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GYMPIE SOUTH'S 10 SPORTS IN 10 WEEKS PROJECT

C&K Gympie South Community Kindergarten are focused on providing their children with a play based, child initiated curriculum. It was this focus and one particular child Tyson Marshall's passion for football that lead to the kindergarten staff creating the *10 Sports in 10 Weeks project*.

Director Melanie Fitzgibbon said the kindergarten was fortunate enough to have Darren Burns, the NRL representative for Wide Bay, visit the kindergarten and share his knowledge and skills with the children.

"This was so well received that other children held discussions with our educators about the other sports they liked, and Kelly Backhouse, our Assistant, Kristy Lowe, our Additional Needs Assistant and I, created a list from the children's choices and began calling local sporting groups."

"We received overwhelming support from sports specialists in our area. After Darren, we have had Adam Cross for Soccer, Carol Groom from Gympie Amateur Athletics Club, Elissa Lyon from Gympie Gymnastics club, Paul Mitchell for Cricket, Cathy Howe for Bollywood, Michelle Webber from Cooloola Dance Academy and Mal Patterson from Baseball. We are looking forward to the other sports including Mark Pike for Hockey and Mark Shaw for Golf.

"We are really fortunate to have a lovely open grassed play area where all the sports could be held. The children as well as the staff have learnt so much from our visitors. Some of the children have even enrolled in or will be enrolling next year in their chosen sport. Everyone has had such a great time," said Melanie

C&K Gympie South Community Kindergarten are taking enrolments for 2014 for pre-prep children. Please contact the service if you would like more information on 5481 2046 or visit the website www.candk.asn.au

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