more goodies!

Donations can come in any shape, colour or sizefood, refreshments, table decorations, small gifts, calendars, homemade preserves; vouchers, etc etc etc ... surprise us!

MONDAY REHEARSAL

Monday October 21 Sopranos in 2 part (strawberries) 5pm – 7pm

Note: **Monday October 28 alto in 2 part has been cancelled** – no rehearsal that night now.

REMINDERS

We will assume boys **are** available for selection unless advised otherwise for:

- Lord of the Rings 3 – February/March 2014? Details on last week's circular.
- December 19 (boys probably required at Hamer Hall from 9.30am to 3pm)?
- Boxing Day Test match?
- Term 4 invoice (went home last week) - payment due next week ☺