



## 2023 PROPOSED DATES {Subject to change}

### 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, Issue 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.*

Wow! What a whirlwind of a term. It has absolutely flown by, but that is because we have all been so busy attending camps to Perth, hosting our Primary School Workshop, as well as all our usual band rehearsals, instrumental lessons and assessments.

This term we have had a lot of exciting events happening including our Senior Band Festival Camp to Perth in week 3, our Junior Band Festival Camp to Perth on the weekend of week 8, and our GBM Primary Music Workshop in week 9. We also hosted the Year 12 practical exams which involved all of our ATAR Year 12 students as well as students from Margaret River and Bunbury.

The Junior Band Festival Camp was a real success with the students being able to participate in a large Regional Workshop with 130 students from a number of different schools in the regions. They were able to work with some conducting experts and band experts, including a visiting musical director from the United States, which was a real treat. The students also got to go and see *Mary Poppins the Musical*. Some of them are now playing "*I'm practically Perfect*" in their instrumental lessons as a nod to the fabulous musical that we saw on the camp.

We also had a successful day on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September with our Primary Music Workshop. We had 140 students attending this workshop from the local primary schools, and we had our Senior Band members leading the sectional rehearsals as student mentors. This was a very rewarding day, despite some difficult weather conditions. I thank our Music Support Group members and volunteers for providing the sausage sizzle for our students. They absolutely love this part of the day and the work from the parents is much appreciated.

The start of next term is also very busy with performances, with Senior Band and Jazz I involved in the Busselton SHS Presentation evening in week 2, and Jazz I playing at the Cape Naturaliste College Graduation ceremony at the BREC in Bunbury in Week 3. We also have our annual Senior Concert in week 3 next term. This will be an opportunity to showcase the work the senior ensembles have been doing, as well as to showcase some of our senior students playing solo and small ensemble items.

I would like to send out a thank you to all our hard working GBM Instrumental Music staff – David Parkinson, Fiona Lemon, James Kiely and Stacey Smart who have attended camps, workshops and practical exams to keep everything running and exciting and fresh for all the students in GBM. Thanks to the Music Support Group parents for their help with running the events. Also a big thank you goes to Kerry LaMotte for her help with the administration of the department. Without all of these people we wouldn't be able to offer the students such a range of musical experiences.

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 will be in Term 4 (Details to be confirmed)

## 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

- We have 3 events on the go at the moment, all within the first 3x weeks of Term 4. It is essential all **Permission Forms** 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.

# JUNIOR BAND CAMP



On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> September, the GBM Intermediate Band students met up at school to hop on the bus and set off for our annual Music Camp up to Perth to perform at the ABODA Junior Band Festival. After arriving at Ern Halliday Camp School, we had our lunch and then set back off again to participate in a huge regional workshop at Churchland Senior High School. There were 130 students in attendance at this event from the Geraldton, Collie, Donnybrook and Busselton areas. It was a chance for the students to meet like minded musicians from other schools and to workshop some concert band music with Dale Pointon (IMSS), Lee Stanley (President of ABODA) and the guest adjudicator from the United States, Jeff Spenner. We played two pieces with the other groups, and the students learnt the value of actively listening across the ensemble, and also subdividing rhythms in music. After the workshop we went back to the camp school, where the students could play some sport and settle in, then we watched some of the band festival performances at Churchlands SHS to end the day.



On Saturday morning, the students were up bright and early to have a rehearsal, after which we left to perform at the Band festival. The GBM intermediate band played well, receiving an 'excellent' award, and some very insightful tips from both Dale Pointon and the workshop presenter after the performance. The excellent award was well deserved for all the hard work that the students had put into learning their parts and rehearsing the music.





After our performance, we all went to King's Park for lunch. It was a beautiful sunny day so we were able to look around the park and have a rest and some playground time, as well as walk up to the DNA tower to see the view over the city. We then returned to camp to have some rest time and get all dressed up for our trip to see the Mary Poppins Musical at the Crown. The experience was exhilarating for both staff and students. The show was absolutely amazing in terms of music, acting, choreography and lighting and stage effects and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. We all left camp on Sunday morning weary, but happy with a great trip and a job well done at the band festival.



Thank you to the students and the staff in attendance, Fiona Lemon and James Kiely, (and Tony the bus driver) for making it such a fun and memorable trip.

Danielle Parkinson.

# GBM PRIMARY WORKSHOP



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, the IMSS staff and 140 Instrumental Music students descended on Busselton SHS for our annual GBM Primary workshop. The weather was wild, stormy and windy, and we had a power outage just before the event started, but despite this the whole day went brilliantly. We started the day in the Performing Arts Centre with an introduction to playing in a band. Some of the students were beginner Year 5 students and beginner Year 7 students who had never played in a band before, so it was all a new experience. After some introductory exercises, we began rehearsing the four pieces that we were to play in the concert that afternoon.

After a recess break, the students all moved into sectional rehearsals. The primary students were mentored by the senior band students, who helped them learn and practice the music for the day. The older students worked hard with the younger students, demonstrating leadership abilities through teaching the younger students new notes and rhythms and leading the sectionals. The younger students learned all sorts of new skills and made some new friends throughout the day from other primary schools in the area.

We were very fortunate to have some parents from the Music Support Group provide a sausage sizzle for the students which was one of the highlights of the day. Thanks go to these hard working parents for making this possible even with the wind and the rain!





# GBM PRIMARY WORKSHOP







After lunch, we had a final rehearsal as a large group, and then moved into the gym for our concert for parents and staff. There were a large group of parents in attendance at the concert, as well as some of the school staff. The students did a great job performing the four pieces we had chosen – *Desktop Rock*, a simple rock number and *Camel Caravan*, an exotic piece representing a caravan through the desert. We also played two train themed pieces, *All Aboard* – representing a train journey and *Crazy Train*, the famous Ozzy Osbourne rock piece.

The students played really well in the final concert, demonstrating performance etiquette, dynamics and ensemble skills. Overall it was a great day for the students. Thank you to the IMSS staff who helped out on the day: David Parkinson, Fiona Lemon, James Kiely, Stacey Smart and to Kerry LaMotte for her help with organisation of the event. A special thanks also goes to Coralie Wind and Trish Robinson for organising the parent group for the sausage sizzle.

Danielle Parkinson (HOLA GBM)



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