



*VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD*

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ACTING PRINCIPAL STEVE MUELLER



Greetings to you all.

As Term Three comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and growth we have witnessed over the past few months. This term has been filled with hard work, perseverance, and many memorable moments,

both inside and outside the classroom. I am immensely proud of the dedication shown by our students, staff, and families who continue to support our school community.

In a time when education in New Zealand is under intense scrutiny, with frequent reports highlighting challenges such as attendance, academic performance, and student behaviour, we are incredibly proud of the commitment and conduct of our recruits. For the past ten years, Vanguard has been a beacon of disciplined focus, positive decision-making, accountability, and high expectations. Our recruits consistently rise to meet these standards, positioning themselves for a future filled with wider opportunities.

At Vanguard Military School, we are incredibly fortunate to have a

team of dedicated and talented staff who consistently go above and beyond in their commitment to our recruits. Every day, our staff demonstrate unwavering care, attention, and professionalism, ensuring that each recruit receives the support and guidance they need to thrive. We are truly grateful for their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they make in the lives of our Vanguard family. I just wanted to take a moment to acknowledge them.

Along with our amazing staff we also have excellent pathways to make opportunities become realities for our recruits. An example of this is our commitment to attendance. Academic excellence and positive attitudes towards personal conduct. Our school attendance percentage remains high in spite of the many winter bugs that were doing the rounds.

93% is an exceptional effort which really emphasises the commitment of our recruits and their families to their studies. Of note, we still have 8 recruits sitting on 100% attendance so far for the year. Inspiring work.

As always, we are diligently working to ensure all recruits are tracking their credit achievements throughout the year. We are particularly impressed by the outstanding number of recruits who have earned merit and excellence credits. To date, Vanguard Military School has achieved 315 merit credits and 172 excellence credits. This is a highly commendable effort from our student body, reflecting their dedication and hard work.

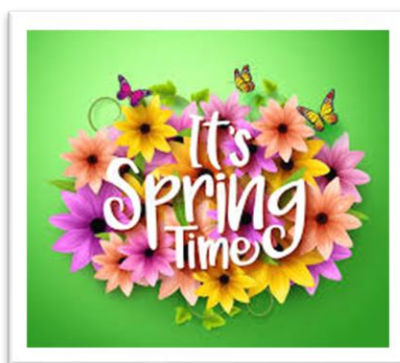
I want to bring to your attention the development of our 'Delta Company' within the PT area of the school. To earn a place in the school's elite Delta Company, recruits must consistently demonstrate the core values of a Vanguard recruit: a positive attitude, relentless effort, unwavering discipline, kindness, teamwork, effective communication, and embodying the true spirit of Vanguard. There are only 5 spots up for grabs and we are very proud to announce that **Mikee Tuialii, Kyle Smith, Luke Smith, Torin Findlay** and **Jayden Matthews** are the first members of Vanguard's Delta Company. This new group has been the brainchild of Staff Harrington. His vision was to create a company within the Vanguard ranks that holds the essence of what it truly means to

be a Vanguard recruit. We believe this new company will set the standard of expectation for all recruits to strive for. Well done boys!

Staying in the Physical Training arena, we have three new names to add to the 300 club. Huge congratulations must go to Sebastian Vainui, Jayden Matthews and Zane Goosen for their outstanding efforts in meeting the criteria for selection into our 300 club. Fantastic effort! They will now proudly wear the hard earned 300 Club pin on their collar.

As we approach the upcoming two-week holiday break, followed by a few regular school weeks next term before external examinations, I want to congratulate all Vanguard recruits for keeping a strong focus on their goals. We always remind our recruits that it's not how you start, but how you finish that truly matters. With that in mind, I encourage everyone to continue putting in their best efforts to finish the academic year on a high note. Your commitment and perseverance will make all the difference.

Enjoy your well-deserved break, and let's come back ready to finish strong!



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

14 OCT	Start of Term 4
23-25 OCT	Derived Grade Exams
28 OCT	Labour Day
5 NOV	National Exams Begin
5 DEC	Graduation Day
6 DEC	School Office Closed
13 DEC	School Closed for 2024

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

Please remember that all recruits are required to be in Summer Uniform from the first day of Term 4.

At Vanguard, we operate our exam period different to other school. Around exams, our study sessions and graduation practice mean that students are still at school most of the time. Please note that a timetable will be sent home early in Term 4 for you to be aware when your recruit is required at school. Failure to attend 2 Graduation practices unfortunately results in recruits being unable to march in with the rest of the school.

