



VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



Term three has been a busy one but thankfully one without any interruptions. This has allowed us to get on with normal teaching and learning and we can see our recruits are starting to get back into a more normal routine at school.

I would like to thank our hard-working staff for another term of

fantastic work. Your efforts go well beyond the call of duty and are much appreciated by all. Pulling back the time lost over the last three years due to circumstances beyond our control is not an easy task and I would like to congratulate those recruits who have stuck to task and worked in overdrive to overcome this disadvantage. I would also like to thank those parents and caregivers who supported and motivated their children during this term, for your assistance outside of the school environment is so very important to maintaining the required effort for success at school.

The school has held three Orientation Evenings to date with very good interest and high numbers attending. With only one more opportunity to enrol for 2023, our 4th and final Orientation Evening will be held in week two of Term

4. A big thank you to our Vanguard community for your support in promoting these evenings and for spreading the word around to your friends and families.

In week seven this term, Vanguard hosted a visit from our local Member of Parliament, Erica Stanford. It has been a while since our recruits and staff have welcomed dignitaries to the school and it was a proud moment to see the sterling performance put on. For many of our new recruits, this was their first opportunity to experience a full school welcome for VIP's. Well done to all the staff and the recruits, your effort was equal to any pre-COVID performance. A big thanks must also go to Erica for her continued support of Vanguard, our recruits and their families and caregivers. Your support is highly appreciated by us all.

On Friday, the last day of Term 3, the entire school participated in the annual Vanguard Cup Challenge. This event was unfortunately cancelled last year due to lockdowns but it has traditionally been one of the annual highlights for both staff and recruits. The weather was expected to be atrocious, but with a light drizzle, no wind and relatively warm, it turned out to be very pleasant. A big thank you to DP Mueller for his organisation and all the assisting staff for a good event. Well done to the recruits who performed fantastically on the day. A Vanguard record was equaled by the recruits this year, as only once before in 2018, has every recruit who started this grueling event finished the event without a single withdrawal. The teamwork and the support the section members gave each other was exemplary. Well done Vanguard Recruits and Section Leaders.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce to our Vanguard community that we have secured two very important staff members who will start teaching at Vanguard at the start of Term 4 this year. We welcome back Staff Taikato as Head of Subject for Te Reo Māori and Dean. He has been greatly missed this year and we are so very pleased to have him resume his position at the school. We also welcome back Staff Beasley as Head of Physical Education. Staff Beasley has completed his OE and returns from overseas to resume his position at Vanguard.

I wish the staff and all our recruits the best for the term break, one that is well-deserved.



Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Head of Subject for Recruit Development Course, Staff Frazer.



FROM THE ADMIN DESK

ABSENCES

A reminder for Term 4 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 12pm.

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

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 1st 2022 – 31st January 2023, 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.

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	657
TRENT	446
LAURENT	420
BASSETT	417
ELLIOTT	409
APIATA	379
TRIGG	330
HULME	262
WARD	262
UPHAM	192
JUDSON	142

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

In Term 3, Year 13 recruit **Jacob Kim** got to experience the wonder that is....

Spirit of Adventure

This is his story: Voyage 844 of the Spirit of Adventure, is a journey I will never forget. In just ten days I learned so many things about myself as well as various skills such as Maritime navigation, Ropework, and much more. But most importantly,

I got to meet other wonderful and amazing people, trainees like myself on board the Spirit.

Without those people, the voyage would have been basically pointless, as it's the people that make the Spirit of Adventure special. That banter and comradeship is something I will miss and cherish in my heart. Honestly, the Spirit of Adventure changed my life for the good, it gave me confidence and helped me understand my strengths and weaknesses. The Voyage helped me realize how everyone is different and unique in their own way and that they all bring their own separate unique skills to the team. It helped me understand how diversity and different minds are important to have in a solid team. This encourages me to always be myself.

However, the main message that I got from the Spirit of Adventure is that friendship is everything. Without friends, life seems meaningless and depressing, but when you have someone to share your best moments with, it just makes your day and fills your daily life with happiness and purpose. When I was on the Spirit and I was high up on the yardarm, folding up the sails, I was



stressed out and nervous due to the scary heights. However, just having people I could depend on to help me and suffer with me, meant so much to me. It made things calmer and easier.

Lastly, my wish is that other Vanguard recruits get to go on the Spirit of Adventure. So that they can come back to school and influence not just themselves but other people on the values and lessons taught in the Spirit of Adventure. So that other people like myself can be a better person than they were yesterday.

Thank you for sharing your amazing adventure with us Jacob!



SPORT 2022

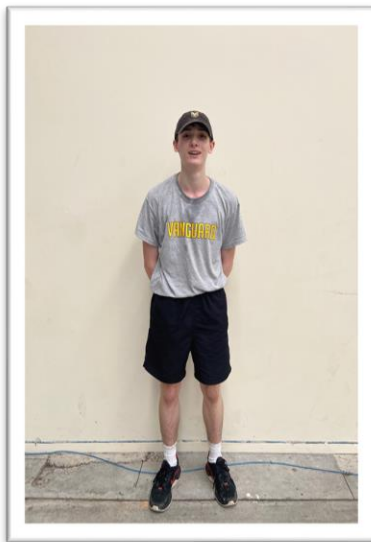
Over Winter, Vanguard had a superb season for Netball and Basketball. We won our division in Basketball with a nail biting final against Glenfield College at AUT.



In August, our Vanguard Netball team participated in UNISS in Howick. A first for Vanguard being able to represent the school in a tournament acknowledged by Netball New Zealand. Our team came 5th in our grade which means we are promoted to the next grade up for UNISS 2023.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST 300 CLUB MEMBER: FLYNN WILSON



UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

17 OCT	Start of Term 4
24 OCT	Labour Day
25 OCT	Orientation Evening
2-4 NOV	Derived Grade Exams
7 NOV	External Exams Begin
18 NOV	Teacher Only Day
23 NOV	Teacher Only Day
2 DEC	GRADUATION
2 DEC	End of Term 4
9 DEC	Office Closed for 2022

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

We are currently recruiting for our 2023 intake. We have had three very successful Orientation Evenings with a fourth and final date in the first week of Term 4. 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.

VANGUARD CHALLENGE CUP 2022

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Vanguard Challenge Cup..... **TRENT!**

An amazing day was had by all in Browns Bay organised by Staff Mueller. Some undesirable weather made for some fantastic military style events.



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