



Performing Choristers Circular No.20

Thursday 18 July 2024

If your son or anyone at home is sick, please **do not come** to choir

Dates on the horizon		<i>Friday studio rehearsals are always scheduled unless otherwise notified</i>	
JULY			
Friday 19	6:50 pm	First Rehearsal Term 3	
Monday 22	5:00 - 6:30pm	Sectional Alto in 2 part (Sop 2 who swing Alto and all Altos)	
AUGUST			
Friday 30	6:30 pm	WINTER CONCERT	St John's, Camberwell
DECEMBER			
Sun 15	5:00 pm	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Melbourne Town Hall

Friday 19 July, Full Choir Rehearsal 6:50 – 9:30 pm

Monday 22, 5:00 – 6:30pm, Alto in 2 part (Sop2 who swing Alto and all Altos)

Welcome back for the second half of 2024. 😊 We hope you have all a fabulous break from routine.

NZ TOUR

We also welcome our touring choir back home from New Zealand – 36 choristers and 6 staff travelled to the north island to participate in the World Choir Games in Auckland. They were thrilled to receive a Silver Diploma Level VII for their performance in their section. The group not only participated in the Games with performances Friday and Saturday but gave a lunchtime concert at St Peter's Cathedral in Hamilton and Community Concerts to residents of Rotorua Avida Retirement Village and the Ranfurly Veterans Hospital in Auckland. However, I'm sure the boys would say the highlights were visiting Hobbiton, watching the Geysers spouting water and steam, cheering on Soren A (staff) bungee jumping off the Sky Tower and experiencing a little taste of local culture at the Mitai Māori Village. All in all, an extremely busy and exhausting – but successful - 7 days. We look forward to having an 'AOTEAROA NZ TOUR' book available in the foyer shortly so everyone can read and see what touring is all about.

RAGAZZI BOYS CHORUS IN CONCERT

Congratulations and well done to the Performing and Young Men's choirs for their part in the Ragazzi Boys Chorus Concert just prior to the holidays – we are lucky to have international choirs visit and share the stage with us.

****NEW** MANDY BROOK RETIRING**

Ms Brook will be retiring from the Performing Choir this term. 😞 A date to be confirmed. Mandy has been the conduit between the training and performing choirs for over eight years. However, we are delighted to announce that Mandy will continue as Director of Training Choirs, preparing the Elementary and Junior choristers for their transition to Performing Choir. Of course, we will miss her cheery smile



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and welcoming words on Friday and Monday evenings, but we wish her well as she reduces Choir time to increase family time.

****NEW** VOICE CHECKS FOR 12 YEARS AND OVER**

COMMENCING 6:30pm tomorrow, 19/7

Mr Bainbridge will be holding voice checks for all boys 12 and over commencing at 6:30pm tomorrow night. If this is YOU can you please be prompt to rehearsal. 😊

****NEW** PREFECTS**

Congratulations to Ayrton White and Tristan Lie who were appointed Prefects at the start of the Tour.

WINTER CONCERT

Friday 30 August, 6:30pm St John's Anglican, Camberwell

Hot on the heels of a ridiculously busy second term we find ourselves preparing for another performance. With the Gala Concert in May and the Christmas Concert at the end of the year, the Winter Concert offers the boys an opportunity to showcase some new repertoire and hone their performance skills. Rehearsal tracks are here [PERFORMING CHOIR](#)

More details to come, meantime, tickets Adult \$35, Concession \$22 Child Under 16 Free via TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CTFET>

****URGENT** RECRUITMENT**

Every year we try to fill 50 places in the Elementary choir with new choristers. This means we need to audition several hundred boys: but since COVID it has become harder to achieve those numbers.

We need your help to audition boys in Grades 1 & 2!

- Please contact your son's school music teacher and/or Principal to help us schedule auditions
- Please pass the word on to family and friends that auditions are happening
- Please think about your son making a short video (10 seconds) of something he likes about choir – we'll use these on social media. Please send it to the office. Parent videos or comments are also welcome!
- Any other suggestions – please let us know!

