

Attention all Fathers & Father figures of Hillarys Primary,

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 monthly. The Fathering Project aims to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping father figures to engage positively with their kids (see <http://thefatheringproject.org> for more info).

The group get together once a month (1st Wed of every month) at local venues (i.e. Whitfords Brewery, The Breakwater or the Northshore). The meetings are still held during school holidays. Reminders are sent out via email, WhatsApp & Facebook. The meeting schedule is therefore as follows:

Wed 4th April @ Whitfords Brewery (Upstairs)
Wed 2nd May @ TBC
Wed 6th June @ TBC
etc..

Activities planned/suggested for 2018 includes:

- *Day Trip to Rottnest Island (Confirmed Sat 14th April – See page #2)*
- *Mother Day Prep event (Confirmed from 0730hrs Sun 29th April – See page #2)*
- *Dad's & Daughters only event (Possibly hands-on tutorial on hair braiding etc..)*
- *Dad's & Sons only event.*
- *Mid week / after work event (pottery painting or similar...).*
- *Beach Fishing (possibly @ Peron Point).*
- *Day trip to Moore River and/or Lancelin for sand hill sliding.*
- *Something for Fathers Day.*
- *Campout @ HPS or Moore River with mums invited (pending interest).*
- *Fathering Project Campout Schools at Subiaco or Optus Stadium (TBC)*
- *Bike Ride (possibly one-way meeting mums at the other end).*
- *+ Your ideas.... (Go/billy-carts, large slip & slide on school oval, kite making etc..)*

The best way to ensure you are able to attend an event your interested in, is to join the group to have your say in activities and dates etc..

The primary method of communication is via their WhatsApp group **Dad's of Hillarys (doh!)** & Facebook page (**Dads of Hillarys – Fathering Project**) both of which are accessed by emailing the coordinator (stephen.kretschmer@inet.net.au).

SEE PAGE 2 for info on the APRIL EVENTS...

FATHERING PROJECT ROTTNEST TRIP



GOAL : Low cost, stress free day at Rottneest Island with the kids (i.e. no bikes or eskys - back packs only). Activities based on capability of kindy/pre-primary however still expected to be fun for all ages. Older siblings or siblings that attend other schools also welcome.

DATE: Sat 14th April

COST : \$60/Adults + \$8.50/kid for max 2x kids (3rd child is \$39)

WHO : Fathers/Father figures & kids (sorry no mums).

FERRY : ROTTNEST EXPRESS (From North Port Fremantle) @0800hrs

FERRY : ROTTNEST EXPRESS (To North Port Fremantle) @1430hrs

ITINERARY :

- Catch the Ferry to Rottneest from North Port in Fremantle.
- Short walk to Bathurst Lighthouse after arrival for short break/early BYO morning tea.
- Walk to Pinky Beach, The Basin, Longreach Beach or Geordie Bay for swim & snorkel (weather pending).
- Walk back to Thompsons Bay for lunch from the Bakery, Subway or BYO as preferred by family.
- Competition for best Quokka/Kids selfie.
- Sand castles competition + beach games whilst waiting for the 1430hrs return ferry.
- Home in time for dinner (welcome to stay longer if preferred).

PRE-REGISTRATION by email is required by **Friday 30th March.**

Please email the Dad's of Hillarys Coordinator to register and receive full details on how to book etc..
stephen.kretschmer@inet.net.au.



MOTHERS DAY PREP EVENT



GOAL : Make a unique something for Mothers Day that Mum will cherish that does not involve craft and/or items mum may have received previously and/or the kids may have made/purchased from school.

DATE: Sunday 29th April (i.e. 2x weeks before Mothers Day)

COST : 100% FREE by special arrangement & sponsorship.

WHO : Fathers/Father figures to bring the kids at specified time to participate.

If fathers are unavailable on the day, mums required to find an alternative male figure to bring them down be it a relative, friend, child's friend Dad or neighbour (it's so easy even Grandpa can cover it). Mums requested to be respectful and stay clear so as not to spoil the surprise.

TIME: Sessions start @ 0730am and go until ~ 1030hrs pending interest.

Session groups will be pre-determined and should take <15mins each.

Pre-Registration is required by Friday 13th April for session assignment to avoid missing out.

Unfortunately on the day turn-ups and/or late registrations will not be able to participate.

MORE DETAILS : Full details will be sent to those who register by email as we'd like to keep details of mums gift a secret from mum if possible. The email attachment that is sent will include a **SPOILER ALERT PAGE** asking mums to forward to Dad / Father figure and **not to look** or at the very least not to tell other mums and spoil it for them.

Note: A couple of mums were asked what they thought about what was planned and they were unanimous in the view that they'd be very disappointed if they didn't received what was planned.

Please email the Dad's of Hillarys Coordinator to **register** to receive full details and **your allocated time.**
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