



IMPORTANT DATES
{Correct at the time of printing}

TERM 4

Monday 29th November
IMMS Parent Information Evening

Thursday 2nd December
GBM Sundowner/Junior Concert

Newsletter Term 4

Wow! What a busy Semester 2 we have had. At the time of our last newsletter, we had just completed the Senior Tour to Perth and the Mid-Year Concert. Since then, so much has happened that it is hard to keep track!

The Symph Band 2 students did their tour to Perth to participate in the ABODA Schools' Junior Band Festival, led by Mrs Danielle Parkinson. The group arrived in Perth and were straight away rehearsing for their performance the following day. They did a fantastic job and attained the second-top rating of Excellent for their performance at the festival. The students were also able to see the WA Symphony Orchestra in action on the Saturday night. For most students, this was a hugely informative and enjoyable experience.

Our annual Primary School Workshop was held in Week 9, led by Mr David Parkinson. For the first time, this event was held at Cape Naturaliste College, which is where Symph Band 3 rehearses. This was a great success with all of the GBM primary school students invited to attend. With over 130 students involved, it was a very busy but fruitful day. It was also an opportunity for the Classical Guitar students to have their debut performance. This group was led by Miss Fiona Lemon and is sure to grow over the coming years.

We farewelled our Year 12 students with the BSHS Presentation evening and the GBM Senior Concert. Symph Band 1 and Jazz 1 performed at both of these events, with Soul Band performing at the Senior Concert. This latter event also allowed for the final solo performances of our Year 12 students, as well as showcasing the Year 11 ATAR students as soloists. It was a great way to say bon voyage and good luck to our Seniors and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours. These ensembles have now had an influx of new members with lower school students now having started rehearsing with Symph 1 in Week 4. More invitations may be coming out for eligible students as the year progresses and it will be great to see these students rise to the challenge of more difficult music.

We have two official events left this year. The first is the IMSS Parent Information evening for the parents of those students who intend to enter GBM in 2022. This will be held on the Monday of Week 8 (24th November) starting at 5:30pm in the BSHS PAC. Any parent who has a child entering either the high school or primary school programme, is welcome to come along to this session. Everything to do with the IMSS programme will be covered and will be a great opportunity to have any queries cleared up.

Our final event will be the Sundowner, which will be a showcase of our lower school and primary students. This event will be held at BSHS on the Year 8 quadrangle. Last year's event was a great success and a really enjoyable evening. This year's Sundowner will follow the same format with the Support Group providing food and drinks for sale. There will also be a fundraising raffle with great prizes so bring along some cash to get tickets and nourishment. Some volunteers to help on the BBQs are required so if you are able to help out for a while on the night, then this will be greatly appreciated. More information will be coming out over the coming days.

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, thank you.

UNIFORMS

GBM Polo Shirts are an essential part of our GBM Uniform and is available to purchase through Uniform Concepts for \$28 at the address below:

Uniform Concepts

Address: 33 Bussell Hwy, Busselton (Opposite the old Retravisson store)

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8.30am—5pm
and Saturday 9am—1pm

Email: busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au

Website: nellgray.com.au

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- If you have any old books you no longer need or want, please consider donating these to students who can't afford to purchase them. You can drop them into the Music Office or to Brad Oversby at any time.
- 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.
- Volunteers are required for our Sausage Sizzle at the GBM Sundowner coming up in Week 8, please email geographebaymusicsg@gmail.com if you can spare even an hour on the day. Thank you.

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:

Monday:	3.15pm — 4.15pm — GBM Vocal Ensemble , BSHS	(James Kiely)
Tuesday:	7.30am — 8.30am — GBM Jazz Band I , CNC PAC	(Brad Oversby)
Wednesday:	7.30am — 8.30am — GBM Symph Wind III , CNC PAC	(David Parkinson)
	3.15pm — 5.00pm — GBM Symph Wind I , BSHS PAC	(Brad Oversby)
Thursday:	7.30am — 8.30am — GBM Symph Wind II , BSHS PAC	(Danielle Parkinson)
	7.30am — 8.30am — GBM Soul Band , BSHS Perc. Rm	(James Kiely)
Friday:	7.30am — 8.30am — GBM Jazz Band II , CNC PAC	(Fiona Lemon)

GBM SUPPORT GROUP

A few messages from our GBM Support Group:

This year's GBM calendar has been very manageable for our support group.

Our focus is now on the upcoming GBM Sundowner on the 2nd December.

We will be holding Raffles and a Sausage Sizzle for fundraising. Any assistance on the day would be greatly appreciated.

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

Vice Chairperson – Duties; assisting Chairperson and chair meetings if required.

Treasurer – Duties; following practices already put in place for fundraising activities, provide profit/loss reports for meetings, end of year audit prep.

Secretary — Duties; minute taking and keeping up with any correspondence that may come in

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

Chairperson - Coralie Wind

Uniform – Nicole Carter

Please be assured, support will be given to the new people stepping into each role. We would love to see families from both schools, ie– BSHS and CNC apply, as it is important we keep the link between the two schools.

