Dear Parents and Guardians,

Term 4 is upon us! How quickly the school year goes. It is no surprise that things at Glen Waverley Secondary College this week have picked up where they left off seamlessly. Students are eager to recommence their studies and teachers are keen to make the most of the remaining weeks of learning time. It’s a busy time of year for GWSC, so keep an eye on Compass for updates about coming events.

Next week we look forward to our Spring Gala and Annual Art Show on Wednesday 16th. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their talent in the area of both the performing and visual arts – the event never disappoints. This will of course be closely followed by the last day of classes for our Year 12 students and the Valedictory. This is of course also signals the start of the exam period for these students. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them well. I trust that their diligence and hard work over the course of not just 2019, but also their many years of schooling, now has them well placed for this period of time.

Finishing off this week, I am privileged to announce our 2020 School Captains. On behalf of the College Community I wish to congratulate the Captains Zoe Spicer and Shanley Pillai, and Vice Captains Anushka Jerry Andrews and Dillon Fernando. Zoe, Shanley, Anushka and Dillon have all proven to be worthy of their respective roles and we look forward to working closely with them in 2020.

Kind regards

Joanne Wastle  I  Principal  I  Glen Waverley Secondary College
CAMS ‘Dare To Be Different’ Program – Year 7 Girls STEM Excursions

Twenty-eight girls from GWSC recently participated in the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport ‘Dare To Be Different’ program, attending events at the conclusion of Term 3 that were hosted by the Go Kart Club of Victoria and also Sandown International Motor Raceway. The ‘D2BD’ initiative aims to promote opportunities for girls within motorsport, showcase female role models who have dared to be different, connect girls who are willing to spark change, whilst inspiring the next generation of young women to smash preconceptions and prejudices allowing them to follow pathways into STEM related fields.

Our girls were engaged in a range of unique motorsport experiences, STEM challenges and exciting workshops, which were run by leading female drivers, engineers, mechanics, administrators and managers of national motorsport teams. Together they hit the track and experienced the thrill of high octane Go Karting, were put through their paces behind the wheel of supercharged V8 Supercars simulators, explored pit lane and the constructors garages at the Shannons ‘National Motorsport Racing Championships’, then also had the privilege of participating in an exclusive ‘Grid Walk’. Other highlights included the pit stop pressure test, filming a live television cross during the ‘Media in Motorsport’ workshop, racing model F1 cars in the coding and robotics challenge, creating special edition Supercars livery designs, in addition to completing reaction time and fitness testing.

All of our students had a great time at these ‘D2BD’ events, learning more about possible opportunities, pathways and future careers that are available to them within the motorsport industry. Thank-you to all of our Year 7 girls who dared to be different, you all represented our College with distinction during both of these events. Special thanks to Mrs Smolders and Mr Robinson for organising and supervising these special excursions for our future STEM leaders!
CAMS ‘DARE TO BE DIFFERENT’ PROGRAM - YEAR 7 GIRLS STEM EXCURSION

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

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AFL ‘ALL NATIONS’ STATE TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Chloe Lau, Vimani Jayawantha and Nayana Yenugula who represented Victoria as part of the AFL ‘All Nations’ U14 State Team, which recently played in the 2019 ‘AFL Diversity Cup’ competition. All three girls are members of our GWSC GIANTS AFL squad and were invited to trial for this multicultural program after their footy talents were identified during State School Victoria AFL Competitions and also the AFL Unity Cup. Throughout Term 3 they attended and excelled at regional and metropolitan trials run by the AFL, followed by a state-wide high performance camp at the Essendon Football Club training facility ‘The Hangar’, to gain selection in the ‘All Nations’ team.

In the lead up to the ‘AFL Diversity Cup’ our future AFLW stars were put through their paces and mentored by coaches, as well multicultural program player ambassadors from both the AFLW and AFL, at a three day residential camp based in Gippsland. Vimani, Nayana and Chloe were also kitted out with personalised AFL guernseys, training gear and custom team uniforms; that represented the many cultures involved in their team, which they wore with pride throughout the program.

All three girls represented themselves, their cultures and our College with aplomb during the ‘AFL Diversity Cup’, playing key roles for the Victorian ‘All Nations’ team who narrowly missed out on the title in a hard fought contest against the Victorian ‘Kickstart’ Indigenous team at the Morwell Recreation Reserve. Coaches from both sides involved in the cup final commended our three GWSC GIANTS on their footy IQ, silky skills, positive attitude, willingness to learn, in addition to the courtesy and respect that they demonstrated both on and off the field. We look forward to following the footballing journeys of Nayana, Chloe and Vimani within our GWSC GIANTS AFL Program in the near future and hopefully one day in the AFLW!
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