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GMAS Swimmers Fly the Flag at Busselton Open Water Swim

Busselton Freight Rising Star for June 2017, Tessa Viljoen, added a Silver Medal to her collection on Sunday at the Swimming WA Open Water Swim in Busselton. Swimming in the 5km event alongside sister Cara, the girls came in 2nd and 4th in the Under 18 Category, 14th and 17th in a field of 65 swimmers.

Having achieved National Qualifying Times, the girls are now focussed on training for the Australian Open Water Championships to be held at Brighton Beach in Adelaide at the end of January. This will be the third time they have attended, competing in the 7.5km and 10km events.

GMAS Swimming Club had fifteen swimmers across the 500m, 1.25km, 2.5km and 5km events on Sunday which attracted over 300 competitors.

Cornerstone College student and multi-class swimmer Maddison Stolp bravely finished 5th in the U15 category of the 500m event with Tessa Viljoen as Chaperone. Dunsborough Primary student Madison Stephens had Coach Sam Truran swim as Chaperone and finished 7th in the U11 category. Nine year old Ben Stone had mum Julie as Chaperone and finished in 11:34 minutes and 24th out of the 43 swimmers.

In the 1.25km event GMAS Students Lachlan Murray and Oliver Miles crossed the line in 3rd place and 7th place to win Silver Medals in the U15 and U18 Boys. Busselton High School student Chelsea White won her first ever Gold Medal taking first place in the U15 girls with team mate Coralie Sandor placing 3rd and presented with the Bronze Medal by Libby Mettam MLA. Eleven year old Taye Wright (Dunsborough Primary) finished 39th out of 81 swimmers in a time of 26:34.

Taking on 93 other swimmers the 2.5km swim were GMAS Students Ben Garcia, finishing 4th in the U18 Boys, Kaila Warner and Brianna Deimel, crossing the line in 5th & 6th U18 girls and Spencer Ferguson 6th U15 Boys.

GMAS Swimming Club members have been training regularly at the beach ahead of the event with Head Coach Kate Firth.

GMAS Swimming Club was pleased to assist Swimming WA and the Busselton Swimming Club in hosting the event. Our swimmers were also pleased to have their friends from Busselton Surf Life Saving looking out for their safety in the water. Next weekend the Club will be taking a team of 33 swimmers to compete at the South West Region Carnival in Bunbury.

GMAS Swimming Club (Inc) welcomes swimmers for fitness through to high performance and is open to students from all schools in the community.

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