

Dear Singers and Parents,

Congratulations on your performances in Term 2. What an exciting term it turned out to be! I was really impressed with the attendance in Term 2, and this led to some very good performances. With the Canada Tour pending, this letter is a little earlier than usual. It has all our details for Term 3, so please check it carefully. The first Hunter Singers rehearsal for this term will be on **Tuesday 24 July** at Merewether High School Learning Centre. Please note that there will be no rehearsal on Tuesday 14 August due to Madame Butterfly.

MYUNA BAY CAMP

Our second camp for this year is on **4-5 August** at **Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, Lake Road, Myuna Bay**. This is a compulsory camp and it is essential that all singers attend. The accommodation is in two separate blocks: one for boys, some staff and all rehearsals and one for girls and all meals. Rooms sleep four with ensuite, bunk beds and pillows provided. Directions for Myuna Bay are on the last page of this letter.

Singers are to make their own way to the camp, arriving by 8.30am Saturday 4 August. There will be a short concert at the conclusion of the camp at 4pm on Sunday 5 August. As always, it is essential that everyone attends the camp for the whole weekend. The cost is \$155, which includes accommodation, food, music, tutor fees and venue hire. The group will be supervised by the Hunter Singers committee and camp staff who have had Government Working With Children Checks.

As you know, Hunter Singers operates under the guidelines of the Department of Education and we are bound by certain regulations in relation to student behaviour. In particular, the use of alcohol, cigarettes and narcotic drugs is strictly prohibited. We also expect that Singers will co-operate with staff at all times and behave in an appropriate manner. Any serious breach of rules will result in parents being contacted and asked to collect their children from the camp. The Emergency Mobile Phone number for camp is 0412 496 138.

Singers will need to bring to the camp:-

- casual, warm, comfortable clothing including a jacket or jumper, nightwear, toiletries
- something to wear for the Saturday night activities; the theme is *Canada*.
- towel, sheets, pillowcase & sleeping bag (pillow provided)

NEWCASTLE MUSIC FESTIVAL – 12 August

Hunter Singers will be participating in the 2018 Newcastle Music Festival, performing Faure's beautiful *Requiem* and a movement from Britten's *Saint Nicolas* with the Festival Choir. The Festival Choir will feature over 150 voices including ex-Hunter Singers, and guest choirs, as well as members of the public. Hunter Singers parents and friends are welcome to register and perform in the Festival Choir by visiting www.newcastlemusicfestival.org/festival-strings/festival-choir/

Our normal Tuesday night rehearsals on 24 July, 31 July and 7 August will be extended until 8pm. There will also be a compulsory rehearsal on Saturday 11 August and a sound check with the orchestra in the Cathedral on Sunday 12 August. It should be a wonderful concert. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$20 concession, and are on sale through the festival website www.newcastlemusicfestival.org.

GONDWANA NATIONAL CHORAL SCHOOL

Members of Hunter Singers are encouraged to audition for Gondwana National Choral School, to be held in Sydney on 7-20 January 2018. Applications close in early August and auditions will be held late August or early September at Merewether HS Learning Centre. Information is available on www.gondwana.org.au/choirs/national-choirs/ncs/. The cost of NCS is \$1550, which includes accommodation, meals, excursions, music and tuition. There are three \$500 scholarships available to support Hunter Singers who successfully audition for NCS. Please discuss this with Kim if you wish to take up the opportunity. I will send an email with confirmed details when all the dates have been set.

FEES & PERMISSION SLIPS

Individual Term 3 accounts will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks. You will also be emailed the medical and contact information form containing the current details on file. Can you please update/add any information that is incorrect/missing. These can be emailed to treasurer@huntersingers.com.

I am really looking forward to seeing you on 24 July to get this exciting term underway.

Cheers,

Kim Sutherland OAM
Music Director, Hunter Singers
29 June 2018

HUNTER SINGERS 2018 PROGRAM

TERM 3	
Tuesday 24 July	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 3 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.00pm
Tuesday 24 July	Newcastle Music Festival - Hunter Singers and Festival Chorus rehearsal for Faure Requiem, 6-8 pm
Tuesday 31 July	Newcastle Music Festival - Hunter Singers and Festival Chorus rehearsal for Faure Requiem, 6-8 pm
4-5 August	Myuna Bay camp Saturday 8.30am – 4pm Sunday 8.30-5pm. Hunter Trebles also at camp on 4 August.
Tuesday 7 August	Newcastle Music Festival - Hunter Singers and Festival Chorus rehearsal for Faure Requiem, 6-8 pm
Saturday 11 August	Newcastle Music Festival - Hunter Singers and Festival Chorus rehearsal for Faure Requiem, 10am-2pm
Sunday 12 August	Newcastle Music Festival - Faure Requiem, 12 noon sound check, 2.30-4.30pm concert
Wednesday 8 August	<i>Madame Butterfly workshop at Merewether HS Learning Centre, 4-7pm</i>
Thursday 9 August	<i>Madame Butterfly workshop at Merewether HS Learning Centre, 4-7pm</i>
Tues 14 August	<i>Hunter Trebles and some Hunter Singers in Madame Butterfly at Newcastle Civic Theatre, 2pm - 10.30pm</i>
Tuesday 14 August	No rehearsal this week due to Madame Butterfly
Tues 21 August TBC	Hunter Singers Inc AGM, 6.30pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
TERM 4	
Tuesday 16 October	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 4 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
Friday 19 October	Performance of the National Anthem in English and Awabakal at Hunter Manufacturing Awards
Wed 28 November TBC	Concert with The Idea of North at Sacred Heart Cathedral.
Sunday 2 December	Hunter Singers & Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 3 Adamstown Uniting Church, Rehearsal 10am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$27/\$22/\$10
Wednesday 5 Dec TBC	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles Schools Tour
Tuesday 11 December	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles auditions
Friday 14 Dec TBC	King Edward Park Carols By Candlelight

HUNTER SINGERS

TERM 3 2018 PARTICIPATION CONTRACT AND PERMISSION FORM

Singer's name: _____

(Please complete a separate sheet for each member of Hunter Singers in your family.)

I give permission for my child to participate in Term 3 activities as listed on the program. He/she is committed to the following events and has organised work rosters to ensure availability:

Newcastle Music Festival rehearsals on 24, 31 July, 7, 11

Newcastle Music Festival performance on 12 August

Myuna Bay camp on 4-5 August

I understand that Hunter Singers operates under the guidelines of the Department of Education and Communities excursions and have discussed the rules and expected standards of behaviour with my son/daughter. I know that the use of alcohol, cigarettes and narcotic drugs is strictly prohibited and that any serious breach of rules will result in parents being contacted and asked to collect their child from the activity.

I give permission for my child to be involved in promotional activities for Hunter Singers. This may include still and video photography. I approve the later use of any audio or video recordings and still photographs associated with Hunter Singers, for use on the Department of Education & Communities website, promotion of Hunter Singers and/or the Department of Education & Communities.

Signed (Parent/Caregiver)

Signed (Hunter Singers member)

Date