



# Vanguard News

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2016

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



**Welcome to the June-July edition of the Vanguard Military School newsletter.**

Another term has flashed by; time does seem to go by very quickly when it's all-out work with heads down and tails up. This term we hosted a number of important guests who all commented positively after getting to see how our school functioned and meeting our recruits.

The school's academic programme has progressed according to plan, with most recruits tracking along perfectly. Term Two sport has been great with some good results, but it is more about how our teams have played the game this term rather than whether we have won or lost the game. As is now customary at Vanguard Military School, our community/parents and caregivers have again supported us fully in our endeavour to optimise the learning experience for their children.

It is with some relief that we have weathered the storm of important guests to the school this term. It is fantastic to host visitors and let them experience the benefits of being a Vanguard recruit, meet and talk to our recruits and experience first-hand what makes Vanguard Military School such a special place for all of our recruits and their families. Our staff and recruits never once wavered or dropped the standard of their presentations, and it was with

amazing pride that I witnessed each presentation; another one that seemed even better than the time before. The passion and focus our recruits put into each performance was truly something to experience. When a Vietnam veteran tells you that he felt emotional during the presentation of a school Haka, the message of passion and commitment being portrayed, is very clear. Well done Vanguard.

The academic programme has progressed on track and according to plan, with fantastic results for most, but it does bring us to that happy-sad time when our recruits start achieving their pathway plans and moving on to the next phase of their lives. We are all very proud and happy to see them use our unique educational model's multiple exit system of achieving their goals and progressing on. It is however tinged with some sadness, seeing them go and move out of our close-knit family tends to leave a hole that

takes some time to refill. So, good luck to those hard-working recruits that have already achieved their 2016 academic goals and are now moving on. And to those who are still working on, with the plan of finishing off next term, remember to continue working hard and not to ease off until the job is done.

It will be a sad moment when we have to farewell Anna Mesman at the end of this term, but we wish her well with her new venture and our loss is her new company's gain. Anna has been the CEO's PA and a highly valued member of our admin staff. She will be sorely missed around the school by all.

Seeing the large number of recruits committing to and participating in Vanguard Sport this term has been fantastic. The teams have played hard and performed exceptionally well, regardless of the outcome of the games. The girls' and boys' basketball have been our top performers on the scoreboards, with the girls' team already in the play-offs and the boys' team one game away from the semi-finals. Congratulations and thanks to our sports teams' supporters, who, after a shaky start have stepped up and are now a pleasure to see on the side-line cheering our teams on. A big thanks to all the staff who have so willingly assisted the coaches with transport to the games and all sorts of general administrative tasks - without which, none of this would have been possible.

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers. Without your support the school would not function as well as it does. I wish all the recruits and staff a safe and well-deserved break during the coming holiday.

## HISTORY LESSON: BASSETT SECTION

**To Vanguard, the Victoria Cross winners are the heroes who inspire and drive our recruits to becoming the best they can be.**

**Bassett is the 11<sup>th</sup> section at Vanguard, also named after a New Zealand serviceman who has been awarded a Victoria Cross for an act of bravery while on active service in the armed forces.**

A member of New Zealand's Territorial Force Cyril Bassett was born in Auckland, New Zealand on 3 January 1892.

Bassett started his career as a clerk at the National Bank of New Zealand to then join what later became the Territorial Force in 1909, being assigned to the Auckland College Rifles and two years later was transferred to the Auckland Divisional Signal Company.

At the outbreak of the First World War Bassett volunteered for service with intentions of joining the Royal Navy, however, after his Mother's persuasion enlisted with the New Zealand Military Forces. Bassett was initially rejected due to his lack of height however persisted with his

attempt to enlist and eventually joined as a sapper in the Corps of New Zealand Engineers.

In October 1914 Bassett set off to the Middle East in the main body of the NZEF for a period of training in Egypt.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> 1915 he landed on ANZAC Cove and was immediately set to work with the other signallers in his unit laying communication lines.

