



## 2023 PROPOSED DATES {Subject to change}

### TERM 3

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

**Wednesday 13th September**  
GBM Primary Workshop

### TERM 4

**Thursday 19th October**  
BSHS Presentation Evening

**Monday 23rd October**  
CNC Presentation Evening

**Wednesday 25th October**  
GBM Senior Concert

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

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

## Newsletter Term 3, 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.*

Wow – it's already week 6 – where did the time go!

Term 3 is a very busy term for Music festivals, Music camps and workshops. All the GBM students have been working very hard in their bands this term to prepare for performances coming up in Term 4, and in their instrumental lessons for end of term assessments. All our Intermediate Band and Senior Band members have been working solidly to prepare for their Music camps in Perth to play in the ABODA Schools' band festival.

So far this term we have already had the Senior Band festival Camp. We all had a great time in Perth at the newly refurbished Ern Halliday Camp school. The students rehearsed really well at the camp school, spending around 5 hours preparing the Music for the band festival performance, and getting a head start on the music for the graduation ceremony next term. We also had some time for late night shopping on Thursday night, some team building fun at Lazer Tag, and also a trip to see the West Australian Symphony Orchestra on Friday evening. The students were treated to an amazing international soloist playing the Tchaikovsky Violin concerto.

We have recently received the adjudicator's report and the whole band is to be congratulated on their amazing result of 'Outstanding', the highest award in the festival. Thank you for all the hard work that Mr Parkinson has done to prepare and conduct the band for their outstanding performance at the band festival this term, and for his ongoing work preparing and mentoring these students for the big performances coming up next term. Thanks also go to Miss Lemon for giving up her time helping out at extra rehearsals, at the camp and at the performance on the day. The percussion section sounded absolutely amazing at the event and received a special mention from the adjudicator in the report. Well done Music team and students!

Coming up, we have the Junior band festival camp in week 8, which involves our Intermediate band members. We will be playing at the ABODA schools' band festival on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> September, and the camp will be running from Friday to Sunday. During the camp we will participate in a big regional workshop with schools from Bunbury, Geraldton, Donnybrook and Collie, as well as have the opportunity to see the Mary Poppins show in Perth on the Saturday night. It should be a fun filled camp with a lot of musical opportunities.

Also coming up this term is our primary instrumental workshop in Week 9. This is our big event for our primary school instrumental students to come together and play in a large band setting, some of them for the first time ever. They will receive help and mentoring from the Senior Band students to learn their music during the day, and the whole event will culminate in a short performance for parents and friends at 2:30pm.

Next term, the senior ensembles will be involved in both the Busselton SHS and Cape Naturaliste College graduation ceremonies, and the senior concert in week 3. Stay tuned for more information coming out about these events later this term.

Well done students and Music team for a successful term so far!

Danielle Parkinson  
Acting 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 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.

### The following position is now open to join GBMSG

**Uniform - Duties** – this role consists of light duties and only on rare occasions.

It involves maintaining the GBM blazer student allocation list & Blazer fittings when required by GBM staff for special performances

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

**Chairperson** - Coralie Wind

**Treasurer** - Tanya Guthrie

**Secretary** - Trish Robinson

If you are interested in the above position, or would like more information, please contact the Support Group at: [geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com](mailto:geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com) Our next meeting is planned for Week 8 of Term 3 (Details over page)

## 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)

## NOTICEBOARD

- The **Geographe Bay Music Support Group** will be holding their next **meeting on the 6th September** at 3.45pm in the music classroom at BSHS. We welcome any parent/caregiver to come along and join the meeting. Please email [geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com](mailto:geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com) if you have any questions or queries or would like to attend.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We have our **GBM Primary Workshop** coming up in week 9 —Wednesday, 13th September and the Support Group are looking for volunteers. Helpers are welcome from 11am for as much time as can be spared. Specifically, they're looking for a BBQ Chef and servers for the Sausage Sizzle. Please email the support group if you can help at [geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com](mailto:geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com)
- 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.

# SENIOR BAND CAMP

The GBM Senior Band students all met up bright and early on Thursday morning to travel up to Ern Halliday Camp school in Perth for the annual band festival camp. After having a fantastic lunch and a break in the sunshine at Hillary's boat harbour, we travelled on to arrive at Ern Halliday camp school. Once we arrived, we started rehearsing the music that we were to play for the Senior Band Festival on Saturday.





The students worked really hard to practice and prepare the music for the festival, but in between there was time for some late-night shopping at Whitfords City shopping centre on Thursday night, and some fun and team building activities at Lazer tag in Malaga on Friday. The students were also treated to a West Australian Symphony Orchestra concert on Saturday night featuring an amazing international violin soloist playing the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto.

On Saturday morning, we packed up and left camp early to get to Churchlands SHS for our performance. The senior band students represented both Busselton SHS and Cape Naturaliste College schools with pride, and played to an outstanding level at the WA School's ABODA Senior Band festival. They played three pieces – *Einharjar* (Warriors of Valhalla), *Celebration and Song* and the band's favourite piece *Best of the West*, a western Medley. Each band member was given a cowboy hat for the last piece, the use of this costume prop was enjoyed greatly by the audience and adjudicators.



Well done to all the GBM Senior band members for an excellent musical performance and a fun filled camp, and to the staff in attendance – David Parkinson, Musical Director of Senior Band, and Fiona Lemon, IMSS specialist teacher and percussionist extraordinaire. We were also joined by the amazing Ant Michie who volunteered his time to rehearse and perform trombone with our group. Also thanks to Coralie Wind from the Music Support Group who helped with blazer fitting for the event, and for Kerry LaMotte for her help in preparation for the camp. It was an awesome camp and all the students had a great time, and forged new friendships with their fellow musicians.

Danielle Parkinson  
(acting HOLA – Geographe Bay Music)



# WA ORCHESTRA AND BAND FESTIVAL 2023



Western Australian Schools' Senior Concert Band  
Festival 2023

*Geographe Bay Music Senior Band*

received the award

**Outstanding**

in

A Division

Adjudicator

Adjudicator



**Congratulations to Mr Parkinson and our Senior Band for achieving the 'Outstanding' level at the ABODA Band Festival performance. We are very proud of all of our students and they should be very proud of themselves also.**





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