



VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



2020 has indeed been an exceptionally challenging year for us all; having to adapt, at very short notice, to a completely unprecedented set of circumstances that necessitated the use of a learning method very foreign to Vanguard. I would like to convey a huge thank you to all of our Van-

guard Community/ Family on behalf of the Vanguard Military School Board of Trustees, for the sterling effort, attitude and resilience demonstrated during this crisis.

This would include our recruits and their families; for the enormous collective effort that allowed our school to be a leader in the distance learning area. Not too many secondary schools were able to, at such short notice, convert to a full timetable delivered online, that allowed the learners to progress with the least amount of disruption to learning development during this time. Also, to be able to maintain the attendance/engagement rates during distance learning at close to 100% for the entire duration, was truly amazing. So, a big thank you to the recruits for this effort and their families for supporting and helping them maintain this.



To the Vanguard Staff, a big thank you for your effort, your positive attitude, your adaptability, your resilience and your belief in your recruits. Vanguard usually has a long term one, with two weeks of induction for new recruits tagged onto the start of the term, but for our staff and many others from all the schools in New Zealand, a twenty-four-week term has been record-setting. This is without even taking into account the disruption caused by having to include five weeks of distance learning preparation and delivery. Well done to the Vanguard Staff and recruits.

Term One/Two performance results have been behind schedule this year. The reason for this being the unscheduled interruption to term one, which was cut short

by three weeks and the disadvantages of the lockdown. Even though distance learning was occurring at a good pace during the lockdown, distance assessment was not possible and needed to be caught up once we all got back to school, and this also impacted on the planned academic timeline for 2020. Most subjects are purposely making up this lost time slowly, so as not to cause excessive stress for our recruits. So, recruits and parents, please do not get concerned with the lower than normal number of credits achieved at this time, but rather look at any credits not achieved as the measure for possible concern.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tue 21 Jul 3pm-6pm

Wed 22 Jul 5pm-8pm

The Vanguard staff are looking forward to the scheduled parent/teacher interviews being held in week one of term three, where they can chat with you and you can get firsthand information regarding your child's subject progress.

School sport has started up again and we wish our recruits involved in the different teams all the best for the season. Also, a doffing of the cap to our girl's social netball team who comfortably won their

first game against their West Lake social team opposition.

Congratulations to Jackson Smith and Oscar McKenzie-Linnell for their successful **300 Club** performances. Jackson for the first time and Oscar for the third time.



It is with pleasure that we welcome Staff Clarke to the school. Staff Clarke joined the admin team just before the lockdown and in her short time with us has become an integral part of the Staff Team. We thank her for her contribution to date and hope she has a long and enjoyable stay at the school.

To the Vanguard Staff, thank you again for another great term, your dedication to our recruits and all your hard work is highly appreciated by all. Enjoy the well-deserved break and we will see you all bright-eyed and bushy tailed on the first day of next term.

To our recruits, thank you again for your effort during this rather unusual term, enjoy the break, have a good rest, you have earned it, 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 this school.

FROM THE ADMIN DESK

AT HOP CARD CONCESSIONS

For those not aware, AT HOP card concessions have expired on June 30th so if your child is having trouble tagging on and off, please either renew online with the form Apply for A New Concession or contact AT Hop directly for assistance.

Once you have submitted the online form, you will need to show your most recent Student ID from 2020 to staff at a station with a customer service kiosk so they can activate your new concession which will last for one year.

If you have any issues with this process, please contact AT Hop directly as Vanguard do not have authority to act on your behalf to remedy this issue some students are encountering.

ABSENCES

A reminder for Term 3 that a parent/caregiver must call in an absence before 0830 to avoid students receiving a CT for Non-Contact.

A student 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 student will also be issued a CT. A timely reminder also that all medical appointments where a student will be late to school or must leave early need to be pre-approved by that student's Deputy Principal prior to the day they require leave.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 July	End of Term 2 Progress Reports
20 July	Term 3 Commences
21 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3pm – 6pm
22 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 5pm – 8pm
25 Sept	End of Term 3

PARENTAL PERSPECTIVES

We'd love to hear your feedback on what it's like to have your child attend Vanguard.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition, please contact us at: admin@vanguard.school.nz

INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD



Section	Points
Hinton	327
Laurent	268
Trigg	251
Ward	248
Upham	236
Apiata	228
Trent	220
Ngarimu	217
Hulme	215
Elliot	179
Judson	138

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

I just wanted to say how impressed I was by your students travelling on the Warkworth to Silverdale AT bus on Friday. Unfortunately, I didn't get the name of the male student I spoke to but he was so polite, well presented and communicated effectively about your school. I asked him a number of questions as I hadn't heard of you before and was really interested.

*Just wanted to pass on these thoughts.
Sharon*

*Hi team, once again I am appreciative of your school. I travel to work via train and your students always reflect well on your school. Today however was exceptional. On my way to the train at Britomart I saw two students from your school kneeling down talking to a couple of people who are without a home. In a city with so many in such circumstances, with most walking past and paying them no mind, I was so impressed. Thank goodness you have such wonderful examples of citizenship in your students, who will go on to serve our country. Please pass on to the leadership of your school that the standards you set are well represented in public.
Kind regards, Charlotte*

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