

DONCASTER PAC NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday, March 12 @ 6pm : Family Movie night**, Vote [here](#) to select the movies
- **Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 27:** Spring Break
- **Tuesday, April 7:** DPAC AGM (Dinner @ 6:30 pm; Meeting 6:45 - 8 pm)
- **Saturday, April 11:** Garden Work Party
- **Wednesday, April 22 @ 7 pm:** Parent Education Night "Supporting Children with Anxiety"
- **Saturday, May 23 @ 10 am to 2 pm:** 5th Annual Doncaster Community Yard Sale

DPAC AGM Call for Nominations

DPAC is officially seeking nominations for our 2026 -2027 Executive Board. Email dpac.doncaster@gmail.com with your interest or questions, or just come on out to the **DPAC AGM on Tuesday April 7 at 6:30 pm.**

We are looking for volunteers to fill several key roles:

- Executive Positions
- Coordinator Positions, like the Newsletter Coordinator.
- Event lead positions

Volunteering is a rewarding way to meet other parents, understand the inner workings of the school, and show your child the value of community.

On the AGM agenda:

- Vote in the 2026/27 Executive
- Select volunteers for coordinator roles
- Treasurers' annual financial report presentation
- Vote on the new Constitution and Bylaws.

After a year of revision, **we are ready to adopt our new Constitution and Bylaws.**

These drafts are based on BCCPAC guidelines and incorporate structures from nearby schools.

Following two meetings of discussion and feedback, the final versions are available for review on our website.

Questions? Please reach out to ocfurlong@gmail.com



February Wrap-Up & Appreciation

February was a busy and heart-warming month at Doncaster! Our annual **Family Bingo Night** was a huge hit, raising **\$552.73**. We saw three winners per round and a thrilling multi-winner finale! A massive thank you to our prize donors and our volunteers from both the parent community and the Reynolds Leadership Program for making the night so seamless.

Speaking of volunteers, our February Fun Lunch was sorted in record time! We truly appreciate everyone who joins us from 11am–12pm; your help is what keeps these days "fun" for everyone. Next Fun Lunch is in April.

In other news:

- **Pink Shirt Day:** The school looked wonderful on Feb 25! Doncaster Spiritwear, including anti-bullying pink shirts, is still [available for purchase [here](#)].
- **Purdys Fundraiser:** We raised **\$246.37!** Thank you to our "participating bunnies"—orders will be distributed over the next two weeks.



Family Bingo Night!

Pedalheads

Use this code toward Spring and summer camps for \$25 off your registration (and \$25 toward DPAC!) Code must be used by 30 June 2026. Spring Camps are open now. Summer camps open 7 April. Promo code: DONCASTER26

Doncaster Yard Sale

The Doncaster Community Yard Sale is on May 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm. Start collecting your items and look for the announcement to book your table!

Family Movie Night

Family Movie Night is on March 12 at 6 pm. We will have two shows playing simultaneously one in the library that is shorter and aimed at the younger students in our community. One in the gym that will be the regular length. Snack and drinks for sale!



SAVE THE DATE

DPAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 7TH 2026

Doors at 6:30 pm in the library

Free sushi, pizza & refreshments

Meeting starts at 6:45 pm

Highlights:

1. Elect DPAC Executive for 2026/27
2. Fill vacant Program & Event Lead positions
3. Overview of PAC's budget and projects
4. Review and Vote on DPAC's new constitution

All Doncaster parents welcome!



Youth Softball in Gordon Head

Ages 5 - 17

Learn to play softball at Majestic Park in Saanich. We provide emphasis on fun, friendship and skill development.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

April - June 2026 spring softball season. Closes March 31st, 2026



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Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) Board

The Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) is now accepting nominations for the VCPAC Board in accordance with the revised VCPAC Constitution and Bylaws (February 2026).

This year's election reflects VCPAC's updated board-at-large model, designed to strengthen participation, representation, and continuity.

Positions to Be Filled

- Nine (9) Directors at Large to serve on the VCPAC Board

Following the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the newly elected Board will select the Board Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) from among its members at the first Board meeting.

Who Is Eligible to Be Nominated

To be eligible for election to the VCPAC Board, a nominee must:

- Be a Parent of a child registered in School District 61 (Greater Victoria)
- Be nominated by an active member PAC of which they are a member
- Not be an employee of any public Board of Education

(As defined in Article V.1 of the revised bylaws.)



STUDENTS FIRST

How to Submit a Nomination

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- Nominations must be submitted by an active member PAC
- Each nomination must include:
 - The name of the nominee
 - The PAC submitting the nomination
 - Confirmation that the nominee accepts the nomination

A Nominating Committee will receive nominations and oversee the election process.

Nominations from the Floor

In addition to advance nominations, nominations may also be accepted from the floor at the AGM, provided that:

- The nominee is present or has given consent, and
 - The nomination is supported by the nominee's active member PAC voting delegate
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Election Process

- Elections will be held at the VCPAC Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 - Voting will be conducted by secret ballot or secure online polling, as determined by the Nominating Committee
 - Each active member PAC has one vote
 - When the number of nominees does not exceed the number of positions, nominees may be elected by acclamation
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Term of Office

- **Directors are elected for a 13-month term**
- **Terms begin June 1, 2026**
- **Board Officers may not hold the same officer role for more than four consecutive terms**



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Why Serve on the VCPAC Board

Serving on the VCPAC Board is an opportunity to:

- Advocate for students and families across SD61
- Support meaningful parent engagement
- Advise the Greater Victoria Board of Education
- Collaborate with PACs, community partners, and the school district

Important Dates

- Call for Nominations: February 2026
- Annual General Meeting: April 2026
- Board Term Begins: June 1, 2026

If your PAC has questions about eligibility or the nomination process, please contact the VCPAC Secretary.
