



*VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



Term 3 has been a very busy one for all concerned at Vanguard Military School, particularly the last few weeks of the term. Besides all the usual academic work, the school has also held two of our special character events this term. Those being the "Battle of the Bays" and the annual "Vanguard Challenge Cup". It was

amazing to see the extremely high calibre of the performances put in by the recruits and organisers this year. It is always very pleasing to see the professional organisation demonstrated by the staff and the recruits stepping right up. This could be due to the tightness of this year's Intersection Competition, where the lead has changed hands a number of times. Some sections that were struggling at first have now hit their straps and are pushing hard for that number one spot at graduation.

This term has been an amazingly successful one for our recruits academically. To date our Level 1 recruits are well on the way to accruing the required 80 credits to pass the year, while a good number of them are on track to achieve their Level 1 Certificate with endorsement at either merit or excellence. Our Level's 2 and 3

recruits have mostly all already passed the year and are now looking at finishing off the year with some good external exam results. A big thank you to all the staff and recruits who have worked so hard to make this happen again this year. Vanguard is well on track to making it a third year in a row where every recruit who has seen out the full year, passes the year. Well done to all.

An area where Vanguard has truly stepped up this year is in the area of school attendance. We traditionally do very well in this area, but this year has been exceptionally good. A huge thank you to those recruits who have been coming to school every day, and also to their parents, who have supported them to do this with that motivation or push out of bed when needed. I would also

have to thank the Section Leaders and Subject Teachers for the consistent motivation they provide our recruits with coming to school every day, even when the recruit is not feeling their best. I do not believe there would not be many schools in New Zealand who can claim much better attendance results than Vanguard.

We wish a number of our recruits who have already exited the school and taken up offers of employment all the best for the future. Many of this year's Level 3's are highly motivated and totally committed to achieving a university entrance pass. We wish them all the best for this with a reminder that all it takes is hard work and a never give up attitude. I would like to thank all of our recruits, their parents and our hard-working staff for putting in the effort to making this amazing performance to date possible.

Vanguard has had an extremely successful 2024 enrolment. All the Orientation Evenings were full to capacity and even though the school is now full, enrolments can still be taken for Level 2 and Level 3 applicants for 2024. We would like to congratulate all the successful new enrollees and express our sympathy with those who were unsuccessful this time or missed the enrolment window. It was extremely pleasing to see enrolments from across the length and breadth of the country.

I wish the staff and all our recruits the best for the coming term, and hope you have all had a good break.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

9 OCT	Start of Term 4
23 OCT	Labour Day
25-27 OCT	Derived Grade Exams
6 NOV	External Exams Begin
4 DEC	10 Year Anniversary
6 DEC	GRADUATION
6 DEC	End of Term 4
15 DEC	Office closes for 2023

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

### SUMMER UNIFORM

Remember that from the start of Term 4, all recruits must be in summer uniform. If you need to purchase extra short sleeve shirts, please visit the school website to place your order or you can pay cash at the school office. Please remember we do not have eftpos facilities in the office.

## INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points
HINTON	675
ELLIOTT	635
WARD	588
TRIGG	560
TRENT	523
HULME	499
JUDSON	499
LAURENT	486
NGARIMU	484
BASSETT	427
APIATA	426

WELL DONE!





# NAVY MARAE VISIT 2023

Our HOD for Te Reo and Tikanga Māori and POCSS(A) Andre Taikato took our Level 2&3 Te Reo recruits to the Navy Marae in Devonport in Term 3. Here is their story.....



Kia ora tātou,

He pānui tēnei e hāngai ana ki tō mātou noho Marae ki Te Tawa Moana.

The Navy Marae wānanga continues to be the biggest and most enjoyable calendar event for the Year 12 & Year 13's Te Reo Māori (TRM) classes. It provides an opportunity for recruits to embrace first-hand mātauranga (learning), manaakitanga (hospitality) and whakawhānaungatanga (relationships) within a cultural environment. In addition, they can experience a day in the life of a service person at Devonport Naval Base.

The recruit's morning consisted of Early Morning Activities such as a run, hill sprints and bombs of

the Stanley Bay wharf. In between leadership and cultural teaching & learning lessons, they were also blessed to enjoy quality dining-in at the Vince McGlone. This perhaps could have sealed the deal for those wanting to join the Navy.

Some of the many highlights were walking up Maunga Uika (North Head), learning Aotearoa NZ history, visiting the Navy Museum, games evening, and building and strengthening relationships between each other. It is these types of genuine experiences and encounters that are memorable and can often be the catalyst to career decision-making, or the reinforcement of the future dream and aspiration in the New Zealand Defence Force.



Staff Mueller and I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. I look forward to keeping the establishment of this relationship with the Royal New Zealand Navy.

*"Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōnā te ao, for the bird that partakes in education, opportunities are boundless."*



## 300 CLUB

In Term 3, recruits participated in the ultimate Vanguard fitness test 300 Club resulting in 3 new members. Congratulations to Maia Berryman, Nathan Basset and Raees Ahmed. Vanguard are very honoured to have been donated 300 Club pins by Will Iversen at Arrend Electrical. Mr Iversen is a long time supporter of Vanguard through his friend Staff Harrington and very kindly created the pins to celebrate the endurance and perseverance these recruits go through to reach this 300 Club achievement. We have a bronze pin for 1 year, a silver pin for two years in a row and a gold pin for 3 years of successfully conquering the 300 Club.



## TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI



During Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, we experienced many ways to learn, use and promote Māori Language at Vanguard Military School. Some examples were learning and using daily greetings, phrases, school Pepeha, parade commands, through to the involvement in Māori games, quizzes performing arts, traditional dress, and shared kai.

A big mihi and acknowledgement to the efforts shown towards the Haka ISC. The supreme haka winners for 2023 go to Ward Section, who also incorporated a karakia and the school Pepeha. Ka mau te wehi – outstanding work and effort! The top three placings for

the Māori language quiz were 1<sup>st</sup> Judson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hulme and 3<sup>rd</sup> Elliot Section.

Māori Language Week at Vanguard continues to grow and improve each year. Many thanks to everyone for your participation and/or contribution.

Whether you are learning a new phrase, cultural customs, a mihi, or perfecting your pronunciation, kia ū ki te kaupapa, be persistent and give

it heaps! Me karawhiua!

*-Staff Andre Taikato  
Head of Te Reo and Tikanga Māori*





# VANGUARD CHALLENGE CUP 2023



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