

HPS Champion Dads Group 'Dad's of Hillarys (DOH)'

Calling all Dads,

Did you know there is a **Champion Dad's** group at Hillarys Primary School? They go by the name **Dad's of Hillarys (DOH)** and meet semi-regularly to organise events to assist/guide Dads to become better fathers (*see **Fathering Project** below*).

The focal point for the Hillarys Primary School 'Champion Dads' Group is Stephen Kretschmer who has three children at the school in grades 2, 5 and 6.

The first event for 2018 is planned for Sat 10th March which will be an early morning drive to Lancelin for some sand dune surfing followed by a light BBQ & swim at a beach nearby then back home in time for dinner. The logistics and full details are to be sorted between the Dad's over drinks tomorrow night **at the Breakwater Wed 7th March**. Summary details will then be sent out via their WhatsApp (***Dad's of Hillarys (doh!)***) & Facebook page (***Dads of Hillarys – Fathering Project***).

Other activities planned in 2018 are:

- *Something for Mother Day & Fathers Day.*
- *Something @ Moore River*
- *Hillarys Primary School Campout.*
- *Fathering Project Campout with other Schools at Subiaco or Optus Stadium (TBC)*
- *+ Your ideas.... (Go/billy-carts, large slip & slide on school oval, kite making etc..)*

Please contact Stephen on stephen.kretschmer@iinet.net.au for more info on any of the above and particularly if you'd like to help coordinate events on dates that suit you too!



Overview

<http://thefatheringproject.org/>

The Fathering Project is a core partner of The University of Western Australia who have provided significant support since our inception including administrative, financial, research and support services through the Office of Development and Faculty of Medicine.

The Fathering Project's home is at the UWA Claremont Campus and we aim to:

- Help fathers realise how important they are in a child's life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children.
- Encourage fathers to become proactive and get involved early with their children.
- Help fathers and father figures get connected in positive ways.
- Reach fathers in their situation: schools, workplaces, community groups.
- Utilise research-based evidence to encourage positive changes in fathers.
- Highlight the strong causal link between good fathering and the reduced incidence of harmful behaviours such as suicide, self-harm and substance abuse.