



Report May 2019

We are pleased to welcome new staff to the music programme. Local music teacher Charlotte Bower is working with the Grade 3's at Celimfundo and Inkosi Mjwayeli, and together with Lynne Sclanders, will take over the choir at Meadowsweet. Locally based teachers ensure the sustainability of the Project, as I travel from Hilton each week, covering between 300-400kms weekly.

At Celimfundo, despite having mostly new children in the choir, students are coping well with what is expected of them. There is now a culture of choir in the school that doesn't need to be taught. Commitment, technical and musical requirements, and a good singing sound have filtered through from previous years, and the groundwork has been laid for these new students.

We are thrilled that Celimfundo have entered the ABRSM Choral Exam. The entrance fee was paid from the school's own budget, and working towards this prestigious international qualification adds a new focus to the rehearsals.

Inkosi Mjwayeli has been invited to attend "Festival in the Hills" in Hillcrest in September. This exciting music event will see them joining a massed choir of 700 students to sing with the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as attending a drumming workshop. They will be accommodated overnight in Durban and will enjoy a morning at the beach – their first trip to the ocean for many! They are sponsored by Festival in the Hills and the Department of Education.

Focus this term shifts to engaging the music teachers in these schools to start taking over choir rehearsals and building their confidence as conductors. I will be able to get to our 4th school, Emadolabheni this term too.

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