

Hey!  
Want to see Dads  
more involved with their  
children AND the school?

Let's check these guys out!!





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Introducing... ***BETTER MEN Australia***

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We support men of all ages and cultures (and their families) to make this shift possible through life-changing:

- mentoring adventures
- on-line and face-to-face coaching and mentoring
- entertaining events and practical seminars
- consultancy to councils, agencies, businesses, churches and clubs.

**TOGETHER** we can build a nation of better men.



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Pit Stop

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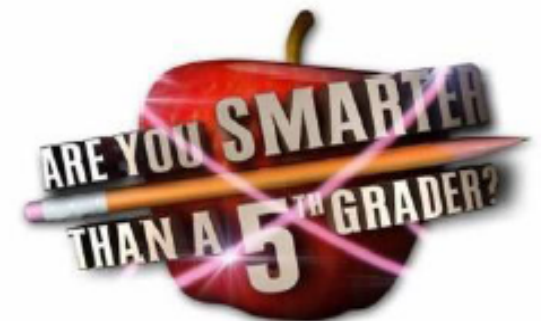


Harkaway Primary School    Years 3-6

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**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**RSVP**  
Monday Sept 13

**6.00pm – 8.00pm**  
Places limited. Bookings essential.  
Enquires: School Admin 03 9707 1475

**Brought to you by:**

**FREE!**  
DINNER INCLUDED



Funded by the Federal Government Chaplaincy Program

SIDE 1 of A5  
FLYER THAT WE  
PROVIDE FOR  
THE SCHOOL TO  
COPY FOR EACH  
STUDENT

# YOUR invitation

\* Cross out whatever is not true

Dear \*Dad/Grand-Dad/Step-Dad/Superman/Random-Man/Man-who-has-been-like-a-dad-to-me,

Would you please take me to \*Movie World/AFL Grand final/School for this great night? There will be  
\*Monster Trucks/pizza and soft drink/Crusty Demons/ a Beatles re-union. We might get on the game show  
they're having with lots of prizes including \*iPads/extreme makeovers/jet skis/junk you can sell at our next  
garage sale. It'll be fun!

Thanks! You're the best!

From \_\_\_\_\_

your \*adoring/sensational/always obedient/very grateful

\*Son/daughter/friend who doesn't mind being seen in public with you.

TEAR OFF AND HAND IN AT SCHOOL BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13

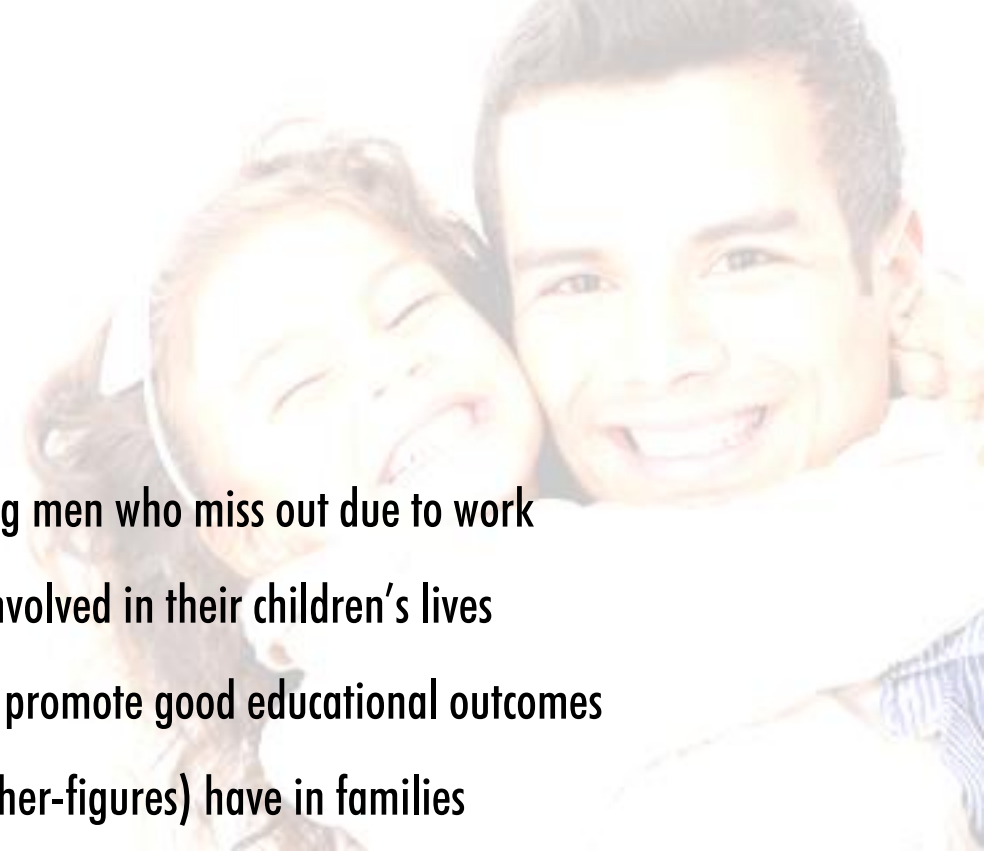
We are coming to **Date with Dad** on Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm start

