



Geographe Bay
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Busselton Senior High School
& Cape Naturaliste College

The Mouthpiece

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2024 YEAR START
PROPOSED DATES
{Subject to change}

TERM 1

Wednesday 24th January
School Office Opens

Wednesday 31st January
Students Resume

TERM 2

Wednesday 24th April
ANZAC Day Ceremonies

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.

What a busy term it has been! We have had a multitude of events this term enabling the students to participate in a whole variety of musical experiences in different settings. We kicked off the Term with the BSHS Presentation Evening on the 19th October. For this big event, Senior band and Jazz Band I provided the Musical entertainment, with Jazz I providing the pre-show entertainment as the guests arrived. Lexi Windsor sang the national anthem with full concert band backing, and the senior band provided the music for the dignitaries walk in and out, and the piece in the ceremony.

We were also able to participate this year in the CNC Graduation at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre on Monday 23rd October. It has been a while since we played at a CNC graduation so it was great to have Music department represented there. This involved a bus trip to Bunbury with Jazz Band I, where they provided pre-show entertainment, and we had a small group of students on stage playing the national anthem, with Scarlett Scerri singing. Thanks to the Music Support group for providing us with funds for dinner, and to CNC for providing funds for the bus hire. These Graduation ceremonies are important and high profile events in the Busselton community, and the students did a great job representing the Music department, as well as their prospective schools.

Our next event for the Term was the Senior Concert. This concert is a showcase of our senior ensembles and soloists, and it is also an important farewell concert for our Year 12 students. These students have been with us in the IMSS program for 8 years. It is a big achievement to commit to the music program for that length of time and the students graduating this year were Lexi Windsor, Tholane Jonas and Jessie Russell. The senior band and Jazz Band I were also showcased in this concert, and did an amazing job entertaining our audience – it was absolutely packed!

To round off the Term, we had our final concert for the year, our Sundowner concert on the 23rd November. This showcased the junior and intermediate ensembles from the GBM program. Jazz Band II, Contemporary Ensemble, Classical Guitar Ensemble, Junior Band and Intermediate band all played a set. We also had a guest appearance from Jazz I, and a final combined item with Jazz I and Jazz II to finish **off the evening: "Lets Get Loud!" with Scarlett on Vocals.**

It was great to meet some of the new students and parents coming into the program at our Parent Information Evening on the 29th November. The Senior Band held an open rehearsal for the group so they could hear the different instruments in action. There have also been a number of end of year assemblies at our local primary schools for our primary instrumental students to perform in front of their peers at their own school, and these have been a great success.

It has been a great semester of Music making, and to be in the 'big chair' while Brad has been away has been a privilege. We have a great group of students in GBM, and they show a lot of dedication and **commitment to the bands and Music program. We also have amazing staff working at GBM, and I can't** thank them enough for their hard work and dedication – after hours set up, concerts, meetings, excursions, camps as well as all the teaching that they do during the day is invaluable, and this department would not run without the hard work of all the staff involved. Our IMSS staff - David Parkinson, Fiona Lemon, James Kiely, Stacey Smart, as well as our classroom colleagues Aidan Walsh and Sian Fenn all contribute to the smooth running of the department. Thanks also go to Kerry La Motte, for her hours of paperwork, emails and phone calls to ensure the smooth running of the program. We also have a group of dedicated parents in our Music Support Group chaired by Coralie Wind, that help us with our events providing catering and raffles. We could not provide all these musical experiences without their generous contribution of their time and effort. All in all it is a huge team effort. And lastly, I would like to thank the administration at both schools for their support – BSHS led by Mr Rob Nail and CNC led by Ms Melanie Ryan. Their support of the Music program is immense.

I will finish by signing off for the year and welcoming back Brad Oversby for the start of 2024 who will take up the reins of GBM again, and lead it forward onto greater things!

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

Please be aware, Uniform Concepts will be closed from Sunday, 17th December 2023, re-opening on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.



