



## 2023 PROPOSED DATES {Subject to change}

### TERM 3

**Thursday 3rd - Saturday 5th August**  
GBM Senior Band Festival Camp

**Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September**  
GBM Junior Band Festival Camp

**Wednesday 13th September**  
GBM Primary Workshop

### TERM 4

**Thursday 19th October**  
BSHS Presentation Evening

**Wednesday 25th October**  
GBM Senior Concert

**Wednesday 22nd November**  
GBM Sundowner/Junior Concert

**Wednesday 29th November**  
IMSS Parent Information Evening

## Newsletter Term 2, 2023

*Kaya, Geographe Bay Music respectfully acknowledges our schools are on Wadandi Boodjar. We pay our respects, and acknowledge the rich and diverse history our traditional Custodians have of these lands, the Wadandi people.*

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians and their continuing connection to land, waters and community, and offer our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.*

Well, all of a sudden it is the end of semester and for the first time in three years, we have had no disruption from COVID – finally!

This meant that for the first time in many years, we were able to do our ANZAC assemblies. It also meant that we could have a return to our mid-year concert. To avoid freezing in a school gym, we tried a new format this year by having two concerts on the same night.

This was very successful and showcased the excellent work that the students have done throughout the semester. The only downside was that due to restricted audience space, we were unable to accommodate the Junior Band. Luckily, they will have a workshop concert and the Sundowner to showcase their work. The Sundowner in Term 4 will also showcase the other lower school GBM ensembles and will be a follow-up to the Senior Concert, which happens earlier in the term.

Next semester, I will be taking six months of long service leave. The GBM HOLA position and Jazz 1 will be taken on by Danielle Parkinson, with the other members of the GBM team stepping up to cover the rest of my teaching duties. David Parkinson will take on Senior Band and all my instrumental lessons, and Fiona Lemon will add Jazz 2 to her load. It will be great to welcome Stacey Smart back from leave to resume her percussion classes at BSHS and Cape Nat.

James Kiely will be taking on a greater IMSS load after winning a position as the South West Contemporary Guitar and Bass Guitar teacher. He will continue with his ATAR class and we are still finalising the staffing for the rest of the Class Music program.

I will be back for 2024 and will be looking forward to picking up where I left off. I will be really interested to hear the improvement made by everyone in second semester. All the best for the remainder of the 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](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 \$30 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](mailto:busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au)

Website: [nellgray.com.au](http://nellgray.com.au)

## GBM SUPPORT GROUP

The previous years GBM calendar had been very restricted for events thanks to the ever changing and evolving department requirements around Covid. This year we are looking forward to more performances and social events for our children to showcase their talents.

The Geographe Bay Music Support Group is seeking some new faces to join the committee. We like to meet once or twice a term to discuss ways to support the GBM program with events and fundraising.

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

**Vice Chairperson - Duties** - assisting Chairperson and chair meetings if required.

**Uniform - Duties** – co-ordinating uniform requirements with GBM staff, maintaining GBM blazer student allocation list & fittings as required

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

**Chairperson** - Coralie Wind

**Treasurer** - Tanya Guthrie

**Secretary** - Trish Robinson

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) Our next meeting is planned for Week 2 of Term 2 so please stay tuned to emails and keep an eye on our Facebook Group.

## 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** (Danielle Parkinson)

7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Jazz Band 2**  
**CNC upstairs** (Fiona Lemon)

**Wednesday:** 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Junior Concert Band**  
**CNC PAC** (Fiona Lemon)

3.15pm — 4.30pm — **GBM Senior Concert Band**  
**BSHS PAC** (David Parkinson)

**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.
- Wishing our students and their families a lovely break. We look forward to seeing you all back in Term 3

# ALBANY WORKSHOP

Albany SHS music students travelled to Busselton on Wednesday 17th May, where they joined in on our GBM Senior Band rehearsal in the PAC at BSHS during a short tour of the South West. Our Guitar Ensemble students also came along and had the opportunity to work together with Albany SHS in the Music room. It was a pleasure to listen to both groups together and watch them perform with students they had never met before and gain the experience of working in larger groups with like minded peers.



## YEAR 7 CLARINET ENSEMBLE

Students from the Cape Naturaliste College Year 7 cohort formed into a clarinet ensemble for the Mid Year Concert. The ensemble performed 2 pieces, Overload and Marimba Heaven, to a packed audience on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June at the Mid Year Concert. Students in this group rehearsed for several weeks in preparation for this performance and all played with a very strong confident sound.

Looking forward to next Semester, the group plans to add Year 7 clarinet players from Busselton SHS to the group. We aim to perform again at the Sundowner Concert in Term 4. It would also be fantastic to see this group perform more widely, perhaps busking in the lead up to Christmas in Busselton, Vasse and Dunsborough. Students in this group should have about 30 minutes worth of music prepared by the end of the year.

Congratulations to all students involved in this group, your first performance was exceptional.

Mr Dave Parkinson (Clarinet teacher)



## GBM INTERMEDIATE BAND

Intermediate band members have been working hard to learn Repertoire for the Mid-Year Concert, and for the Band Festival performance next term. The students have been learning ensemble skills, like how to play in tune and in time with others, expressive phrase shaping and dynamics in a band context. They have particularly enjoyed learning "Silent Movie", a programmatic piece based on the old Charlie Chaplain style black and white movies. There is a chase, a hero and a villain. The villain captures the maiden, laughing maniacally, and ties her to the railway tracks. A train is coming! At the last minute, the hero switches the tracks, and the train crashes into a barn full of hay and chickens. The band has been able to represent these events through sound, and have had a lot of fun doing so.

We have also been learning Moonlit Dreams, Dark Ride - a piece musically representing a ride through a dark forest, and Vortex. We are looking forward to our music camp next term where the band students will be able to engage in a regional workshop with students from Geraldton, Bunbury and Albany and work with the band festival adjudicator. We also have the opportunity to see the "Mary Poppins" musical in Perth.



# GBM MID YEAR CONCERT—CONCERT 1

The GBM Mid-Year Concert looked a little different this year. Our Intermediate Band, Jazz 2 and Guitar Ensembles played in our first Concert in the PAC at CNC on Wednesday, 21st June. It was great to see our Bands come together and play for parents/Guardians, showcasing what they have been learning throughout the first Semester.

All students did a great job, especially considering we had so many away unwell.





## GBM MID YEAR CONCERT—CONCERT 2

Following on from Concert 1, our Senior Band, Jazz 1 and Soloists played in our second Concert in the PAC at CNC on Wednesday, 21st June. What a great job all of our Bands did throughout the evening, as well as all of our Soloists. Getting up in front of any crowd as a group, let alone as a soloists can be challenging, well done to all of our students for putting on such a great performance.









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