Adult's name: .....

Student's name ..... Class.....

Side 2  
Kids complete at  
school and  
personally give to  
Dad (or father-  
figure)

# Aim & Objectives




- To Build the sense of community in the school involving men who miss out due to work
- To Build a strong commitment in fathers to be more involved in their children's lives
- To Underline the importance of father-involvement to promote good educational outcomes
- To Honor, value and appreciate the role dads (and father-figures) have in families
- To Validate the child's worth by having dad make the effort to be their 'date'
- To Encourage dads to set aside a regular date to spend quality time with each child
- To Promote a *Pit Stop* parenting program, one-off 'taster sessions' or other initiatives
- To Provide *Help Mate* pocket directory of services for men and other resources
- To Demonstrate that the host school is a father-friendly school

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# Program

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- 6.00pm PIZZA while music and funny video clips entertain the audience.
- 6.30pm WELCOME - School Principal
- 6.35pm INTRO & ICE-BREAKER – ‘Dad, tell me a Dad Joke’
- 6.45pm TALKIN’ ‘BOUT YOUR GENERATION
- 7.00pm INTERACTION – ‘Dad, what was it like for you growing up?’
- 7.10pm MILLIONAIRE HOT SEAT
- 7.25pm INTERACTION - ‘Hey Dad, 50 Boredom Busters That Won’t Break the Bank!’
- 7.35pm ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER?
- 7.50pm FINALE - prize giveaways, wrap up, feedback, principal close, music.
- 8.00pm FINISHED

Program can be  
modified.  
Best suited for  
Grades 4-6.

# Evaluation

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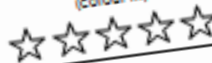


### FEEDBACK FORM

Many thanks for attending and providing your feedback. Please **CIRCLE** the letter that best represents your view.

1. Did the event achieve its aims? ie 'One special evening for Dads and Kids to laugh, learn and connect'  
a. Definitely Yes!      b. Mostly yes      c. A little      d. Not at all
2. Did your child enjoy the evening out with you? (Feel free to ask him/her/them)  
a. Definitely Yes!      b. Mostly yes      c. A little      d. Not at all
3. Do you think the event communicated the importance of father involvement in a child's life?  
a. Definitely Yes!      b. Mostly yes      c. A little      d. Not at all
4. Has the event helped you to commit setting aside regular quality time with your children?  
a. Definitely Yes!      b. Mostly yes      c. A little      d. Not at all
5. Did the event help you feel valued and appreciated as a parent (or father-figure)?  
a. Definitely Yes!      b. Mostly yes      c. A little      d. Not at all
6. Has this event demonstrated that Harkaway Primary School is a father-friendly school?  
a. Definitely Yes!      b. Mostly yes      c. A little      d. Not at all
7. Was the length of the event appropriate?  
a. Just right      b. Too long      c. Too short

8. OVERALL RATING  
(colour in)



9. Would you like to be contacted about other BETTER MEN events, news and opportunities? YES / NO
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_

10. COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S GRADE  
(Circle)

Prep 1 2 3 4 5 6

Can be  
modified.