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 - Unassigned
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

REHEARSAL TIMES — 2024

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)
 - 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)
- Wednesday:**
- 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Junior Concert Band**
CNC PAC (Fiona Lemon)
 - 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Jazz Band 2**
CNC upstairs (David Parkinson)
 - 3.15pm — 4.30pm — **GBM Senior Concert Band**
BSHS PAC (Brad Oversby)
- Thursday:**
- 7.30am — 8.30am — **GBM Intermediate Concert Band**
BSHS PAC (Danielle Parkinson)

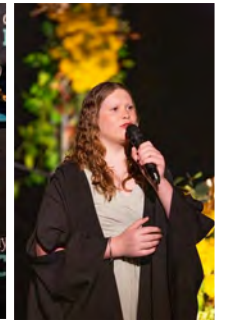
NOTICEBOARD

- 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 all of our staff, students and families a wonderful Christmas. We hope you all enjoy the break and well deserved sleep ins.
- ***See you all in the New Year!***

BSHS PRESENTATION EVENING

Our first performance for Term 4 2023 was the Busselton SHS Presentation evening. This is a big event congratulating and farewelling all the Year 12 students after their final year of schooling. The GBM Senior band and Jazz 1 were the musical entertainment for the evening, with Jazz 1 providing the pre-show entertainment. The Jazz band played really well with such favourites as Car Wash and Birdland. The performance went down a treat with the audience, especially with Scarlett Scerri joining us to sing a couple of numbers – Faith and I'm still standing.

The Senior Band took centre stage for this performance, playing the walk-in music for the dignitaries and Year 12s. Quad City stomp worked perfectly for this purpose. The national anthem was sung by Lexi Windsor with full concert band accompaniment. She did a very beautiful and dignified performance at this big event. The Senior Band then performed 'Best of the West' complete with cowboy hats and completed the walk out music at the end of the night. This performance required a great deal of discipline from the students to sit 'on stage' for the whole evening. Well done to the students and to the hard work Mr Parkinson put in to directing and preparing the senior band for this high pressure performance. Thanks to Mrs Parkinson for directing Jazz 1, and to Mr Kiely for playing with Jazz 1 on Bass guitar.



CNC PRESENTATION EVENING

Jazz Band I was also involved in the CNC Year 12 Graduation ceremony this year. This ceremony was held at the Bunbury Regional Performing Arts Centre. Jazz I again provided the pre-show entertainment and we had a big audience listening to us play in the foyer. The band played a full 30 minute set list, and provided an outstanding performance. The whole band should be very proud of their efforts for both these high profile events. Thanks to Mr Parkinson for playing in on baritone saxophone and to Mr Kiely for playing in on Bass guitar.

In the ceremony itself, we had a small ensemble playing the music and singing the national anthem on stage. This involved Stefi Windsor on piano, Tholane Jonas on trumpet, Rhys Webster on trombone, Emiliana Tan on tenor saxophone and Scarlett Scerri on vocals. This was a high pressure performance for the students and they performed really well and represented GBM and their schools with pride.

We were able to get a bus to the venue provided by CNC, so a big thank you goes out to Mrs Ryan for helping us with the cost of the bus transport. We also had a dinner break on the way home at Hungry Jacks as a reward for all the hard work put in by the students rehearsing and then going out and playing at this event. This meal was paid for by the Music Support Group, so a big thank you goes to them for enabling us to do this, as it was a late night for the students. Danielle Parkinson



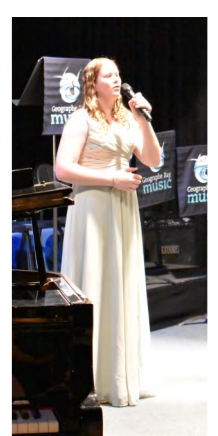
GBM SENIOR CONCERT

The GBM Senior Concert is our annual concert featuring our senior students and senior ensembles. It is also a farewell to the Year 12 students who have been with us in the IMSS program for 8 years. It is a big achievement to commit to the music program for that length of time and the students graduating this year were Lexi Windsor, Tholane Jonas and Jessie Russell. These students all showed a great deal of commitment and dedication to the program over the years, as well as being strong mentors and role models for the younger students in the program.



The concert was a great evening of entertainment in the Busselton SHS PAC, with a really large audience – the place was packed! Jazz I played a number of charts, and we had Scarlett Scerri singing with us. This set went down really well with the audience with 'Faith' being one of the favourite numbers.

