

#KfmDads talk Father's Day

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BREAKING DAD

Do we show enough love for dads on Father's Day?
Dads are the heavy lifter, DIY fixer, taxi driver and the occasional cash machine. So why do dads not feel the love on Father's Day?
We surveyed a few #KfmDads about parenting, Father's Day and why dads get socks as gifts.



HOW MANY KIDS DO YOU HAVE?

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FOR MOTHER'S DAY, STORES OFFER UP SCENTED CANDLES, JEWELLERY, CHOCOLATES – GIFTS THAT MAY BE TACKY AND SENTIMENTAL, BUT AT LEAST SHOW SOME APPRECIATION FOR THE WOMAN WHO BROUGHT YOU INTO THE WORLD! DADS, ON THE OTHER HAND, DON'T GET THE VARIETY. WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

Outside of the personalised items like bathrobes etc., I think our gifts are always out there and very practical. I know it sounds cliché, but men generally need more help when shopping so shops having Mother's Day gifts front-row really saves a lot of our lives.



Well, to be fair, Moms carry you for 9 months, dealt with the pains, the body changes, the swollen ankles and morning sickness. They

I think Western Culture has given us this trend, because the societal picture of a dad is the man mowing the lawn, painting the house or busy in the garage with his toolbox out. I think the idea of a Dad is completely different and has been changing for decades especially in South Africa. Dads

I can tell you now, some women have had their partner's Father's Day gifts for months and won't be panic buying.

Morning sickness. They baked the cake from start to finish. All we did was add a little vanilla essence to the mixture. You can't possibly expect the same 'party'.

are now gamers, have skincare routines and are Yoga or Pilates experts. We must keep up with the changes especially on a commercial level.

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FUNNIEST FATHERHOOD STORY?



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I had my first child when I was 19, I was afraid, nervous but knew I had to step up for my daughter. No manual can ever prepare you for the first few nappy changes. It took some time to get acquainted with the colour, smell and texture of poop. The fact that you must smell or stick your finger in the nappy if you aren't sure... I know I am a big guy but the first few months- that was your best weapon to take me out.

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My son came with me, when he was 4 years old, to my stand-up comedy show at the Grand West Arena. I wanted him to experience what I did. So, he was with my wife in the wings of the stage. When I came off stage, he felt extremely sad for me. When I questioned why he was so sad, he said: "Daddy why are all those people laughing at you, they are being so horrible to you". He is a sensitive little guy and has always interpreted someone laughing at another as an insult. He is slowly starting to understand exactly what it is that I do.

I always recall a story with my youngest as my party trick at braais and family gatherings, back when we could have those. He went for an audition when he was 5 years old and, in the casting room, were a bunch of props. He looks at me and says, "Dad, there's a Bed". So, I look around and see a mattress up against the wall and I say "Yes, I see it, maybe someone sleeps here at night." He then exclaimed and said, "No! The BED!". I look around once more and see a decorative flamingo alongside the mattress and realised that his accent at the time was diverse thanks to the Disney channel which gave him an American twang at times but in this case, his crèche teacher was Tswana speaking and she pronounced things in her own unique way which in turn was part of his interesting multitude of accents at the time. The realisation here was that he was talking about the "BIRD". Lol.

ON YOUR SHOW, YOU PLAY THE MOST MUSIC TO MAKE YOUR FEEL GREAT, BUT WHAT SONGS DO YOUR KID/S LOVE?



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My kids have a vast taste in music, and I think it's also because they are growing and finding themselves so it's constantly changing. We moved from listening to Justin Bieber on repeat sometime of our lives to my oldest son playing Ricky Rick to my daughter playing music that she needs to inspire her for her theatre plays so I can't say what the go to music is now because they change all the time.

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Strangely enough, my eldest son Nate is going through a drumming phase. So, I made him a set of drums out of old paint tins. So, he enjoys music that he can drum along to, which now happens to be Dire Straits and Guns N Roses.

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I have two amazing sons. The 16-year-old is more of a Naruto and gaming enthusiast who is an undercover Eminem fan despite my reservations on the expletives in the music, but I love Eminem too, so it works. The 10-year-old picks up song lyrics after listening to a track once, so anything made popular by Tik Tok is his favourite such as Sunday Best by Surfaces or Roddy Rich tracks.

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