



VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



Vanguard has had another whirlwind Term Two this year. The term actually started on Thursday 25 April with the 2024 ANZAC day celebrations, which was during the second week of the first term holiday. The school participated in ceremonies at three venues. Our recruits who participated in Birkenhead performed a Flag Ceremony, with the

Museum group marching and performing a Haka at the end of the Dawn ceremony, and the bulk of our recruits marched at the Browns Bay Civic Service. All three groups performed with distinction, making us all very proud.

The school has been focusing on this term's academic work and motivating the recruits to maintain the good attendance rates. Even though we have struggled with the winter ailments this term, the school's attendance rate for Term Two is 93.7%. Well done recruits and a big thanks to parents, who help our staff to keep this amazing standard during the winter months.

It was great welcoming and meeting all our parents and caregivers to the 2024 Parent/Teacher Interview evenings at the start of the term. Thank you for your continued support of your children at Vanguard.

Term Two also presented another opportunity for the school to demonstrate our Military marching skills, when hosting a member of parliament on 14 May; the Hon David Seymour, the Minister of Regulation and the Associate Minister of Health, Finance, and Education.

He visited the school with a host of media people to announce his new partnership school programme. As is now tradition, our recruits and staff welcomed our guests with the highest standard of performance, which was clearly much appreciated by our guests and their respective entourages.

The school has been running Orientation Evenings this term for applicants wishing to enrol at Vanguard in 2025. These evenings have been full to capacity and the school is now almost full for 2025. To our current Level One and Two recruits, the school will soon be asking for confirmation of your return to Vanguard next year. Please note,

returning recruits hold precedence over new applicants.

It is with great sadness that we have had to farewell two staff members this term.

Staff Taikato has been a stalwart member of the Vanguard Staff Team since 2017. His enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment to educating young people, as well as his passion for Te Reo Māori, has made him an integral part of the Vanguard family. His work has positively influenced every recruit who has attended this school while he was here. We are all heavily indebted to Staff Taikato and we all have a huge amount to thank him for. The entire school community wishes him and his whanau all the best for the future.

Staff Pritchard left Vanguard at the end of this term, after a year and a half of being HOS Defence Force Studies; moving to Australia. Staff Pritchard's commitment and professionalism in the execution of his duties has been outstanding and highly valued by staff and recruits alike. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him back at the school in the future.



It is with much pleasure that we welcome **Staff Mehew** back to Vanguard. Staff Mehew left the school to embark on a career in the Fire Department at Auckland Airport. She has flourished in this environment but missed teaching so everyone at Vanguard is lucky to have her back in the fold bringing her new experiences with her to the classroom.



To the Vanguard Staff, thank you for another great term. Your dedication to supporting our recruits and all your hard work is highly appreciated by all. Enjoy the well-deserved break and we will see you relaxed, refreshed and ready to take on the first day of next term.

To all our recruits, thank you again for your 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 this school.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

- 22 JUL Start of Term 3
- 10-12 SEPT Literacy and Numeracy
Corequisite
Assessments
- 20 SEPT Vanguard Challenge Cup
- 27 SEPT End of Term 3
- 14 OCT Start of Term 4

FROM MANAGEMENT

ATTENDANCE REMINDER FROM DP MUELLER

As you know, our mission is to foster confident, happy, and successful young men and women. We believe that focusing on small, consistent habits leads to significant achievements. One such critical habit is regular attendance.

Here are some key points from the acceptance documents you signed, emphasizing our attendance policy:

Team Effort: *Your support is essential in helping us build confident, responsible, and resilient young adults. We rely on your partnership to achieve this goal.*

Attendance Limit: *Each recruit is allowed a maximum of 10% absence, covering both justified and unjustified reasons. This is crucial for maintaining the high success rates we aim for.*

Daily Attendance: *Recruits must attend school every day. Any planned absences must be approved by the Deputy Principal no less than 48 hours in advance.*

Absence Documentation for sickness: *A parent's note can only cover up to two consecutive days of absence. Beyond this, a medical certificate is required.*

Appointment Scheduling: *Please schedule medical or other appointments outside school hours. If unavoidable, obtain prior*

permission from the Deputy Principal.

Term-Time Holidays: *Avoid booking holidays during term time as it disrupts learning and makes catching up challenging for both recruit and staff.*

We appreciate your commitment to these guidelines, ensuring your child's success and the continued excellence of our school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION FROM DP COOKE

Vanguard Military School does not use a homework system to keep recruits up to date with their work, but rather has an academic catch up time built into our programme between 3 and 4pm each afternoon. This is a system that can be used should the recruits need extra time to catch up on work or complete something that needs to be finished for whatever reason. All recruits are expected to be available to attend these where required by staff.

At this point in the year recruits are starting to see more results from assessments and should be tracking their own credits with the progress sheets that they were given at the beginning of the year. Any recruit who is concerned about how they are making progress can discuss this with Staff Cooke at any point in time.

The first sitting of the Literacy and Numeracy corequisite assessments took place in May, but we will not know the results of

these until later in the year, so until then we are continuing to work with all recruits as if they need to re-sit the next assessment in September. Please take any opportunity at home to log in to Education Perfect and complete some practice work. There is no such thing as too much practice.

INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points
WARD	447
NGARIMU	411
TRENT	402
ELLIOTT	329
TRIGG	320
BASSETT	295
HULME	238
UPHAM	228
JUDSON	211
LAURENT	209
APIATA	188



ANZAC DAY 2024



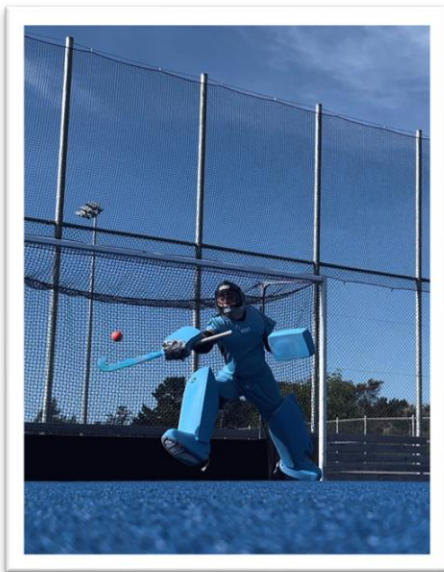
300 CLUB

In Term 2, we had a record number of recruits earn their bronze pin for their first completion of our coveted 300 Club. Congratulations to Torin Findlay, Luke Smith, Kyle Smith, Michael Tuilii, Reef van der Weide and Sean Esdale. Special mention to Nathan Bassett who received his silver pin as his second completion of 300 Club. Thank you to Arrend Electrical who sponsor this event.



RECRUIT ACHIEVEMENTS

Our Head Boy Sebastian Vainui is currently away playing hockey in a tournament for the North Harbour Under 18s. This term he earned his first senior international cap playing for NZ Pasifica vs Australia. He also currently plays for Takapuna Prem Reserves. Well done Sebastian!



Year 12 Max Claxton recently passed his Pilots License. Max is a SGT with Air Cadets at No 30 SQN in Hobsonville. Well done on your achievement Max!



Year 11 Kenny Vuglar recently competed in a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competition. Kenny received gold for under 67kg Gi and silver for non-Gi. Such an achievement Kenny!



Year 11 Torin Findlay (right) recently won gold for the Ski Free-style Competition at Snowplanet in his year group. He finished 22nd out of 89 for the race as a whole. Well done Torin!

