



Geographe Bay
music
Busselton Senior High School
& Cape Naturaliste College

Music Musings

IMPORTANT DATES
{Correct at the time of printing}

TERM 4

Thursday 20th October
BSHS Presentation Evening

Wednesday 26th October
GBM Senior Concert

Wednesday 9th November
GBM Primary Workshop

Wednesday 16th November
IMSS Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 23rd November
GBM Sundowner/Junior Concert

Newsletter Term 3

Musical Musings Term 3

Well, that's the end of Term 3 – where did it go?! Time has certainly flown but this is because we have been working hard and travelling to perform at the ABODA School Band Festival.

After a very successful Senior Camp earlier in the term, the Intermediate Band students participated in the ABODA Junior Band Festival. They worked really hard during the camp, completing over five hours of rehearsal on the Friday so that they were fully prepared for their performance on the Saturday. This rehearsing certainly paid off with the students doing an incredible job performing in the Churchlands SHS Concert Hall and received an award of "Excellent", which is a great outcome.

Congratulations need to be extended to their director, Mrs Danielle Parkinson, who has mentored these students throughout the year. Given that a lot of the older students either couldn't attend the festival or had moved up to Senior Band, this award is even more of a testament to the work that has been done in this ensemble. For many, this was their first festival and performing on a big stage.

Another first that happened this term was the first stand-alone Classical Guitar Workshop. Miss Fiona Lemon planned and implemented this workshop and performance that involved primary students from Vasse PS, Dunsborough PS and a student from West Busselton PS. Students rehearsed throughout the afternoon and performed a couple of pieces for parents and family members. The audience was very appreciative of the performance and the students did a great job and should all be pleased with their efforts. It will be great to see this event grow as the Classical Guitar programme develops.

As we look towards Term 4, the Year 12s will be graduation in the first couple of weeks and then for some, heading into ATAR exams. The Senior Band and Jazz will be performing at the BSHS Graduation in Week 2 and then we will farewell and celebrate the GBM Year 12s at our Senior Concert in Week 3. More information will be coming out at the beginning of next term so keep an eye on your emails so that you have all of the relevant information.

The lower school Students will have a very busy Term 4 with the Primary Workshop and Sundowner happening in Weeks 5 and 7 respectively. Again, this information will be coming out next term so stay tuned.

Students in Year 7 – 9 at Cape Nat, and Years 8 and 9 at BSHS will be completing subject selections for 2023 at the moment. It needs to be remembered that it is an IMSS requirement that all instrumental students must also enrol in Class Music for the year. The curriculum for Instrumental Music and Class Music are aligned and build upon the content from previous years. As such it is not possible to opt in and out of Class Music. The lower school programme will guide students toward the opportunity to enter upper school ATAR studies, which provides a pathway through to opportunities beyond high school. There is a lot of talent in the lower school years so it will be great to see these students continue through and fulfil their musical potential.

For now, though, enjoy the school holidays (but keep practising!) and we wish Miss Fiona Lemon all the best for her well-earned long service leave for Term 4. Mrs Joh Nordstrom will take on her brass teaching, with Miss Lemon returning the favour when Mrs Nordstrom heads off for first semester next year.

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, 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 Retravisson store)
Opening Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 9am—5pm
and Saturday 9am—12pm
Email: busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au
Website: 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

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 Junior Band members who went on camp and performed so well at the ABODA Festival. Congratulations on your achievement of the award 'Excellent', what a great outcome.

GBM JUNIOR BAND FESTIVAL CAMP

On Friday 9th September, bright and early, GBM Intermediate Band members, together with Mr James Kiely, Mrs Danielle Parkinson and Mr Brad Oversby jumped on a bus and headed to Perth for our annual Music Camp to play at the band festival in Perth.

We arrived at Point Walter Camp school around 11am, and spent quite a few hours working hard to rehearse and polish up the Music we had been preparing throughout the term to present at the Band festival on Saturday morning. In between there was some time for basketball, tennis and volleyball games, dinner – delicious lasagne - and then we had a movie night at the camp to finish off the day on Friday.

On Saturday morning we headed off bright and early to Churchlands SHS to warm up and perform at the band festival. The Intermediate band students performed to a high standard, and their performance was well received by the audience and the adjudicators. The band received an "Excellent" rating at the festival and received an audio recording and adjudicated report so that we can look at what we did well, plus areas for improvement.

After the performance was over, we heard a couple of other school bands play and then headed out for a walk and lunch at Kings Park. The students all enjoyed climbing the DNA tower and exploring around Kings Park. After this we headed back to camp for a bit more sport time, and then on Saturday night we headed out to the bowling alley to go bowling. The students all enjoyed playing in their teams with some unorthodox techniques on display! The band members all had a great time at camp, and forged new friendship and a sense of teamwork. Well done to all the performers at the band festival – you all did a great job! - Danielle Parkinson





GBM GUITAR WORKSHOP

On Thursday September 15, 23 students from four schools joined together in the first Primary Guitar Workshop. The students had a fantastic time playing with a much larger group than they are used to in their weekly lessons, hearing the harmonies intertwine. Special thanks to the Ms Lemon for running the workshop, the 'student mentors' from Cape Naturaliste College for supporting their younger peers, and to Mr Oversby for his attendance on the day.



GBM UPCOMING EVENTS:

BSHS Presentation Night

Week 2—Term 4

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

GBM Senior Concert

Week 3—Term 4

The GBM Senior Concert will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 26th October at CNC in the PAC

GBM Primary Workshop

Week 5—Term 4

Our GBM Primary Workshop will now be held during the day of Wednesday, 9th November in the BSHS PAC for our Year 5, 6 and beginner year 7s as well as our senior students.

IMSS Parent Information

Week 6—Term 4

With more details to come, we will be holding our IMSS Parent Information Evening for new families on Wednesday 16th November in the BSHS PAC

GBM Sundowner/Junior Concert

Week 7—Term 4

Our Intermediate and Junior Bands as well as Jazz II, will be performing at the Sundowner/Junior Concert on Wednesday 23rd at CNC



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