



# Fathering Project Report 2022/23

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## 2022 in review

### About the Fathering Project

“The Fathering Project is an evidence-based organisation that aims to promote positive fathering behaviours and fathers’ engagement with their infants, preschool, primary school and adolescent-aged children.” <https://thefatheringproject.org/about-us/>

Included in our fees is access to a variety of support resources (both for the school and for fathers). We have not fully maximised what is available in these resources and should seek to expand this over the course of the year. Peter Hayward has been our sponsor from the school community and assisted with arranging events. We will endeavour to work more closely with Peter to see what additional benefits we can derive.

### Events

It is our strategy to conduct a variety of events each year, some ‘Fathers only’ and some Fathers with children. 2022 presented some challenges with events (particularly in the first half of the year) and meant some regular events did not happen in 2022.

Our most popular and successful event is the Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Walking Picnic. This year over 65 families joined the breakfast at Richard Diggins park. Plenty of playground fun, muesli cups, fruit, bacon & egg rolls and coffee fuelled everyone up on a cool morning ready for the rowdy stroll through Subiaco up to school. Safe to say we stopped traffic several times and brought a tonne of energy to the Subiaco strip.

A handful of small, informal Dads and Kids events combined with three Dads only social catchups to keep things moving.

A new addition this year was to include a Bunnings Sausage sizzle fund raiser. Operating in 2 hours shifts from 6am to 4pm, a dedicated bunch of Subiaco Dads manned the stall with hot competition for the most sausages sold in a shift. The end result was a significant new fundraising channel for the P&C.

### The Year Ahead

The Focus this year is threefold:

- 1) Increase volunteer base (including more lead volunteers to help grow Fathering Project)
- 2) Regular activity plan (minimum 1 event per term)
- 3) Greater educational focus (including the online resources available)

To achieve these goals we are planning a first term “Fathers’ Welcome” session to run through the Fathering Project and how to better engage with the school,