# Testimonials

## 85% of School's Dads attended this event!

"Wednesday night we had over 100 dads and kids at Mahogany Rise for a very special *Date with Dad*. It was a fantastic night for the children and their dads. The children were buzzing at school the next day and faces lit up as they talked about how special it was to have Dad along at school... many we had never seen before!"

Daniel Riley – A/Principal

## 'Great success' at St Mary's Hastings

"At a time when families are often under pressure from a number of different directions, it is valuable to take a step back now and then in order to re examine priorities in our lives. *Date with Dad* certainly helped many in our community to do that."

Richard Mucha - Principal



## Council applauds Date with Dad

"Teaching staff were delighted to see dads who rarely visit or were not known at the school, feel comfortable to participate in a welcoming and non threatening activity with their child. These events also endeavoured to build on previous activities conducted at schools aimed at increasing dads' participation and interest in their children's schooling."

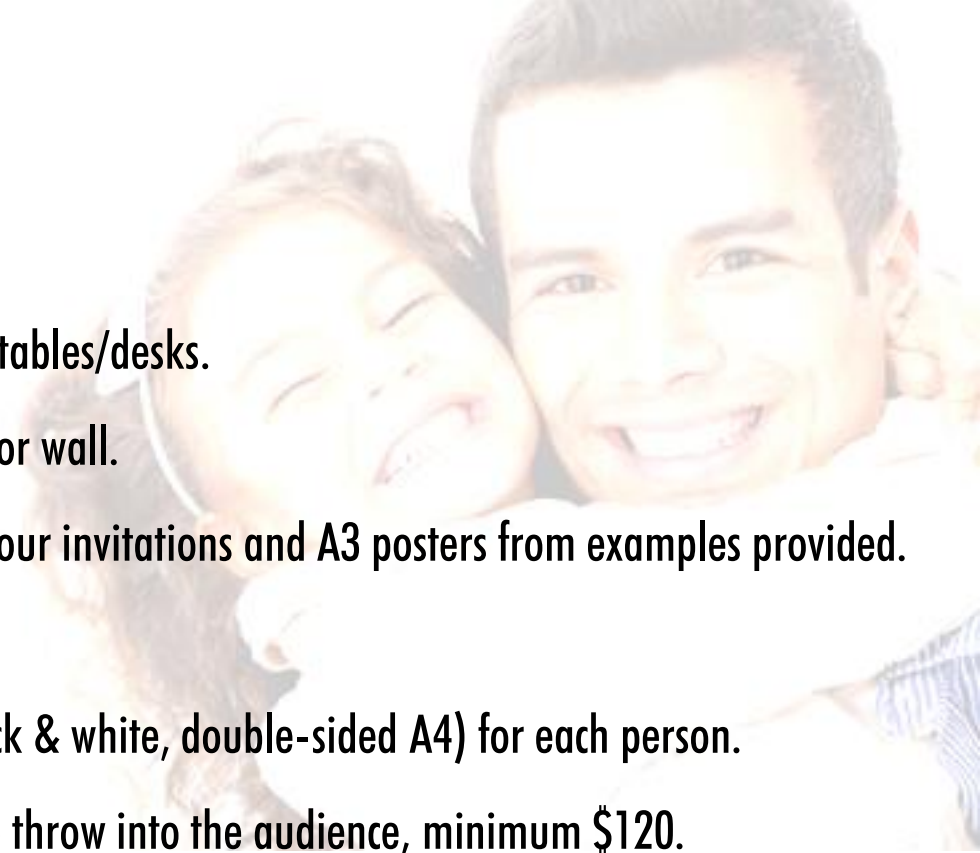
Deilia Murray – Frankston City Council



# Resourcing:

## SCHOOL TO PROVIDE:

- ☐ Venue with chairs for all in theatre style, and 5 tables/desks.
- ☐ 2 microphones, sound system and white screen or wall.
- ☐ Adapt, print and distribute A5 double-sided colour invitations and A3 posters from examples provided.
- ☐ Admin staff time to receive and collate RSVPs.
- ☐ Photocopies of our Boredom Busters sheet (black & white, double-sided A4) for each person.
- ☐ Minimum of 12 prizes plus some (soft) prizes to throw into the audience, minimum \$120.
- ☐ Catering — arrange pizza delivery and healthy soft drink, napkins, cups.
- ☐ Emcee (usually a principal) to open and close event.
- ☐ Responsibility for set up and clean up.
- ☐ Payment to Better Men within 14 days. (Could be offset by \$5 entry fee per family)
- ☐ Interstate airfare from Melbourne and accommodation if required.



# Resourcing:

## BETTER MEN AUSTRALIA TO PROVIDE:

- ☐ Laptop, data projector, all props
- ☐ Publicity invitation examples (to be modified and printed by the school)
- ☐ Boredom Busters (to be copied by the school)
- ☐ Attendance at a school assembly to promote the event and distribute invitations
- ☐ Program and facilitation
- ☐ Mensline brochures, Foundation 49 Health magazines for men, and other resources.
- ☐ Assistance with set up and clean up



