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McLeod Country Golf Club

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BROOKFIELD TO PRODUCE THE NEXT GREG NORMAN?

Local Brookfield State School children are about to complete a six week junior golf clinic at McLeod Country Golf Club in Mount Ommaney, with another group due to commence next term.

According to Chris Johnston, McLeod Country Golf Club Pro and coach, the school has been sending groups of between 12 and 20 children to weekly group lessons at McLeod for the last few years, with the aim of introducing the game to them and possibly breeding the next Greg Norman.

"Golf offers children the opportunity to learn new skills and be active in a safe and enjoyable environment," he said.

Many of the children, who are in Grades 5, 6 and 7, had very limited prior exposure to golf prior to starting the course.

"One or two had been to the driving range with their mum or dad, but for most of them, it has been a great learning curve with a whole new range of skills, and the kids thoroughly enjoy it," Mr Johnston said.

Mr Johnston, a professional golfer, said that the group size was limited to 20 in total, to ensure the best opportunity for the children to learn their short game, wood shots, and putting, among other necessary skills.

Mr Johnston is hopeful that the term spent at McLeod Country Golf Club will inspire keen young golfers, and their parents too, to consider taking up the sport permanently, and perhaps joining the up-coming golf camp.

"Golf is a great sport for kids, because it offers valuable health benefits, improves hand-eye coordination, encourages interaction with others in a non-threatening environment and allows our children to enjoy and appreciate the great outdoors," he said.

Run over four days in school holidays, small groups of juniors are assigned to a Pro to guide them with their game. Bookings for the camp, starting 28 September, can be made by contacting Mr Johnston on 3376 3922

McLeod Country Golf Club has recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, and remains the first and only golf club fully administered by women in Australia for the enjoyment of all its players.

Today women, men and children make up the 1000-plus membership, enjoying the strong camaraderie and fellowship as well as a challenging game of golf on the 18-hole course.

Membership is open year round.

Ends.

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