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LOGIE AWARD NOMINATION

Vision Australia's *Carols By Candlelight 2023* has been nominated for a Logie Award for "Best Entertainment Program" – featuring us! (along with a few others...)

If you would like to vote for Carols to win the Logie, please visit

<https://www.tvweeklogies.com.au/> Voting closes 7:00pm Saturday 17 August.

FOYER PAINTING

The foyer has had a lick of paint over the holidays – looks a bit cleaner and brighter. 😊

****REMINDER** CAR PARK**

Our request for people NOT to park or drive on the grassed area of the carpark remains the same. Particularly after the recent heavy rains.

Also, we ask that you do not park or obstruct any of the roller doors on the complex – other businesses share the space and are entitled to access their properties without having to chase down recalcitrant drivers. Thank you.

HOMEWORK

Winter Concert – Friday 30 August. Tracks are here [PERFORMING CHOIR](#)

MONDAY SECTIONALS

Sectional rehearsals are held most Mondays from 5:00 - 6:30 pm during the school term.

Term 3

July

- Monday 15 NO REHEARSAL
- Monday 22 5:00 - 6:30 pm Alto in 2 Part
- Monday 29* 5:00 - 6:30 pm Sop 1 in 3-part (*AnB away*)

August

- Monday 5* 5:00 - 6:30 pm Sop 2 in 3-part (*AnB away*)
- Monday 12 5:00 - 6:30 pm Alto in 3-part
- Monday 19 5:00 - 6:30 pm Soprano in 2-part
- Monday 26 5:00 – 7:00 pm ALL BOYS ****note later finish***

September

- Monday 2 NO REHEARSAL
- Monday 9 5:00 - 6:30 pm Soprano in 2-part
- Monday 16 5:00 - 6:30 pm Alto in 2-part

Monday rehearsals are not optional or "extra", and all boys are expected to attend whenever scheduled



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INVOICES

Invoices for term three fees have gone out. Prompt payment is appreciated. Any queries, please phone the office or email Liz at accounts@nationalboyschoir.com.au

**** REMINDER ** RUBBISH**

The disposal of our rubbish has changed. 😊

Wheely bins: **Yellow lid** – for all our recycling (clean plastics, bottles, cardboard, paper etc.)

Red Lid – continues to be landfill refuse

Inside: Regular **black rubbish bin** at the front door – landfill refuse

Currently cardboard box beside the black bin – recycling

We encourage everyone to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

FUNDRAISING

• **Hope in a Suitcase**

Is a non-profit organisation run entirely by passionate and dedicated volunteers and through donations of new items from the community, and the generosity of groups and corporations. Since its beginning in 2018, the charity has grown to be able to provide suitcases for children going into foster care or out-of-home care, throughout NSW, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania. <https://www.hiasc.org.au/>

With our Lids4Kids collection currently suspended, we would like to channel our charity energies to **Hope in a Suitcase**.

• **Lids4Kids – Collection temporarily suspended**

A reminder, the collection for Lids4Kids has been temporarily suspended until we can find a suitable collection point. Watch this space 😊

• **CDS Victorian Container Deposit Scheme**

Have you nominated the **National Boys Choir of Australia** as the recipient of your recycled deposit? If you have difficulty allocating your donation of bottles and cans to NBCA via the CDS Container Deposit Scheme app – you can simply accept the receipt from the machine and either cash it in at Coles and give to Choir or hand the receipt to choir and it will be added to our donations. - Every little bit helps 😊

DONATIONS

NBCA is a not-for profit organization with registered charitable status.

Any donations of \$2 or over are tax-deductible. If you would like to make a difference to the NBCA by donating, please contact the office on office@nationalboyschoir.com.au or make a deposit to:

NAB **BSB** 083 166 **Account Number** 66241 0199

A receipt will be issued.



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NBCA SOCIAL PAGES

You can connect with the National Boys Choir of Australia via our socials, too:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nationalboyschoir/>

Parents' Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/843853609551876/>

Instagram: @natboyschoir

Twitter: @NatBoysChoirAus