

# Vanguard News

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EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY

Welcome to the March edition of the Vanguard Military School newsletter.



It is difficult to believe that we are now into week four of term two, with the ANZAC Day celebrations during the first term

break feeling like just yesterday. Firstly, our recruits again performed with high distinction - by being on time, immaculately presented and groomed and representing us all with such pride, was fantastic to witness. Secondly, a very big thank you must go to the supporting families that helped make this all happen. Seeing so many parents and family supporting our recruits lets us know without doubt that the Vanguard family is healthy and strong.

Winter sport has kicked off this term with some amazing performances from our teams, and the introduction of two new codes this year. Both Netball and Rugby League teams are playing for the first time in Vanguard colours. The support our sports teams have been receiving has been great; keep it up.

Much to our frustration the school has again been thrust into the political spotlight, with large amounts of interest in the school, both positive and negative. Thank you all for the fantastic support we have received from our school community; it makes our stance on the matter even more resolute. We have hosted no less than five groups of interested people over the last two and a half weeks, all of whom have had only positive things to say about Vanguard and our amazing recruits.

It was a pleasure introducing New Zealand First Members of Parliament, Barbara Stewart and

Pita Paraone, to the school on the first Friday back. During the visit, both Barbara and Pita clearly demonstrated their experience and passion for New Zealand education and the recruits represented the school with a flawless presentation, making us all very proud to be associated with Vanguard Military School. A number of lucky recruits even got the opportunity to personally meet the members of parliament. Not wanting to sound too political, New Zealand First's policies match the Vanguard philosophy in many aspects, with a strong pride in being a New Zealander, equity for all and all working together for the benefit of the entire population. The Vanguard Educational Model clearly demonstrates this, with all the ethnic groups at the school being treated exactly the same - by placing high expectations on all, and most notably, all getting the same high level of achievement.

On Thursday of week two we hosted Graham Gibson, Andy Francis and Dr Steven Clarke from the Auckland RSA. With the school performing so well at the recent ANZAC day celebrations in Browns Bay, it was fantastic having these RSA members



meeting and chatting to recruits and having them convey their support and endorse the school so positively. This acknowledgement from real veterans, directly to our recruits, was extremely valuable to us in getting our recruits to understand the value our small contribution makes in remembering the sacrifices and keeping the memory of those that secured our freedom, alive.

On Friday, the very next day, we hosted Alan Gibbs and Rob McLeod, both strong supporters of the Partnership Educational Model. To be offered advice and encouragement from such successful businessmen was invaluable. The recruits again performed flawlessly, demonstrating all their passion and commitment with a very fierce Haka.

Week three of this term we again had guests on both Thursday and Friday. On Thursday we hosted Chris Hipkins, an outspoken critic of the partnership model. I would like to

think that the excellent presentation the recruits presented and the personal feedback Chris received from individual recruits and their parents, at the very least, planted that small seed of doubt in his mind as to the value of Vanguard Military School, to not only our school community, but to New Zealand Education as well. It would be very difficult for him to discount the positive messages he received from our school community.

On Friday the school hosted ACT party leader David Seymour and businessman Rob McLeod, the champions of the partnership school model, for a press release regarding the growth and development of the Partnership School Model in New Zealand. The recruits again made us all proud with their performance and the message going out to the wider community was very clear - Vanguard is a quality school and it's here to stay. The spin put on the evening news was a little disappointing considering the coverage given to the two misinformed opponents, who have run out of ideas as to why the Partnership School Model is a bad idea, and whose whingeing is now getting embarrassing.

***A message for our recruits: Thank you for the huge effort and sterling work you have all put into this term with regard to all the visit performances, your academic work and your general support for your school. It is much appreciated and it reinforces the Vanguard Family Ethos.***

## SCHOOL VISITS

The first half of Term 2 has proven very busy for the staff and students

at Vanguard. We have been fortunate enough to host visits from a group of very influential people including:

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Pita Paraone – NZ First  
Barbara Stewart – NZ First

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Graham Gibson – Auckland RSA  
Stephen Clarke – Auckland RSA  
Andy Francis – Auckland RSA

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Catherine Isaac – Partnerships  
Schools Authorisation Board  
Rob McLeod – Partnership Schools  
Authorisation Board  
Alan Gibbs

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Chris Hipkins – Labour MP

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

National Press Conference

These have been great opportunities for Vanguard where the students have once again risen to the occasion. The students put on great performances with some students even having the opportunity to meet and speak with our guests. Vanguard appreciates the time taken to visit the school and we thank all of the above guests for the opportunity to show what Vanguard is all about!



# ANZAC DAY

JEREMY HEDLEY

Term one was a long haul for Vanguard recruits. It started with 2 weeks of intensive induction learning unfamiliar concepts such as drill, movement protocols and formal Physical Training. Ten weeks of curriculum after this and the recruits were well due of a deserving holiday.

Of course ANZAC Day happened to fall right in the middle of term break and the recruits were required to represent Vanguard on this day. What a credit to the recruits that 98% of them were in attendance for the parade.

