



## IMPORTANT DATES {Correct at the time of printing}

### TERM 3

**Friday 9th - 11th September**  
GBM Junior Band Festival Camp

**Thursday 15th September**  
Primary Guitar Workshop

### TERM 4

**Thursday 20th October**  
BSHS Presentation Evening

**Wednesday 26th October**  
GBM Senior Concert

**Wednesday 16th November**  
IMSS Parent Information Evening

**Wednesday 23rd November**  
GBM Sundowner/Junior Concert

## Newsletter Term 3

It has already been a very busy couple of weeks for GBM to kick off Term 3. We had our annual WAYJO (WA Youth Jazz Orchestra) incursion on Wednesday 3rd August. Students in the Jazz and Senior Bands were treated to an hour of jazz from these excellent musicians.

Jazz Band 1 were lucky enough to get to perform some of their pieces with WAYJO so hopefully in years to come, we may see a few GBM alumni included in this group.

At the end of Week 3, the Senior Band went off to Perth to once again perform at the ABODA Schools' Senior Band Festival. The students were also able to attend a Jazz Concert Practice session at WAAPA where we caught up with one of our year 12s from 2021. It was good to see the WAAPA students giving each other constructive feedback as they identified positives and possible improvements in the performance of the group that played. This is something that we have been trying to develop in our senior ensemble rehearsals so it was good to see it in action.

The Senior Band did a brilliant job at the Band Festival, and received some excellent feedback on their work from the adjudicator. I am very excited to say that we were awarded the highest rating of "OUTSTANDING" in A Division, which is an apt award for the tremendous work that ALL students did in the lead up to the festival (including those that didn't attend camp). The band also participated in a workshop that was led by the adjudicator who took them through one of the pieces to talk about phrasing and voicing. This had also been discussed during rehearsals so it was great to have it backed up as the focus of the workshop.

The trip was finished with a trip to Crown to see the show "Eireborn", which was a show to celebrate the dance and music of Ireland. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to see and hear another style of music in a venue that many have never been to before.

Overall, the Senior Band Festival tour was a fantastic experience for both students and staff. Thanks again to Kerry for her help in the organisation of the tour, and to James Kiely and Fiona Lemon for their invaluable assistance in creating such a successful event.

We now look forward to the Junior Band Festival in which our Intermediate Band will perform. Last year's camp for this group was very successful and it will be great to see these students in action.

Brad Oversby  
HOLA – Geographe Bay Music

## FACEBOOK GROUP

We encourage everyone to become a member of the Facebook Group.

This is a closed group, all posts will only be seen by people who are members of the group. We understand not everyone is on Facebook or has it available, all important information will be sent to parents via email, Facebook is more of a Forum and is an effective communication tool for the group particularly as we cover seven schools. It is a great point of contact when it comes to last minute changes, reminders and also sharing the successes that GBM achieve throughout the year

Please search '**Geographe Bay Music Support Group**' on Facebook.

Photos—throughout the year we will post photos of students who are performing at various events on this page. Please be reminded that only people who are members will be able to see these photos, and we will not use names of students. If you do not wish your child's photo to be on the page, please let me know at [kerry.lamotte@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:kerry.lamotte@education.wa.edu.au), thank you.

## UNIFORMS

**GBM Polo Shirts** are an essential part of our GBM Uniform and is available to purchase through Uniform Concepts for \$28 at the address below:

### Uniform Concepts

Address: 33 Bussell Hwy, Busselton (Opposite the old Retravision store)  
Opening Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 9am—5pm  
and Saturday 9am—12pm  
Email: [busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au](mailto:busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au)  
Website: [nellgray.com.au](http://nellgray.com.au)

## GBM SUPPORT GROUP

This year's GBM calendar has been very manageable for our support group.

Due to some of our long-time members stepping down for various reasons, **the following positions are now open to join GBMSG**

**Vice Chairperson** – Duties; assisting Chairperson and chair meetings if required.

**Treasurer** – Duties; following practices already put in place for fundraising activities, provide profit/loss reports for meetings, end of year audit prep.

**Secretary** — Duties; minute taking and keeping up with any correspondence that may come in

The roles that are still current and the members you will be working with are:

**Chairperson** - Coralie Wind

**Uniform** – Nicole Carter

Please be assured, support will be given to the new people stepping into each role. If you are interested in any of the above positions, or would like to discuss them further, please contact the Support Group as soon as possible at: [geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com](mailto:geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com)

## REHEARSAL TIMES

Rehearsals are a compulsory part of being in the instrumental music program. If you are unable to make rehearsals please contact the appropriate Ensemble Director. Please see Parent Handbook for contact details.

