



*VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



Vanguard has had a whirlwind Term Two this year. The school has been fortunate enough to have avoided another shutdown and distance learning programme. A big thank you must go to our recruits and our parents/caregivers for assisting the school in this regard. It is always

difficult to accommodate two opposites: attending school every day, but not coming to school if any cold or flu symptoms occur. We did experience a strong second wave of Covid-19 infections in the early part of the term and this, combined with the unusually high level of winter ailments, stretched our attendance to the limit. The school is still very proud of our ability to maintain a very high attendance rate for the term, in spite of all the sickness going around.

However, the biggest thanks must go to our staff, who also had to deal with the same issues, but had to soldier on at times to ensure the school could remain open.

During the term, our recruits welcomed the NZQA review team to the school, with an outstanding

display of static drill and a passionate school Haka. Well done to staff and the recruits that represented us so well during the review. The school relies heavily on a good MNA (Managing National Assessment) review, as this confirms the validity of the school's assessment processes and the very good academic results Vanguard achieves year after year.

The school's special character events have been badly affected over the last few years with all the Covid-19 restrictions, but the Battle of the Bays competition was held this term and was a great success. Well done to DP Montgomery, all the staff and the recruits, for the organisation and participation in another great Vanguard event. The commitment shown and the level of enjoyment by the recruits is what makes these events so valuable to Vanguard.

## Farewell!

It is with sadness that we have to farewell **Staff Steyn** at the end of Term Two. Staff Steyn has been an integral part of our Vanguard Staff since 2018, contributing in every aspect of the Vanguard experience. She will be so very missed by staff, recruits and parents/caregivers alike. We wish Staff Steyn and her family all the best with their move to Australia.



**To the Vanguard Staff**, thank you for another great term. Your dedication to our recruits, each other and the school is highly appreciated by all, and your hard work does not go unnoticed. Enjoy the well-deserved break and we will see you 'bright-eyed and bushy-tailed' on the first day of next term.

**To all our recruits**, thank you again for your commitment and effort this term, enjoy the break, have a good rest and we will see

you ready to go on the first day of next term. Please be safe during the term break.

**To our parents/whanau/caregivers**, thank you for your ongoing support of your children and our school.

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

### ABSENCES

A reminder for Term 3 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 where a recruit will be late to school or must leave early require approval from their Deputy Principal prior to the day they require leave.

### REMINDERS

Please remember when travelling to school that **MASKS on public transport** is mandatory. Safety is paramount while NZ still fights

the COVID battle so please remember your hand hygiene at all times and keep socially distanced from each other where possible. This helps our school and the wider community.

### TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

From April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, the **Government reduced public transport fares by half**. This will remain reflected in your next travel payments. Recruits will still receive the correct amounts to be able to buy concessions for travel to and from school.

You may also be aware that **student discounted fares ended on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**. There is no need to have a new student ID card to renew this. The renewal process only requires you to have an AT



online account and your child's NSN (National Student Number). Once you have input these details into their AT online account, their student discount should be reactivated for another year. If you have questions about this process, please contact Auckland Transport directly to discuss on 09-3553553.

## EXEMPTIONS FROM PT

Please remember that ALL students are required to participate in PT daily. Should a recruit be unable to partake, we must have a medical note from a GP or interim email from parent while awaiting a medical appointment.

## INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

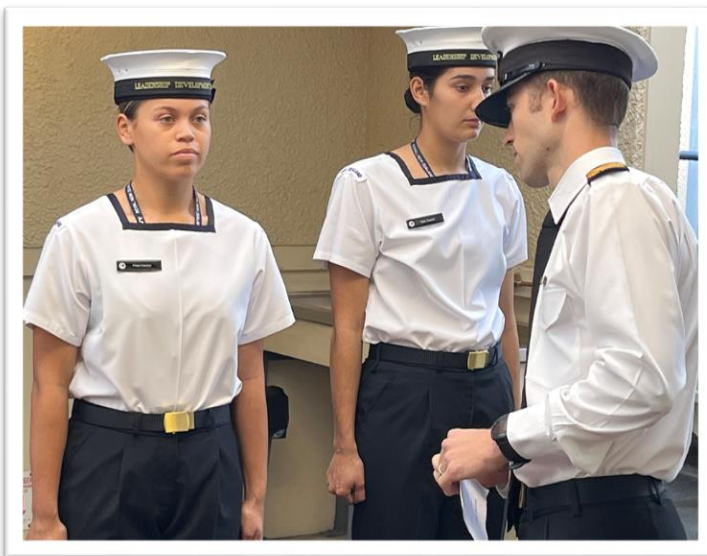
Section	Points
HINTON	425
TRENT	359
LAURENT	306
WARD	250
ELLIOTT	250
BASSETT	241
APIATA	224
UPHAM	222
TRIGG	196
HULME	129
JUDSON	116

## NZDF SUCCESSES

A few weeks ago, one of our recent Vanguard graduates Paige Hatcher completed her Basic Training with the Royal New Zealand Navy. Paige was a leader in 2021 and is a much-loved part of the Vanguard family. We wish her all the best in a long and wonderful and adventurous career with the NZ Defence Force.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

25 JULY	Start of Term 3
24 AUG	Teacher Only Day
30 SEPT	Vanguard Challenge Cup
30 SEPT	End of Term 3



**CONGRATULA-  
TIONS TO OUR  
NEWEST 300  
CLUB MEMBERS:**

Solomon Roberts

Nicholas Harper

**And for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year  
running:**

Samuel Hardy

Jackson Smith

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

We are currently recruiting for our 2023 intake. We have had two very successful Orientation Evenings and we are planning a third date. Now is the time to let all your family and friends know about Vanguard before we close our applications off for the year.

You can direct anyone you know who may be interested to our Facebook page for information or to our school website on [www.vanguard.school.nz](http://www.vanguard.school.nz)

**We recently had a visit from William Waiirua of the AM Show who was put through his paces by our staff.**

**He thoroughly enjoyed his time talking to our recruits and learning about Vanguard.**