We then had a number of solo items from our more experienced students, Johnny on Trumpet, Rhys on Trombone, Sophie on Saxophone, Jessie on clarinet, Edie on bass guitar, and finally Lexi singing for us.



All of these performers showed a great deal of confidence and stage presence and should be commended for putting themselves on display as soloists. The concert rounded off with an outstanding performance by the Senior band, who played about 5 pieces, ending with the ever-popular 'Quad City Stomp' complete with full djembe section!





Congratulations to Fynn Butler who won the Senior School Scholarship Donated by Jazz By the Bay for 2023.

Thanks to all the IMSS teachers and musical directors for making this evening a great success musically, and also for helping with setting up the stage and lighting. It really added a lot to the concert.

Danielle Parkinson



GBM JUNIOR SUNDOWNER

The annual end of year Sundowner Concert is our showcase for our more junior and intermediate ensembles, and this year was jam-packed with all sorts of musical wonders. We did have to contend with it being the hottest November day on record – an absolute scorcher, but the staff and students met this challenge with aplomb, and as the old adage goes: “The show must go on!”

We were entertained by performances from Jazz Band II, directed by Ms Lemon, the contemporary ensemble – directed by Mr Kiely and the classical guitar ensemble, also directed by Ms Lemon. We also had a guest spot vocal number with Mr Walsh singing vocals for *Everlong* by the Foo Fighters. These guitar ensembles are newer in GBM, having rehearsed for about 2 years so far and they both performed really well. We then had a journey through some Broadway musicals with Mr Parkinson’s clarinet ensemble, and a trip to jazz-land with the saxophone ensemble.

The audience was then entertained by the larger ensembles – the Junior band directed by Ms Lemon, and then the Intermediate band directed by Mrs Parkinson. The students could then see how their musical journey progresses throughout the years and levels of playing through these two groups’ performances. Finally, we ended the night with Jazz I performing a couple of numbers, and then being joined on stage by Jazz II. We then performed a big final Latin party piece for the year “Lets Get Loud”, with Scarlett on vocals. This was a great way to finish the evening’s entertainment.

A massive thanks goes out to the Music Support Group led by Coralie for putting on the grill all evening and running the raffle. This was a big job and these parents, helped by some volunteers, did a great job of feeding the hungry crowd. Thanks also goes to all the Music staff and Kerry LaMotte who helped set up, rehearse the students and organise everything so the concert ran smoothly. Thank you all for a great concert.

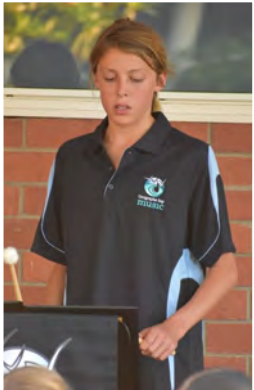
Danielle Parkinson.





GBM JUNIOR SUNDOWNER Continued





2023 HIGHLIGHTS FROM MISS LEMON

Junior Band

Junior Band has had a fantastic year. We started at the beginning of the year with a collection of Year 6s from five local primary schools, none of whom had played in one of the GBM bands before. We spent the year learning how to play together as a group, working on our listening, counting and balance.

Highlights from the year have included:

- Flutes playing train whistles

- Big trombone slides

- Oompa Loompa rehearsals

- Playing in the primary band workshop

- Plates, cakes, and ganache

- Asking the lawnmowers to be quieter

- All the games – especially the eight-beat game

- A fantastic performance at the Sundowner, leading to an 'interesting' hair dye job.

I wish all the best to those students moving up to Intermediate Band next year, and look forward to making more music with the wonderful students I get to keep. See you on Wednesday mornings in 2024.

Jazz Band Highlights

It was a pleasure to take over Jazz II from the beginning of Semester 2. Mr Oversby had trained the students well in the first half of the year, leaving me to take all the credit for how well the students played at the Sundowner. While the rehearsals were early in the morning, we managed to have some fun, between all the hard work. Whether it was confiscating the whiteboard markers at the beginning of every rehearsal, or getting caught in the rain while waiting for the bus (those trumpets have never been the same!), we've always seen the funny side of any situation.