We had three large sections consisting of around 50 recruits in each marching in 4 files. It has to be said the recruits did themselves proud as they were not used to marching in 4 files and the cadence set by the Police pipe band was slower than expected. It took 30 or 40 meters for the recruits to adjust, however they held their heads high with shoulders back and quickly settled into the beat.

The self-discipline at the cenotaph had to be applauded as well. The Browns Bay parade is well known for having a beautiful setting under the Norfolk pines with the sound of waves gently rolling in and it was

great to see plenty of supporters. The crowd did well standing throughout the 45 minute service, but when one considers those



marching in the parade who have to endure not being able to move or look around for this time, one has to take their hats off to them. The comments from impressed people in the crowd were plentiful.

***A special mention and thanks has to go to our two recruits selected to lay the wreath: Coley Lyndon-Tonga and Jamie Coffman. They represented the other recruits proudly.***

What fine recruits we have this year, the discipline is better, the drill is the best it has been and uniform indiscretions are lower than ever. A saying from one of the staff members springs to mind – “Do something today that will benefit you tomorrow”. The hard work and self-control the recruits had during term 1 to learn a whole new drill format, paid dividends on ANZAC Day. They were sharp!



# YEAR 12 CAMP

PAUL FIELD

On the 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of March the Level 2 recruits attended the school Leadership Camp at Matakana Military Arts. Hosted by Max Carpenter and his amazing staff, the recruits were excited by the opportunity to finally get their hands stuck into various activities.

Day 1 started with a 5 hour tramp in the Long Bay Regional Park and Okura Bushwalk, we then travelled by bus to our base for the next 2 days at Matakana.

Activities that the recruits took part in included Archery, Shooting, Confidence Course and Adventure Based Learning. The camp was a fantastic tool to help the development of our unique school



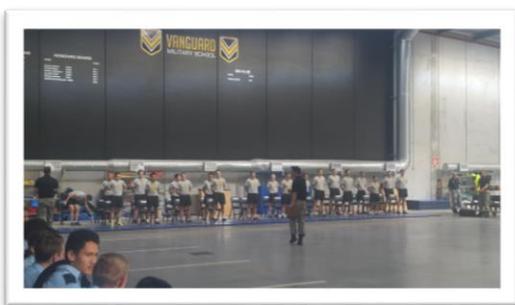
culture within the level 2 recruits and another avenue for the staff to develop an understanding of the recruits in a different light and see them in situations outside of the classroom environment and their own comfort zone.

Working with a combined Physical Education and Defence Force Studies program the recruits were woken at early hours of the morning and each section had various duties including cooking and cleaning. A few highlights of our time away were the section skits on the second evening, axe throwing and the

assault course in which recruits and staff ended up covered from head to toe in mud. Overall a great experience for all involved, thank you to all the staff involved in the camp.

## THE 300 CLUB

NICK HYDE



The 300 Club is attempted twice a year by recruits who are selected by the Physical Training Staff who they believe have the potential to achieve the task and get their names permanently recorded on our wall.

Term one saw 23 recruits selected to attempt the 300 Club. This requires the recruits to complete the following:

- The multi stage fitness test (MSFT) where males must get to level 12 and females 10.6
- After a 10 minute break from the MSFT the recruits then must do 72 press ups for males and 46 press ups for females in two minutes
- Finally they are given another ten minutes rest before the sit ups for which they need 77 for both male and females within two minutes

If they can achieve all of that then they become part of the 300 Club. I

am pleased to say that the following four recruits succeeded:

- Harlem O'Connor Lilo **Laurent**
- Andrew Chapman **Bassett**
- Philip Uaine **Bassett**
- Chris Perfect **Bassett**

A special mention for our original 300 Club member Pelee Cannon (Laurent) who was the only recruit to achieve the goal in 2015 and backed it up again in 2016.

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

A reminder to all recruits, if you require to take personal medication during the school day this must be handed to the front desk along with a signed note from your parent/caregiver, including instructions for the medication. No recruit is to have any form of medication left in their bag under any circumstances.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

15 June	Photo Day
8 July	End of Term 2 Progress Reports
25 July	Term 3 starts

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



## RECRUITS TRAVELING FROM NORTH

A parent has arranged a mini bus service that travels from Warkworth to Vanguard due to a lack of public transport options. Stops also include Orewa, Silverdale, outter Albany etc. If you know of someone who could benefit from this service (from Vanguard or otherwise) please contact Rachel Eriksen directly: 021-082-06301

## ISC UPDATE

Section	Points	Position
Hinton (Year 11)	276	1
Trigg (Year 11)	269	2
Bassett (Year 12)	258	3
Hulme (Year 11)	227	4
Upham (Year 12)	212	5
Ward (Year 11)	207	6
Laurent (Year 13)	181	7
Apiata (Year 12)	169	8
Trent (Year 12)	137	9
Elliot (Year 12)	103	10
Ngarimu (Year 11)	59	11