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Active After-school
Communities

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St Brigid's School joins national initiative to get children active

Today the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) welcomed Wynyard's St Brigid's Primary School into the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program.

Getting the fun going was Mike Martin, star import for the North West Thunder Basketball Club.

Mike, along with some other coaches, presented fun and safe games and activities for the 30 St Brigid's pupils.

It wasn't just children who benefited from the program with five teachers and other St Brigid's community members also recently completing a free community coach course which enables them to work more effectively and have great fun with children.

St Brigid's Principal Elaine Barrenger said she was delighted that the school was now part of the AASC program, which is a national initiative that provides primary school-aged children all over Australia with a positive introduction to more than 70 different sports.

"By taking part in this program, we will be creating more opportunities for children in Wynyard to take part in sport and other structured physical activity after school," Mrs Barrenger said.

"We hope this means that children will enjoy a sport so much that they join a local club or team."

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom was on site to officially launch the program.

"I'm always delighted to attend launches such as this one, because sport is such an important part of children's lives, not only for the physical benefits, but also in terms of learning to be part of a team," Mr Sidebottom said.

"The AASC program is fantastic because it gets both students and their parents involved in physical activity together, which can only be a good thing."

The AASC program, an Australian Government initiative, is delivered by the Australian Sports Commission and provides primary school-aged children with a fun, free and safe introduction to more than 70 sports and 20 structured physical activities.

Up to 150,000 children participate in the AASC program, which is run in up to 3250 schools and after school care centres across every state and territory.

For more information about the AASC program you can visit:

www.ausport.gov.au/aasc.

What: Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom, North West Thunder players, coaches and children taking part in the AASC program.

When: 2.45pm – 3.45pm, Friday March 19.

Where: St Brigid's School – 40 Jackson St, Wynyard

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