



**Our theme in April is: Be Calm/Sois calme
April 19-23**

**School hours 9am – 2:42pm
Some key school events this week**

Monday, April 19

Tuesday, April 20

Wednesday, April 21

Thursday, April 22

Friday, April 23

Important events coming up

Thursday, April 29: Class Photo Day

Friday, May 21: Pro-D Day: no school in session

Monday, May 24: Victoria Day: no school in session

Scooters/Bikes Reminder

Just a friendly reminder to all students and parents to please NOT use scooters or bikes on the school property to ensure the safety of our community. Instead please walk beside your scooter or bike when you arrive to school. Thank you for your collaboration :)



New Vice Principal for the 2021/22 school year

I have the pleasure to announce that Emmanuelle Henry has been appointed as our new Vice Principal starting in September 2021. Emmanuelle will be attending the June PAC meeting. Welcome to Macaulay, Emmanuelle! Bienvenue!



Congratulations to Suzanne Weckend, our current Vice Principal, who will become the new Vice Principal of Arbutus Middle School effective in September 2021.



News from the Macaulay PAC:

Macaulay PAC Walkathon Fundraiser

Two weeks left in the Walk A Thon fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the \$1200 raised so far – way to go!

The walkathon is the PAC's main annual fundraiser, adapted this year to ensure everyone stays safe, with funds raised used to support Macaulay kids and teachers. Please return envelopes by **Friday**, April 30th (FAQ says Monday).

PAC AGM Coming Soon!

Please join us by Zoom on Wednesday, May 12 (6:30-8pm) for the Macaulay PAC AGM meeting. The Macaulay PAC is seeking new volunteers to fill Executive positions and we will be updating our Constitution and Bylaws.

[Considering Getting Involved?](#)

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) are parents supporting education and community at Macaulay. All parents, caregivers and guardians are welcome and encouraged to get involved!

The PAC's mission is to support, encourage and improve the quality of education through the provision of volunteer services, financial support and organized activities that will enhance and enrich the academic, physical, and social development of our children. Currently funded activities include treat days, chess lessons, playground equipment, stocking the emergency supplies tanker and teacher allowances. Pre-Covid events (that will return!) include fun lunch days, swimming lessons, first aid classes, school performances by Science Venture and more.

Executive roles include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and many more. Please consider joining the team with your fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and collaboration. We are currently seeking a new Treasurer for 2021/22, so if numbers are your thing please (please) reach out!

Draft Constitution and Bylaws

Interested in reviewing and providing input on the draft [Constitution](#), [Bylaws](#) and [Code of Ethics](#)? We'd love to hear from you!

Have questions, feedback or would like to put your name forward? Please email macaulaypac@gmail.com

Greater Victoria School District Budget

The Greater Victoria School District is preparing its budget for the 2021-2022 school year and there is still time to have your say. There are some significant decisions being made about funding for the coming year as the district has identified a deficit of \$7 million based on a decrease in revenue and increase in expense during the 2020-21 school year.

The Public Budget Information Session will be April 21, 2021 at 6:30pm. For details or to participate [visit here](#).

For additional information on the District's budget, please visit: www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/financial/

French Immersion Programs in BC

British Columbia's Ministry of Education is seeking to better understand the factors leading to increased demand for French Immersion programs across the province. It has assembled a short survey to learn more about the experiences, insights and ideas of those families with students currently learning in a French Immersion program as well as families who find themselves on a wait list for entry into a French Immersion program. The survey is open until *May 18, 2021 at 4pm*.

Visit: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/french-immersion-programs-in-b-c/>

Anti-Racism Reminders

As part of their [Resilience BC](#) work, the Province has launched a new Anti-Racism website with a collection of anti-racism reminders designed with artwork from talented BC-based artists. To learn more: <https://antiracist.gov.bc.ca/?fbclid=IwAR1A654IWHIob335hf063dE1-ccQvyWV7wh89zMJl1g8ATDwbr907k5TZ0>

Esquimalt's Active Transportation Planning

If you are interested in being engaged on active transportation, the Township of Esquimalt is currently engaging on their active transportation network plan. The intent of the plan is to:

- identify gaps in the pedestrian and cycling network;
- improve the quality and experience for people walking, biking and rolling;
- provide a roadmap for high priority improvements over the next 5–10 years;
- increase the share of trips completed by active transportation and to more broadly reach the greenhouse gas (GHG) targets set out in the Official Community Plan.

To learn more: <https://www.esquimalt.ca/business-development/engineering/active-transportation-planning-we-want-hear-you>. *Phase one of engagement closes April 19, 2021.*

Reach out anytime to the Macaulay PAC on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MacaulayPAC/>, by email macaulaypac@gmail.com, or through our website <https://macaulaypac.wordpress.com/>