



August 2011 Newsletter

Thanks

Thanks to everyone for their enthusiastic selling of chocolates for our annual chocolate drive, especially those who have come back for second and third boxes to sell. All funds from these sales go to supporting the choir's touring activities. All YVM tours are subsidised by the Touring Fund, making touring more affordable for everyone. Over the last 5 years the touring fund has contributed more than \$120,000 to YVM tours, and although chocolate sales only make up a small part of this, every bit helps!

Thanks to the Senior Training choir for their beautiful singing in the Turandot performance at Robert Blackwood Hall last weekend!

Kodaly Junior Choral Festival Friday 12th August

A reminder that the Beginning and Junior Training Choirs are singing this Friday at the Kodaly Junior Choral Festival at the Wheeler's Hill Campus of Caulfield Grammar School. This concert is an opportunity for our singers to work with a guest conductor (Mark Puddy) and sing for other primary school aged school and community groups. Details are on the calendar.

Main Choir Concert Sunday 21st August

A reminder that the main choir will be singing as guests of the Stonnington Singers at their concert at Armadale Uniting Church in a few weeks time. Armadale Uniting Church is a beautiful place to sing, and all are welcome to come and hear us. Details are on the calendar.

Chocolate Drive

Don't forget to return those monies to choir once you have eaten all the chocolates (or found someone else to eat them for you!)

Main Choir Rehearsal Changes in late August and September

Please note there are a few changes to normal main choir rehearsals in August and September, with a Thursday cancelled and replaced with a full Tuesday rehearsal, and two rehearsals for Samoa touring choir people only. Details are on the calendar.

Samoa Tour Update

Everyone should now have received the initial pre-tour information for the Samoa Tour. Please let me know if you have any queries about this, or have not received this information. One thing I forgot to mention is that we will all need a pair of **black thongs** (... no, not underwear - footwear!). Hopefully these won't be too hard to find in the winter. More information will be sent closer to tour.

Travel Insurance: Instructions for touring choir people on how obtain travel insurance on-line were emailed on Friday 5th August. Please do this now, so that you are covered for all contingencies. If you did not receive this email, contact Mark immediately for the necessary information to complete this task.

Performances Soon: Please note details on the Calendar (PTO)

Friday 12th August: Beginning & Junior Training Choirs at the Kodaly Junior Choral Festival
Sunday 21st August: Main Choir Concert with Stonnington Singers

August 2011 Calendar

CHOIR = main choir members
 SMALL GROUP = small group of
 main choir members (to be advised)



BTC = Beginning Training Choir
 JTC = Junior Training Choir
 STC = Senior Training Choir

PLEASE NOTE: All choir members are expected to attend all choir concerts. However, if it is impossible for you to attend please make a written apology, at least one month prior to the concert. This is essential for our concert planning, as missing persons may necessitate us changing the repertoire for concerts, arranging replacement singers etc.

Friday 12th August	Kodaly Junior Choral Festival (for BTC & JTC) Arrival: 5.00pm Caulfield Grammar School Wheeler's Hill Campus. Concert at 6.00pm - Pickup 7.00pm Where: Memorial Hall, Caulfield Grammar School Wheeler's Hill Campus. Jells Road, Wheeler's Hill. What: a concert for primary aged school and community choirs organised by the Kodaly Music Education Institute of Australia. Wear: performance uniform (red T-Shirts, black pants, socks and shoes) Tickets: Parents are welcome to attend. Tickets \$10 and \$5 children each available from the Kodaly Office 95357035 or email glenys@stockdaleacs.com.au	BTC & JTC
Sunday 21st August	Main Choir Concert with Stonnington Singers Armadale Uniting Church 2.30 Arrival 1.30pm (finish time TBA) Where: Armadale Uniting Church, corner Kooyong Road and Clarendon St Wear: Long sleeved black performance uniform Tickets: \$20 adult and \$16 concession includes afternoon tea. Available at the door	CHOIR
Tuesday 30th August	Main Choir full rehearsal 6 - 8pm	
Thursday 1st September	Main Choir rehearsal cancelled (changed to Tuesday 30th August)	
Thursday 8th september	Rehearsal for Samoa Touring Choir only (6.15 - 8.15)	
Thursday 15th September	Rehearsal for Samoa Touring Choir only (6.15 - 8.15)	
Friday 23rd September	End Term 3	
24th September - 3rd October	Samoa Tour Departure from Melbourne: 10.30am Saturday 24th September Return to Melbourne: 2.45pm on Monday 3rd October	CHOIR
Sunday 16th October	Training Choirs Concert 3pm (St John's Southgate)	BTC, JTC, STC
Tuesday 18th October	Performance for International Forum for Child Welfare Melbourne Town Hall, evening.	CHOIR
Sunday 23rd October	Thursday small group performance at St Michael's Church (city)	
Monday 31st October	pre Cup Day holiday (no rehearsals)	
Tuesday 1st Novmeber	Cup Day Holiday	
Sunday 4th December	YVM Christmas Celebration 7pm (Iwaki Auditorium)	EVERYONE