The absolute highlight was seeing the students gain confidence in their solo playing, especially those students who were brave enough to try out improvising. I look forward to seeing this continue from afar, as I sadly will be letting go of Jazz II from the end of this year. Enjoy your new year of music making under the baton of Mr Parkinson

Guitar Ensemble Highlights

In only the second year of the GBM Classical Guitar Ensemble, we have continued to go from strength to strength. The commitment shown by the students, and the effort they all make to get to rehearsal every week (and the efforts of their uber drivers) has been very much appreciated. We had some wonderful performances this year, both at the mid year concert and at the sundowner. Term 2 also saw a workshop with the Guitar Ensembles from Albany and North Albany Senior High Schools. It was a great experience to play in a group roughly three times the size of our own.

Thanks again for a fantastic year. You can all give yourselves a very well deserved ensemble-wide 'self-five'.

Fiona Lemon

GBM SENIOR BAND WRAP UP BY MR PARKINSON

It was an absolute pleasure conduct the GBM Senior Band and direct so many gifted music students this Semester.

During this time we have played many gigs, including the Albany SHS workshop, Perth Band Festival, Primary Workshop, Busselton SHS Graduation, Senior Concert and Parent Information Evening. Congratulations to all students involved in this group, you represented Busselton SHS and Cape Naturaliste College with pride. The local community was amazed by your professionalism and the quality of your performances.

The Senior Band is the premier GBM ensemble and requires a lot of extra help to direct. I would like to offer a huge thanks to Ant, Fiona, Stacey and Danielle for playing in with our brass, percussion and woodwind sections at many rehearsals and gigs throughout the past months. Another thanks to all parents, especially those who helped out with our camp preparations, uniforms, BBQs and concerts. A final massive thanks to admin staff, especially Danielle and Kerry for all of your work behind the scenes and for putting up with my constant demands and "divaism". (eg. The Cowboy Hats!)

Looking forward to 2024, the Senior Band is in a great position. The ensemble has grown to a huge size, and we produce a balanced sound across all our sections. We have many events timetabled for next year and have accommodation booked for the Perth Band Festival. Over the past months we have prepared much of the music for these events, including major new works for the Band Festival.

I feel very proud of the ensemble that I hand back Brad Oversby next year, thanks all!

Dave Parkinson



A MESSAGE FROM THE GBM SUPPORT GROUP

A small gang of us continued in the footsteps of many amazing committees before us, ably led by the experience and dedication of Coralie Wind, and assisted by Tanya Guthrie as secretary and Trish Robinson as treasurer. We thank Kerry La Motte for her administrative support and Brad Oversby and Danielle Parkinson for their time spent with the committee helping to direct goals.

This year the support group as usual spearheaded the food and raffle fundraising efforts at a number of concerts and workshops during the year.

We also discussed where money would be spent, those items are listed below.

- contributions towards the camp transport to offset camp fees for both intermediate and senior bands.
- purchase of new stand racks for tidily storing the myriads of stands used at rehearsals and performances
- dinner for the senior jazz band on the way home from their super performance at the Cape Nat graduation at BREC

There were many new members of senior band, who all needed new blazers and Coralie magically managed to move jacket sizes around and get everyone fitted into one!

The support group would like to thank everyone who contributed through donations of their time at fundraising events and items for raffles.

We are always looking for new members to share the joy of helping out our fabulous young musicians and their dedicated teachers. See you in 2024.



A FEW SPECIAL THANK YOUS

**TO ALL OF THE STAFF AT GEOGRAPHE BAY MUSIC
FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR OF MUSIC**

**TO OUR GEOGRAPHE BAY MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP
FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

**TO MRS PARKINSON FOR TAKING ON THE HEAD OF
GEOGRAPHE BAY MUSIC FOR SEMESTER 2 WHILE MR OVERSBY WAS AWAY.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MR OVERSBYS RETURN IN 2024.**

**TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS WHO TURN UP FOR EVERY
LESSON AND BAND REHEARSAL.**

**LASTLY, BUT NOT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL
PARENTS. FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT, ALL THOSE EARLY BAND REHEARSAL DROP
OFFS AND ATTENDING ALL OF OUR EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. PARENT
SUPPORT IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR PROGRAM, SO THANK YOU !**



M E R R Y CHRISTMAS



Wishing all of our families a wonderful
Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS - SEE YOU IN 2024
FROM THE STAFF AT GEOGRAPHE BAY MUSIC**





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