# Options & Cost\*

\* For Not-For-Profit organisations and schools.  
Corporate prices on application.

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1. Date with Dad event (not including prizes and catering) \$ 870.
  2. A six session weekend Pit Stop course (mixed, or just dads) \$1975.
  3. An eight session weekly Pit Stop course (within 50km radius of Berwick) \$2975.
  4. Stand-alone 2.5 hour parenting sessions (mixed, or just dads) \$ 455.
  5. Professional development sessions for school staff (one hour to full day) min. \$ 260.
  6. Interactive topical personal/relational development sessions for students \$285 p/hr

## CONTACT:

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## ROB KOCH

**Founding Director and Principal Consultant, Trainer & Speaker**

**VOCATION:** Men's work consultant, trainer and speaker. Full-time with Monash Health as Men's Health and Parenting Educator and Refugee Community Health Co-Ordinator. Formerly with City of Casey, Windermere Child & Family Services, Baptist Union of QLD, and RAAF.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Health Counselling, Life Coaching, Workplace Training, Theology & Ministry.

**SPECIALTIES:** Fatherhood, Parenting, Men's Health, Men's Issues, Spirituality, Engaging Men, Refugee Health.

**INTERESTS:** Kayaking, Rugby League, Saxophone, Burma, Travel - basically any adventure.

**FAMILY:** Married for over 33 years with Son (32) Daughter (28)

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## WAYNE LORDING    Associate Director - Motivational Speaker and Date with Dad Champion

**VOCATION:** Full-time Sales and Marketing Executive. Acting and Modelling, Green Energy, Formerly with Hewlett Packard, Dell, IBM, Novell.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Leadership, Management, Electronics, Fixed & Rotary Wing Pilot, Life Keys Facilitation, Member of CEO Institute.

**SPECIALTIES:** Mental and Physical Fitness, Overcoming adversity, Character Development.

**INTERESTS:** Triathlons, Mountain Bike Riding, Flying, Modeling and Acting, Family, Skiing, Boating and Jetsking, Politics, Camping and 4x4, Farming, Motorbike Riding and Travel.

**FAMILY:** Single. Daughter (10).

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## **RICK WAKELIN** Associate Director - Pit Stop Champion, Facilitator, Trainer, Speaker and Consultant

VOCATION: Counsellor, Parent Educator, Urology Teaching Associate (Men's Health), Presenter, Consultant.

