

# MUSIC VOYAGE MISSIVE

NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF MUSIC VOYAGE

Dear friends and supporters of Music Voyage,  
For us, Spring is always synonymous with the end of the Eisteddfod season, which means we've usually got a lot to celebrate. This year has been no exception, we're so proud our Lions River stars!



*Look at these happy faces! Well done Lions River Primary!*

In our March newsletter we proudly mentioned how we'd launched our Lions River Primary violin and recorder groups. Since then, we've been able to split the groups into skill level ensembles which has assisted in progression of the instrument playing. Two of the violin students showed enormous potential and were given private lessons and an instrument to take home and practise with. All their efforts have been greatly rewarded as we were able to take them to The Wykeham Collegiate in PMB to participate in the SASMT Eisteddfod. Our recorder group achieved a 84% (silver) and our violin group achieved 86% (gold) and 80% (silver), while our private violin students were awarded golds all round with two scores of 87% and one of 85% - everyone enjoyed a well-deserved ice-cream on the way home.

“ Thank you for making it possible  
for the children....xxx  
- Carol Solomon, music teacher ”



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*“ You are absolutely incredible! The atmosphere in that tent was electric, thank you for sharing your gifts! ”*  
- Carolyn Hall

The main Marimba Band continue to inspire our work. They have blossomed into a well accomplished performance band and have booked gigs throughout the year! They received fantastic feedback from a wedding gig they played in the Champagne Valley in the Drakensberg, wowing guests with their 'vibey performance'. As a result, a wedding planner, has listed the band as a 'supplier', while the wedding party gave them such a sterling referral, they've been asked to play another wedding in the 'Berg in October, and will be sleeping over at Dragon Peaks. With one more special occasion booked for December, they're really making their musical mark and we love how this is building their confidence, while they earn some money, and see more of our beautiful country.

 ***Our Marimba Band is available for bookings! We love performing at local events to give our hardworking young musicians the chance to show off their skills. Please contact us on 0824139843 to make a booking!***

Closer to home, but equally exciting, the marimba players performed at Asibemunye High School, which is one of the schools some of the band members attend in Mpophomeni. They were thrilled by the invitation by the principal to play at a farewell for one of their staff, and absolutely LOVED performing on their home ground. The school was incredibly impressed with their professionalism and skill!



*If you've received this newsletter and think someone else might be interested in our project, please feel free to forward it to your friends and family. While we are grateful for the support received already, we are always hoping for more.*

***Take care, Katherine and the Music Voyage team***

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