

Dear Parents,

This is the final choir note about this year's Choral Festival. It should contain all the information you need to know about our rehearsal and performance on **Monday 31st July**. (Yes, it's very close now!)

### 1. DAY REHEARSAL

We need to be at the Town Hall by 9:00am. We will leave the school at 8:30am and will be travelling by bus at a cost of \$7.00 per student. This is not a mufti day, but students may wear their sports uniform or tracksuit pants etc, to keep their main uniform fresh for the evening performance. The children will only be given one break during the day, so please make sure they have a big breakfast and bring enough food with them. **There will be no canteen facilities available.**

We will return to school at approximately 1:45pm. As the children will be tired after the day's rehearsal and will need to be fresh to perform that evening, we are asking that the children be collected from school at this time if at all possible.

Many students have not yet paid for the bus. Please return the permission slip and money by Friday 28th July.

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I give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_ of class/es \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the final choir cluster rehearsal at Wollongong Town Hall on Monday 31st July. I  
understand that travel will be by bus at a cost of \$7.00  
Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ or I have made an Online payment. My receipt number is.....  
..... I will/will not be able to collect my child from school at 1:45pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Props

In 2 of the songs, we will have some specialist props. Students have paid for one of these props already, to be handed out at the day rehearsal. For the second song, we are asking students to bring in either a colourful hat or scarf from home. Any colour is fine - in fact, the brighter the better, as they are for the Dr Seuss song! These will need to be brought to the day rehearsal, left at the Town Hall and then taken home after the performance.

### 3. Tickets

There are still a lot of choir families who have not yet purchased tickets. Each child has 2 tickets set aside for them, at a cost of \$15 per ticket. All tickets must be bought from us, as there will be no tickets on sale at the door on the night. At this stage there are only a few spare tickets available if you need extras. **Please finalise your ticket sales by Friday 28th, as we need to hand back unsold tickets at the final rehearsal.**

### **3. EVENING PERFORMANCE**

#### **Where and when do we meet?**

Wollongong Town Hall is on the corner of Crown St and Kembla St, right opposite the bottom of the mall. There is no designated car park, although parking may be found nearby in the parking station next to the library. We will meet the children at the side entrance to the community hall (set of double doors just before the main entrance - if you get to the main entrance you've gone too far! We will show the students our exact meeting spot at our day rehearsal, so that they will know where to go. You will collect the children from the same spot at the conclusion of the festival. Students cannot leave directly from the stage.) Please do not start arriving before 7.00pm. Each child must have his/her name marked off the choir roll. Please stay with your child until then. We will come onto the stage via the community hall entrance at 7.15pm. Parents must enter through the main doors.

#### **How long does the performance last?**

The performance starts at 7:30pm and will conclude at approximately 9:00pm. Please ensure that your child's name is marked off the roll once more before going home.

#### **When is our individual item?**

We are the final school to perform. Exact timing is difficult, but it is anticipated we will be performing between 8:30 and 8:45pm.

#### **What do the choir members wear?**

We would like the children to wear their summer uniform onstage. We realise the temperatures outside are chilly, but it gets very hot on the stage under the lights and we don't want children feeling sick. Jackets may be worn outside and given to parents when students are dropped off.

Girls: Green short sleeved school shirt, culottes, short white socks and black shoes **OR** school dress, short white socks and black shoes

Boys: Green short sleeved school shirt, green shorts, short white socks and black shoes.

Please – no make-up, jewellery or fancy hairstyles.

If you are missing any of the uniform items, please let me know by the end of this week. If you have an extra item that you could lend to someone else, please let me know that too!

#### **Finally...**

It is very important for our organisation that I place the children in a specific seating pattern. I expect that everyone will be participating but if for some reason your child will not be attending the Festival, I need to know by the end of this week.

Thank you once again for your support of the choir this year. I hope that you will enjoy the performance!

Susie Hamers