



VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



Term one has been a good term for the school, our staff and our recruits. It has been a long term, particularly for our new recruits who had an extra two weeks of induction but a very successful term in all areas the school focuses on. Our new recruits have settled in well and our returning recruits have also stepped up a level with another year under their belts. The 2024 Recruit Leaders have already, in this first term,

demonstrated why they were selected for this important role. This year the initial process of learning the ropes at Vanguard seemed a little slow, but as the term progressed the pace of the adaption to the school's special character increased. It is very pleasing to be able to pass this on to you the parents/caregivers and thank you for the big part you play in helping us all make this happen. I am sure you will see this progress first hand at the ANZAC Day celebrations.

The Vanguard Military School Terminator, held up at Matakana on Thursday 14 March, was again a fantastic day out for the school. Thank you to Staff Mueller and his team, all the Vanguard staff and those former recruits who gave up their valuable time to assist the recruits on the day. Well done to all for the military precision, organisation and running of the event even when the bus broke down on the way home.

The recruits also need a word of praise for their gutsy and never give-up attitude to taking on the challenges of the event. To witness the teamwork, the support and encouragement and the determination every section displayed on the day was extremely satisfying. The feedback from all was of being highly impressed with what they witnessed. This was the first Terminator where the recruits had to lead without the assistance of their section leaders and every section stepped up and performed to a very high level. Well done Vanguard. It is these types of displays that set us apart and demonstrate what this school is achieving with its educational programme.

Recruit assessments in Term One have been as expected with Level Two and Three recruits not having many assessments being conducted at this time of year. For the Level One's this year, the new NCEA programme has resulted

in no finalised results at this time. These are expected to start coming in during Term Two. Our Level One recruits who have come to Vanguard without having completed their literacy and numeracy requirement will be focusing on getting this tidied up in the first half of Term Two.

Attendance Data Term One –(Period 22 January 2024 until 12 April 2024)

Attendance rate for whole school:

Justified absence	4.3%
Unjustified absence	0.8%
Intermittent unjustified absence	0.0%

Overall School attendance for Term

94.7%

Well done Recruits and a big thank-you to the staff and parents/caregivers for pushing the recruits hard to achieve this good result. Even though this is a good result, this is under the 2023 Vanguard Military School attendance rate of 95.2%.

Attendance by Year Level:

Level One:

Justified Absence	4.1%
Unjustified Absence	0.5%
Intermittent Unjustified absence	0.0%

Level Two:

Justified Absence	4.5%
Unjustified Absence	0.8%
Intermittent Unjustified absence	0.1%

Level Three:

Justified Absence	4.1%
Unjustified Absence	1.4%
Intermittent Unjustified absence	0.1%

Overall Year Level Attendance Rate

Level One	95.2%
Level Two	94.4%
Level Three	94.1%

It is very pleasing to see our new Level One recruits toping the attendance results for the term and a little disappointing to see the Level Threes at the bottom of the list.

Attendance by Gender:

Male:

Justified Absence	4.0%
Unjustified Absence	0.6%
Intermittent Unjustified absence	0.0%

Female:

Justified Absence	4.8%
Unjustified Absence	1.0%
Intermittent Unjustified absence	0.1%

Overall Attendance Rate

Male 95.2%

Female 93.9%

Well done the Boys and let's see what our Girls can do next term.

Māori Attendance for Term:

Justified Absence	5.6%
Unjustified Absence	1.8%
Intermittent Unjustified absence	0.1%

Overall School Attendance Rate for Māori

92.3%

Again, well done to our Māori recruits for a good result but we normally get to sit above the school average. We can make a big push in Term Two to get back to the top where we belong.

Attendance according to Ministry (90%)

27.3% of the school has 100% attendance for Term One.

55.9% of the school has between 90% and 99% for Term One.

This gives the school an 83.2%, which is above the Government target of 80%

16.7% of recruits are under 90%, but with an average of 86.2%.

40.7% of these are within 2% of 90%, and 33.3% of these recruits under 90%, are sitting at 89%.

4.3% of all recruits are under 85%, with no one under 80%

These are very good results compared with most other schools and the national averages but those few recruits who are under performing in this area will need to step up for yourself and your team in Term Two. The DP's will be following up with these few recruits and will be requesting parents/caregivers assist us with getting these last few recruits conditioned to coming to school regularly. Especially, those very few who are setting patterns around missing one day here and there.

I would like to thank all the staff, recruits and our parents/caregivers for their hard work this term and wish you all an enjoyable term break; you have all earned it. See you all at the ANZAC Day celebrations on Thursday 25 April.

Lest we forget



FROM THE ADMIN DESK

ABSENCES

A reminder for Term 2 that a parent/caregiver must call in an absence before 0830 to avoid recruits receiving a CT for Non-Contact. A recruit is more than welcome to also call in their absence in the first instance but a parent/caregiver must verify this by call or email by the allocated time.

If the school has to contact a parent/caregiver to investigate an absence, the recruit will also be issued a CT. A timely reminder also that all medical appointments or absence where a recruit will be late to school, must leave early or will be absent require approval from the Attendance Deputy Principal Staff Mueller prior to the day they require leave.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PT

Please discuss the process of lanyards with your recruit and their Section Leader. Recruits may only provide a written note from parents/caregivers for a short time before a medical note must be provided. Excusing your child from PT must be done in writing prior to midday either by note or by email on admin@vanguard.school.nz. We cannot take calls during the lunch rush regarding exemptions from PT.

Welcome
Staff Hick, Staff
O'Malley and Staff
Best



INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points
NGARIMU	253
WARD	247
TRENT	205
TRIGG	195
ELLIOTT	165
BASSETT	148
HULME	135
UPHAM	114
JUDSON	80
LAURENT	72
APIATA	55

WELL DONE
NGARIMU!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

- 12 APR End of Term 1
- 25 APR ANZAC DAY
- 29 APR Start of Term 2
- 7 MAY Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 14 MAY Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 3 JUN King's Birthday
- 28 JUN Matariki
- 5 JUL End of Term 2

ANZAC DAY SERVICES 25th APRIL

Auckland Museum
0530
Browns Bay 0815



ANZAC DAY
Let us not forget

DEFENCE FORCE STUDIES TRAMP

On Saturday 13th April, Staff Pritchard, Staff Mueller, Staff Taikato and Staff Montgomery took the Level 2 Defence Force Studies recruits on an overnight tramp up the Pinnacles in the Coromandel. It was a blustery and wet excursion but fun was had by all.



REMINDER

**RECRUITS
WEAR
WINTER
UNIFORM IN
TERM 2**

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TERMINATOR CHALLENGE

In March, we held our annual Terminator Challenge which is a highlight of the year for all recruits. This event gives recruits the ability to demonstrate leadership, bond with their section, refine teamwork strategies and gain confidence. It tests a recruit's mental tenacity and drive which falls in line with Vanguard values.

This year our Terminator winner was: **WARD**