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

GBM JUNIOR BAND FESTIVAL CAMP

On a chilly morning on Friday 10th September, the students from Symphonic Wind Ensemble II jumped on a bus and headed to the big smoke for our annual Junior Band festival camp. There were about 33 students from Year 7 to 9, with their conductor Danielle Parkinson, head of GBM Music Brad Oversby, and Fiona Lemon, the brass teacher and class music teacher at Cape Naturaliste College.

We arrived at Point Walter recreation camp around 11am, greeted by a beautiful scenic view of the Swan river. The afternoon was spent rehearsing the music to put the final touches in place for the performance on Saturday. Thanks

to David Parkinson for also meeting us at the camp and assisting with the rehearsals. In the evening, we took the students to Churchlands SHS see some of the other schools that were performing at the band festival in division B and C. This gave everyone a good idea of the venue, workshop format and the layout of the stage in preparation for the performance on Saturday.

On Saturday morning we all went for a wonderful walk down by the river before launching into more rehearsal time prior to the performance. When we arrived at Churchlands SHS, the nerves were high, but the Geographe Bay Music students presented themselves on stage with professionalism and aplomb, and presented a great performance of three pieces for the audience and adjudicators. The band then enjoyed a short workshop on stage with Dale Pointon, one of the adjudicators in which gems of musical wisdom were imparted. We then all left feeling very satisfied with a job well done.

After some rest and sport time back at the camp, the students were then treated to a night out to see the West Australian Symphony Orchestra perform a concert of great works including Shostakovich's 5th Symphony! It was a great reward after all the hard work over the last few months. The students represented the two high schools with professionalism and respect, and all the students made new friends across the two campuses and thoroughly enjoyed the camp experience, arriving back at school enthused and reinvigorated. Thanks to all the staff for giving up their weekend for the camp, and to Kerry LaMotte for all her help with the organisation.



Danielle Parkinson





GBM PRIMARY WORKSHOP

On Friday the 17th of September Primary Music Students from Dunsborough, Vasse, West Busselton, Busselton Geographe and Capel Primary Schools joined with Music Students from Cape Naturaliste College and Busselton SHS to enjoy a day of music making together. This year we had two performance groups: a Concert Band made up of students from six primary schools and the two high schools and a Guitar Ensemble made up of students from Dunsborough and Vasse Primary school. IMSS staff James Kiely, Fiona Lemon, Danielle Parkinson, Johanna Nordstrom, Stacey Smart and David Parkinson were joined by CNC staff member Rebecca Hunt for the workshop.

The workshop was the first time that our Guitar Ensemble had played together, they performed two pieces in the final concert under the direction of Fiona Lemon. The performance standard of this group was exceptional, especially considering their limited preparation and rehearsal time. The Concert Band played four pieces, one piece conducted by Danielle Parkinson (Symphonic Wind II director) and Stacey Smart (Percussion teacher) and two by David Parkinson (Symphonic Wind III director). This group's performance was enhanced by an epic guitar solo from James Kiely and boxing throughout 'Eye of the Tiger' provided by audience members.

Primary students had a great day meeting and working with other like-minded musicians and enjoyed getting a chance to work in sectional groups with the same instruments, under the direction of senior students from Busselton SHS, Cape Naturaliste College and Music Staff. The day was a very positive event for our music students, for many this was their first time playing in a large group. The Cape Naturaliste College auditorium was a fantastic venue for our performance. There was a great variety of musical styles presented at this performance and it was very well received by a full house of supportive parents and guardians at the end of day.

Thank You!

- To our wonderful IMSS staff and Rebecca Hunt for their tireless efforts throughout the day.
- To Cape Naturaliste College for supporting the event, in particular our fantastic arts staff who let us use their teaching spaces and the school canteen, especially Heather Carroll for being so accommodating.
- To the Music Support Group, in particular Coralie Wind and Jo Hoyes for their amazing sausage sizzle.
- Senior Music students, especially Yr 12 students Rohnan and Keevah for their help throughout the day.
- To Parents and Guardians for providing music students a lift to and from the event and for being an amazing audience for us at the end of the day.

David Parkinson (GBM Symphonic Wind III Director and Clarinet Teacher)

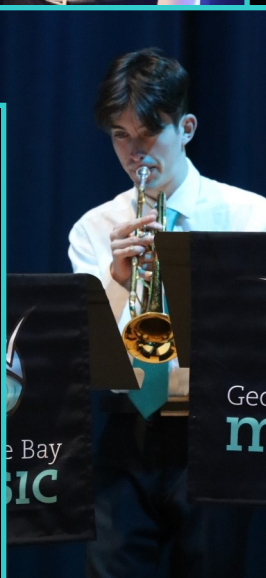




GBM SENIOR CONCERT

Congratulations to our Graduating year 12s for 2021. We thoroughly enjoyed watching you perform for the last time at the GBM Senior Concert. It was a great night showcasing our Senior students talents, as well as saying Bon Voyage to our year 12s who have put in many years of tireless practice, rehearsals and performances into our programme, Thank you and all the best for your futures.







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