



Pyramid Hill College students tried there hand at Wheelchair sports recently.

PYRAMID Hill College children have experienced something different during this term's Active After-school Communities (AASC) program – wheelchair sports.

Wheel Talk Disability Awareness Program presenter for Wheelchair Sports Victoria Jason Sleep ran three sessions of wheelchair sports activities for the children at the school as part of their Term 4 AASC program.

Apart from getting the children involved, Jason also taught them about

spinal cord injury and prevention, and spoke about the range of sport and recreational opportunities available to people with a disability.

Jason leads by example, being the current waterskiing world champion and four time Australian champion. He was also the Wheelchair Sports Victoria Athlete of the Year in 2007.

Wheelchair Sports Promotions and Development Coordinator Adriana Tantau said the

Wheel Talk Disability Education Program is “one of our most successful and popular initiatives in Victoria”.

“The program also offers students the chance to ask those burning questions many want to ask about living with a disability, including what it's like to play sport in a wheelchair,” she said.

The program visited more than 17,000 students in over 120 schools and tertiary institutions annually throughout Victoria.

The AASC is a free Australian Government program that is delivered nationally and promotes the transition of primary school children into community sport. Around 150,000 children take part and gain the opportunity to experience over 70 different sports and other structured physical activities.

For more information on the AASC program and the annual awards, visit ausport.gov.au/aasc