Former Soldier Australian Regular Army, Managing Director

QUALIFICATIONS: Counselling, Management, Leadership, Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training

SPECIALTIES: Men's Health & Wellbeing, Parenting, Relationships.

INTERESTS: Presenting, teaching, mentoring, cooking, illusion magic, sustainability and the environment.

FAMILY: Married for 20 years with two sons



## **JOHN KOCH** Associate Director - Adventures

VOCATION: Tradie - building fences, but currently studying for school chaplaincy.

QUALIFICATIONS: Mentoring, Drug and Alcohol, Cert IV in Workplace Training and Assessment,

SPECIALTIES: Adventure-based mentoring and team building, character development, problem solving, addictions, lateral thinking.

INTERESTS: Kayaking, Snow Skiing, Dog Breeding, Macro Photography, Eighties Music.

FAMILY: Repartnered, six children all up plus some adorable grandkids.



## **PIERO NELVA** Mentoring and Fatherhood Facilitation.

VOCATION: Medical Scientist in Anatomical Pathology, formerly Lecturer in Pathology Testing at R.M.I.T., facilitator of men's group at QEC, speaker at Medical Science conferences.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor of Applied Science, Fellow of Australian Institute of Medical Scientists, Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training

SPECIALTIES: Relationships, Men's spiritual journeys - my own is very much in progress.

INTERESTS: lecturing, cycling, camping,, reading, cooking, growing vegetables, suburban sustainability.

FAMILY: Married with two daughters (6 and 3)



## **ROB NEAL** Facilitator, Trainer, Speaker & Mentor

VOCATION: Former Police Officer and US Military Special Ops, now professional Trainer, Lecturer and Public Speaker,

QUALIFICATIONS: Master Trainer & Facilitator, Coaching & Mentoring, Management, Leadership, Cert IV in WTA, Bachelor of Business Management

SPECIALTIES: Workplace & Industrial Training, Overcoming Adversity, Motivation/Inspiration.

INTERESTS: Horses, Wood Working, Comedy Magic, Community Volunteering and my dogs.

FAMILY: Married to my best friend, 5 wonderful children and 2 gorgeous grandchildren (so far).



## STEPHEN CONNOR

### Pit Stop Facilitator & Developer and Personal Coach

VOCATION: Audiologist, and Secretary of Male Health Victoria Inc. Formerly Family Services Case Manager and Group Facilitator, plus Bushfire Case Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS: Masters in Clinical Audiology, Bachelor of Science, Cert IV in Counselling, Occupational Health & Safety.

SPECIALTIES: Grief and Loss, Parenting, Fitness, Environmental Issues, Animal Welfare.

INTERESTS: Men's Health, Ocean Swimming, Photography, Classical Music, Reading Fiction.

FAMILY: Recently married 'DINKY'



## PETER QUINN

### Pit Stop Facilitator and Personal Coach

VOCATION: Fire Fighter - Station Officer

QUALIFICATIONS: Diploma in Business Management;

Cert IV Workplace Trainer and Assessor; Cert IV Fitness Trainer.

SPECIALTIES: Mentoring, Fitness, Health and Wellbeing.

INTERESTS: My family will always come first; I get a kick out of watching my children achieve and interact. Most things in Health and Fitness.

FAMILY: Married 15 years; 5 daughters aged 2 - 14.



## STAN KOROSI    Counselling, Facilitation and Training.

VOCATION: Counsellor and Presenter. Director and Principal of *Dialogue-in-Growth-Mens' Action in Open Thinking*. Former Naval Officer, Engineer and I.T director.

QUALIFICATIONS: Counselling, psychotherapy, engineering, management and leadership.

SPECIALTIES: The human condition, destiny, men's spiritual development, masculinist philosophy and the mans' journey, parenting, step-parenting, relationships.

INTERESTS: Reading, music, The Tardis, science fiction, outdoors, creative expression and spiritual development.

FAMILY: Repartnered. Step-son (18), Daughter (14)