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NO BAND REHEARSALS

Thursday 12th December

STUDENTS' LAST DAY!



GBM Happenings *by Brad Oversby*

Well, all of a sudden it is the second half of Term 4. I feel like every time I have done one of these newsletters, I have started with a quick lament about how fast time is flying but it's true! I have also commented on how busy we have been, which is also true.

In the September holidays, our Year 12 ATARs completed their final WACE practical exams in Perth. I am hoping that they have performed as expected and done themselves justice for the work that they put in.

The Senior Band and Jazz Band 1 then had a series of performances starting with the BSHS Presentation evening. Here we saw our GBM members in Caitlyn Butler, Sophie Graham, Johnny Stan-Bishop and Rhys Webster graduate. A few days later, Holly Guthrie, Kai Mullings and Emilie Toner did the same at Cape Nat College's Presentation Ceremony. All of these students are going to leave a very large gap in our programme and although the remaining students will rise to the challenge of filling their shoes, they will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best for what lies ahead for them, and hope that they find some room for music in whatever life brings them. We celebrated and officially farewelled the 12s at our Senior Concert that was held at Cape Nat College. All of the students did a fantastic job in their various performances, so it was a fitting farewell.

The following week saw Jazz Band 1 entertain the members of SEGRA at their National Conference event that was held at Sabina River Farm. This was our first community instigated gig in a long time and the students were extremely professional in both their performance and deportment. They were great ambassadors of the GBM programme and it was great to get to show the wider community the great work that is being achieved by our students. The feedback has been extremely positive and it was great for the students to receive this first-hand from those at the event.

Coming up, our less-senior students will have their chance to shine. Our annual Sundowner is happening on Wednesday in Week 7 and will feature all our performers from Year 5 through to Year 10. Information has already been sent out by Kerry so please return this ASAP so that we can put everything into place that needs doing in preparation. We especially need some volunteers to help with the fundraising BBQ that will be happening. If you are able to spare a bit of time (you will still see the concert), then please contact the support group at the address provided in the paperwork that was sent out. This should be a great way to showcase what the students have been doing in Semester 2.

All band and ensemble rehearsals will continue through to the end of week 9 as we start our preparation of new pieces for 2025. There will also be some movement between bands as we do our reshuffle to compensate for students who have left. These last few weeks will be a good way for students in new ensembles to settle into a new routine before the start of 2025.

Have a great week and we will see you at the Sundowner!

Regards,
Brad Oversby
Head of GBM

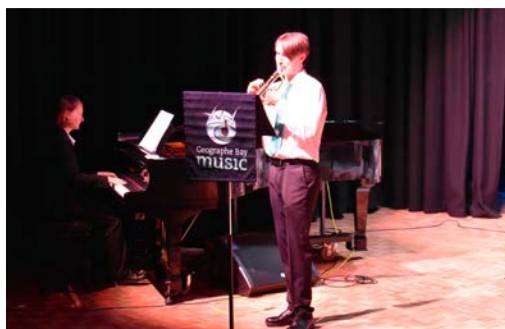
On Thursday 17th October, the GBM Senior Band and Jazz 1 played at the Busselton SHS Year 12 Presentation Evening. As well as playing music prior to and at the end of the event, the Senior Band played Life Eternal as a performance piece during the evening. The audience was very impressed by the quality of performance and how well the band conducted themselves during the evening.

BSHS Presentation Evening

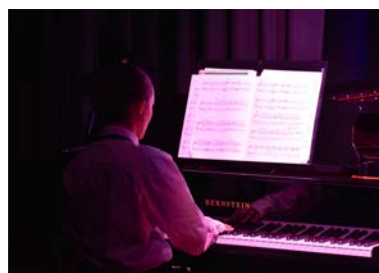




To celebrate our Senior Students and to showcase the music they have been working on throughout the year, the GBM Senior Concert was held on Wednesday 23rd October in the Cape Naturalise College PAC. The audience enjoyed music from the GBM Senior Band, Jazz 1, Jazz 2 and the Upper School Soloists. Our departing Year 12s were also acknowledged and presented with a leaving gift to say thank you for all the time, effort and commitment given to the GBM program over the years. It has been enjoyable watching our year 12s grow over the years and we wish them all the success in the future!



Geographie Bay Music Senior Concert







Congratulations to Dylan Pell for winning the 2024 Jazz by the Bay Scholarship. Dylan has been involved in many bands beyond what is required, is always under the bus (in a good way) on camps, proactive in setting up and packing up bands, helped to lead the trumpet section at the PS Workshop, volunteered to do the Last Post both in and out of school, and acts as a positive role model to younger students. Well done Dylan, you should be very proud!





Farewell to our 2024 Year 12s



On Wednesday 30th October, the GBM Jazz 1 students were invited to play at the SEGRA National Regional Development Conference Dinner at Sabina River Farm, Busselton. The band were asked to provide background music prior to their official conference dinner. The band received positive feedback after the performance and were commended at the quality of music as well as the conduct carried out throughout the evening - well done Brad, Fiona and Jazz 1 Band on the outstanding representation of Geographe Bay Music as well as BSHS and CNC.



SEGRA National Regional Development Conference Performance

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPPORT GROUP CHAIR

GBMSG CHAIR BIDS FAREWELL

by Coralie Wind

After being a part of this wonderful committee for 8 years it is time for me to step down as GBMSG Chair and pass the baton on.

I've seen the programme grow from the initial coming together of the two high schools to what our children are a part of today. There is no other programme in WA's public school system that has two high schools working closely together to provide a learning opportunity like GBM. They said it couldn't be done and boy have they been proved wrong!

GBMSG has played a small part in this success. My heartfelt thanks to all past and present committee members and every parent who has volunteered their time to assist at events.

In the early days the Music Support Group was a fund-raising force of nature and the students benefited greatly from the extra equipment, sheet music and other misc items purchased.

Fast forward to today and GBM is a well-funded department, with school admin support, so there is less of a need to boost the programme like before.

However, without new volunteers and someone willing to embrace the role of Chairperson this committee is at great risk of being wound up.

In a variety of ways, funds from GBMSG help to reduce costs for our children to participate. Should this committee no longer financially support the GBM programme we, as parents, will bear the cost as expenses will have to be passed on.

For the status quo to continue GBMSG needs parents to join the committee and steer it into the future. It is a legal entity so you will be joining a high school P&C. The important roles of Secretary & Treasurer are filled - Trish & Tanya are wonderful ladies and have a wealth of fund-raising experience between them.

It has been absolute pleasure to be able to go behind the scenes and support the children along their musical journey. The best part has been seeing enthusiastic, albeit nervous, children arrive and watch them leave as accomplished young adults.

To express your interest to join the Music Support Group please email the committee at geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com

I genuinely recommend it!

Coralie Wind

HOUSEKEEPING

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 Anaconda)
 Opening Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9am–5pm and Saturday 9am–12pm
 Email: busselton@uc.nellgray.com

GBM Support Group - Chairperson Position Vacant

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 positions are now open to join GBMSG

Our current **Chairperson is stepping down** after the Junior Sundowner, which is **Thursday 21st November** this year, this **POSITION IS NOW OPEN:**

Register your interest now, allowing time for transition/handover with Coralie during Term 4

Chairperson – Duties; chairing meetings, liaise with GBM Admin Assistant. assist in monitoring the GBMSG Facebook account.

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:

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

Facebook

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.