



November 2011 Newsletter

Thanks

Its been a busy month for YVM with performances at Melbourne Town Hall, St Michael's Uniting Church, the Training Choirs Concert and Samoa Night. Thankyou to everyone who has come along to sing, and also to those who have helped in many ways with these events.

Thankyou also to everyone for returning the 2012 re-enrolment forms and deposits as requested. We will let you know in early December who will be in what groups for next year.

Young Voices of Melbourne Christmas - Bookings now open at www.trybooking.com

After a break in 2010 due to our 20th Anniversary Concert, our annual Christmas Celebration returns this year at 7pm on Sunday the 4th December at the Iwaki Auditorium. Tickets for YVM Christmas can only be booked on line at www.trybooking.com, and you can go straight to our concert at www.trybooking.com/ZAI Tickets are \$27, \$20 and \$15 plus a small booking fee. You print out your own tickets when booking, All choir groups perform in this concert, and it is a popular one which does sometimes sell out, so book now to make sure you don't miss out!

This is the first time we have used trybooking.com, so please let me know if you have any problems. We hope that this system will be easier for families as you will no longer have to come into choir to book tickets.

Samoa Tour Video

If you would like a copy of the Samoa Tour Video that was shown at the Samoa Night, it is available on order for \$5.00 a copy. You will receive the video on DVD in both .m4v and .mov formats. If you missed the Samoa night and would still like to order, send us an email or text to order now. (Warning: this is just a home-made production full of great memories. Don't expect award winning cinematography or editing!)

Key Dates for 2012

We love families who are organised with their dates. To help you plan for 2012, a few key YVM dates are on the attached calendar. Please take particular note of major events such as the rehearsal camps, choir tour, Choral Cafe and Christmas concerts and put them in your family planners for next year.

Small Group Carolling

In December we will be doing some small group carol singing with main choir members. One of our plans is to spend a day visiting family members in aged care facilities who are unable to travel to hear the choir, but would love to hear some carols. If you have family that would like a visit, please let us know and we will see if we can arrange some carols for them. We can't promise to fulfil all requests, and requests will be dealt with in order of acceptance, so let us know if this interests you.

Your thoughts please ...

In the last newsletter I asked Choir and Senior Training Choir parents to let me know their thoughts about a possible tour to South Africa in 2013. I have had 18 responses but would like more. Would you be happy for your child to go? (We are also looking at other tour options for 2013, which is why I am seeking your thoughts.)

November 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.

Monday 31st October	pre Cup Day holiday (no rehearsals)	
Tuesday 1st November	Cup Day Holiday (no rehearsals)	
Friday 18th November	YVM Auditions for 2012: 3.30pm - 8.00pm	
Saturday 19th November	YVM Auditions for 2012: 9.00am - 2.00pm Current choir members do not need to re-audition but you might have family or friends who are interested.	
Monday 28th November	Final rehearsals for Training Choirs	
Thursday 1st December	Final rehearsals for Choir	
Sunday 4th December	YVM Christmas Celebration 7pm (Iwaki Auditorium) Tickets \$27, \$20 and \$15. Bookings now open at www.trybooking.com/ZAI Concert 7.00pm, Iwaki Auditorium ABC Centre Southbank Wear: Performance uniforms: Short-sleeved black for main choir. Training Choirs normal uniform. Bring: a snack and water bottle Arrival times: Main Choir - 5.15pm Senior Training Choir - 5.45pm Junior Training Choir and Beginning Training Choir - 6.00pm Finish: around 8.30pm Please make sure your children are there on time for rehearsal. Why not have a coffee at Southgate while you wait for the concert to start?	EVERYONE

2012 Dates

Thursday 9th February	First main Choir rehearsal 6.15 - 8.15 at Caulfield Grammar School. Enter from Loch Ave, East St Kilda. Park in Loch Ave.	
10th - 12th February	Choir Rehearsal Camp, Candlebark Farm, Healesville	CHOIR
Monday 13th February	First Training Choir Rehearsals at Caulfield Grammar School Beginning Training Choir (Grades 1 and 2) 4.45 - 5.45 Junior Training choir (Grades 3 and 4) 4.45 - 5.45 Senior Training Choir (Grades 5 - 7) 6.00 - 7.30 Enter from Loch Ave, East St Kilda. Park in Loch Ave.	
2nd - 4th March	Senior Training Choir Camp, Candlebark Farm, Healesville	STC
Sunday 11th March	Choir performance for Rotary Convention	CHOIR
Saturday 19th May	Choir Performance (to be confirmed)	CHOIR
Sunday 3rd June	Choral Cafe Concert (Glen Eira Arts Complex)	EVERYONE
Thursday 2nd August	Concert with Drakensburg Boys Choir & Caulfield Grammar	CHOIR
26th September - 5th October	Choir Tour to country Victoria and Adelaide (exact dates TBC)	CHOIR
Sunday 14th October	Training Choirs Concert (St John's Southgate)	BTC, JTC, STC
Sunday 2nd December	Young Voices of Melbourne Christmas Celebration	EVERYONE
Sunday 9th December	Christmas Concert with YVM & Exaudi Youth Choir (St John's Southgate)	CHOIR