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**Congratulations for Fathers Day**

**Science Shows Fathers are Important**

Warwick Marsh, founder of Dads4Kids said, *“Fathers Day is coming up on Sunday 1st of September and Dads4Kids including its board and volunteers, congratulates all those Aussie dads who make the daily sacrifices necessary to put their families first. Father’s Day is not only a celebration of Fatherhood but a time to remind us about the important role a father plays in his child’s life. Scientific research proves this to be the truth”.*

Marsh continued*, “Children with involved fathers are more confident, do better at school, better able to deal with frustration, better able to gain independence and their own identity, more likely to mature into compassionate adults, more likely to have a high self esteem, more sociable, more secure as infants, less likely to show signs of depression, less likely to commit suicide, more empathetic, adolescent girls are less likely to engage in sex and boys have been shown to be less aggressive:*

* ***63% of teen suicides come from fatherless homes.*** *That’s 5 times the national average. SOURCE: U.S. Dept of Health*
* ***80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes****. 14 times the national average. SOURCE: Justice and Behaviour*
* ***85% of children with behavioural problems come from fatherless homes.*** *20 times the national average. SOURCE: Centre for Disease Control*
* ***71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes****. 9 times the national average. SOURCE: National Principals Association Report*
* ***75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centres come from fatherless homes****. 10 times the national average. SOURCE: Rainbows for all God’s Children*
* ***85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes****. 20 times the national average. SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Justice.”*

Dads4Kids calls upon the broader community to support, strengthen and encourage all Aussie dads in their high calling as fathers. Every child deserves a great dad as well as a great mum. Fathers are very, very important!

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