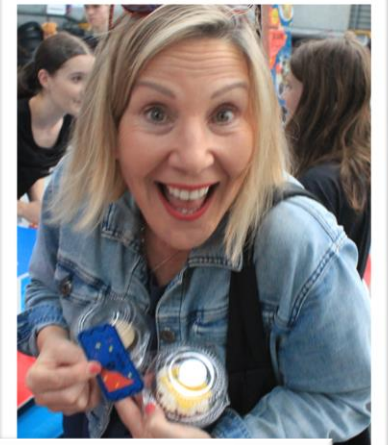
## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we held our long-awaited school fundraiser event. We have sadly not been able to hold this event since 2019 due to the pandemic. All proceeds were donated to the Vanguard Military School Charitable Trust which helps families in need. The school fundraiser is part of our ISC competition so there was always going to be a winner..... Congratulations UPHAM!

Our recruits, with staff help managed to raise a total of \$13,512 for the Charitable Trust which is the highest ever made through an ISC Fundraiser.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the following people who made this event possible. THANK YOU to Robyn Upton, Arrend Electrical, Fantastic Electrical, Pak n Save Albany, Pak n Save Warkworth, Mt Wellington Mitre 10, Woolworth Sunnynook, Woolworths Greville Road, Dermalogica, The Car Cleaning Company, Gilmores Albany, Thomson Family, Vuglar Family, Kris Cunningham from Ray White Milford, Woolworths Hobsonville, Bushmans Grill in Northcote, New World Kumeu, Shelley Guest, Briony Guest, New World Orewa, Pak n Save Silverdale, Northern Union Pub, Phillipa O'Malley, Adrian Trimmers, Regan Higgins, Paul Harvey, Tia Joseph, Ferris Family, Seiler-Mokoroa Family, Kookaburra Sport NZ, Claxton Whanau,

Kaye Whanau, Ilaaisane Tuakalau, Briar Downes, David Clifton, Wendy May, New World Long Bay, Huirama-Garvey Family, Van De Venter Family, Smith Family.



# VANGUARD CHALLENGE CUP

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, we held our highly anticipated Vanguard Challenge Cup at Cheltenham Beach in Devonport. This is an annual event that recruits and staff look forward to every year. After a postponement due to weather, we secured a beautiful sunny day last week to hold this event alongside BCT's from the Royal New Zealand Navy.



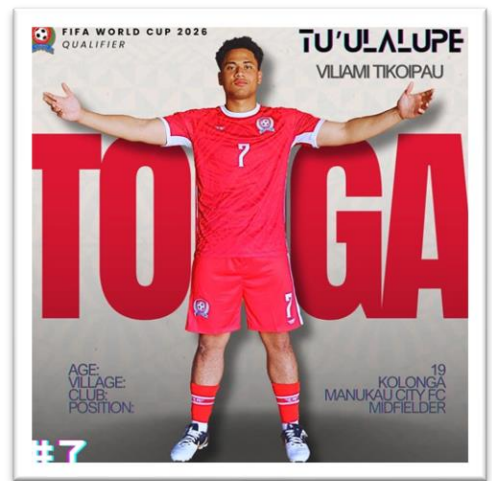
## INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points
NGARIMU	626
TRENT	616
WARD	607
ELLIOTT	549
TRIGG	493
BASSETT	479
JUDSON	450
UPHAM	420
LAURENT	414
HULME	340
APIATA	290

## VILIAMI TIKOIPAU FIFA 2024

Representing my country in the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers was a surreal and unforgettable experience. It was my first time visiting Tonga, and I instantly fell in love with everything—the food, the people, the scenery. It was so different from what I was used to in New Zealand. Putting on that jersey was unlike anything I've ever felt in my life. The faint scent of grass and mud brought back memories of when I first started playing football. Competing in front of cheering fans in Tonga, Fiji, and Samoa felt like being on top of the world. Scoring in a few of those games was even more rewarding, knowing I was contributing to my nation. Although we didn't qualify for the next stage, I left feeling proud to have represented not just myself, but also my country and family.

I met strangers who quickly became like brothers, and I deepened my connection to my culture, even gaining confidence in my native language. While writing about all my experiences could take a while, to keep it simple: it gifted me lasting memories and reignited my passion for football. Playing the sport I love for my national team has truly been a blessing I will cherish forever.



## 300 CLUB

In Term 3, we had added 3 new members to our 300 Club earning their bronze pin for their first time. Congratulations to Jayden Matthews, Sebastian Vainui and Zane Goosen (not pictured). Thank you to Will from Arrend Electrical who sponsors this event.