Rehearsal times are as follows:

- Tuesday:** 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Jazz Band I**  
**BSHS PAC** (Brad Oversby)
- Wednesday:** 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Junior Concert Band**  
**CNC PAC** (David Parkinson)
- 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Jazz Band 2**  
**CNC upstairs** (Brad Oversby)
- 3.15pm — 5.00pm — **GBM Senior Concert Band**  
**BSHS PAC** (Brad Oversby)
- Thursday:** 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Intermediate Concert Band**  
**BSHS PAC** (Danielle Parkinson)
- 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Contemporary Guitar Ensemble**  
**BSHS Perc. Rm** (James Kiely)
- 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Classical Guitar Ensemble**  
**CNC PAC** (Fiona Lemon)

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

- It is essential all **Permission Forms** for any event are returned to administration as soon as possible or at the very latest by the 'Due By' date. It is essential we get forms in by the given date so we can check off required information and documentation for the event, allowing for smooth processing of paperwork.
- If you would like to be a member of the Support Group, you may still do so without having to take on a leadership position. It is a great way to be able to contribute to GBM in a capacity that is highly valued by the staff and students of the programme.
- GBM requires volunteers from time to time. We can not run Fundraising events without your help. If you can spare an hour or even half hour when required, this helps events run smoothly and also takes the pressure off the same parents who tend to volunteer every time.
- It was great to see such positive feedback from our Senior Band members who went on camp and performed so well at the ABODA Festival. Our Intermediate Band members also have the opportunity to attend the Junior Band Festival camp in just a few short weeks, and perform at the ABODA Festival. We hope you have a great time and good luck in the Festival.

# GBM SENIOR BAND FESTIVAL CAMP

'Outstanding' - a well deserved award received by our Senior Band students who attended the ABODA Festival during the Senior Band Festival Camp. A Performance our students should be very proud of.

Our Senior Band students travelled to Perth at the end of week 3, to attend what was said to be a great camp. First stop was at the WAAPA, this included a classical voice workshop with some Jazz concert practice.

Early to rise, first up Saturday was the ABODA Festival. After a great performance, our students travelled to Kings Park and climbed the Observation Tower, taking in the spectacular views of Perth. Later that evening, the group attended a sensational performance at Crown by 'Eireborne' - *a display of the Irish spirit through a unique fusion of 100% live rock music and Irish dance and tap.*

Thank you to Mr Oversby for putting together a great camp and to Mr Kiely and Ms Lemon for your time and dedication to ensuring our kids had a great time and came home safely. Well done to everyone involved, you all did a great job, you should be very proud.





# GBM WAYJO WORKSHOP

GBM Senior Band and Jazz Band 1 students were once again treated to an afternoon with the WA Youth Jazz Orchestra who travelled down from Perth. Our Students watched WAYJO perform, getting some inspiration from the Band and how they perform/rehearse together as a group. Some of our students then had the opportunity to play with the group, which was a pleasure to watch as they performed with enthusiasm and confidence that shone through the music.



## **GBM UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **GBM Junior Band Festival Camp**

**Week 8—Term 3**

Our Intermediate Band members will be attending our Junior Band Festival Camp in Term 3 also. The Junior Band Festival Camp is similar to the Senior Band Festival Camp, the purpose of this camp is to perform at the WA ABODA Schools' Band Festival, where they will receive feedback on their performance from an independent adjudicator. It will also allow for the students to perform in a different setting for an unfamiliar audience with a workshop given after our performance.

Camps aren't all work, there are some fun things planned, with some down time and an opportunity to enjoy being in the city, build relationships and being apart of a great team.

### **GBM Primary Guitar Workshop**

**Week 9—Term 3**

Our Guitar Teacher, Ms Lemon, is organizing our Primary Guitar Workshop for the end of this Term. It will be held at CNC with a small performance being held at 2.30pm for our parents.

### **BSHS Presentation Night**

**Week 2—Term 4**

Our Senior Band students will be performing at the BSHS Year 12 Presentation Evening in the beginning of Term 4.

### **GBM Senior Concert**

**Week 3—Term 4**

With more details to come, we will be holding our GBM Senior Concert evening at CNC on Wednesday, 26th October.



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