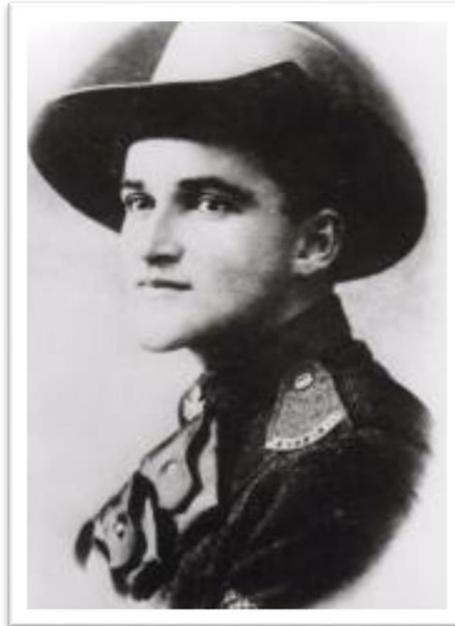
The New Zealand Infantry Brigade attacked Chunuk Bair, a prominent Hill looking over the battlefield on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This battle lasted for 3 days in which Bassett, in full daylight and under continuous fire succeeded in laying and maintaining a telephone line from the brigade headquarters to the front lines. It was after this battle that Bassett was nominated for the Victoria Cross.

A few days after this battle Bassett was evacuated to from Gallipoli to England due to poor health. He later re-joined his unit in France and eventually returned to New Zealand in 1918.

According to his daughter Bassett rarely spoke about his achievements and she did not learn of her Father's award until she studied Gallipoli in school. He was modest of his

achievements and spoke of embarrassment for being the only New Zealander to be awarded a Victoria Cross of the Gallipoli campaign.

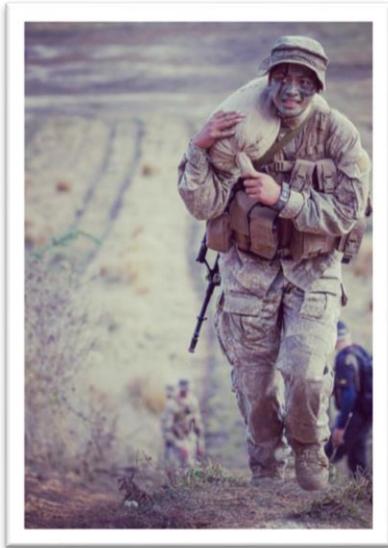
Bassett died in January 1983, shortly after his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.



# RECRUITMENT

Vanguard is very proud to congratulate Ata'ata Uaine on marching out from her Basic Training in the NZ Army as a Supply Technician and Grayson Barnes on marching out from his Basic Training in the NZ Navy as a System Combat Specialist.

Vanguard wishes Ata'ata and Grayson all the best for their future!



Ata'ata Uaine –NZ Army



Grayson Barnes – NZ Navy

# SPORTS UPDATE

**It is the first year that Vanguard has entered a Netball team and the girls have made a positive start to life in the Netball Waitakere 'Senior A competition'.** The girls are currently placed mid table at the half way point of the season and continue to improve under the excellent coaching of Kathy Henry. Leading the way with the Most Valuable Player (MVP) points is Chassis Parima, closely followed by Shanaya Corin and Sativa Lane. Good luck girls for the rest of the



season and a huge thank you to Kathy for coaching and Staff Banks for helping the team.

**The Basketball boys are competing in the North Harbour under 19 competition for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.** They have also made a great start and are currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss and hope to hold on to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in order to make the play offs. In the race for the Most Valuable Player, leading the way is Solomon Hauraki-Katene, closely followed by Kaylin Robson and Don Mokoroa. The team is coached by Staff Field and Staff Van Stipriaan. Good luck for the rest of the season boys.

**The Basketball girls have also made a great start to the season and are rapidly improving and moving up the North Harbour**

**under 19 ladder.** They are currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind unbeaten Glenfield College and Long Bay College with a record of 4 wins and 2 losses. Leading the way with the Most Valuable Player (MVP) points is Shanaya Corin, with Leilani Tahere and Chassis Parima hot on her heels. A huge thank you again to Staff Opperman for coaching the girls and we wish them well for the rest of the



season.

**The inaugural Vanguard Rugby League season is drawing to a close and the team has begun to build a solid foundation for future success.** We have had almost 30 boys take the field at one stage or another throughout the season, have come close to toppling some very good schools, and, we have even experienced a win! The current M.V.P point's leader is Coley Lyndon-Tonga followed closely by Chris Perfect.

**Weekly Games:**

**Netball:** Tuesdays, Waitakere Trust Stadium

**Boys Basketball:** Thursdays, Massey University

**Girls Basketball:** Thursdays, North Shore Events Centre

**League:** Fridays, Fryberg Park

## 2017 ENROLMENTS

2017 Vanguard enrolments will open around August/September this year. If you are or know someone who is interested in attending Vanguard their enrolment can be submitted via our website.

Once enrolment has been submitted you will receive an invitation to an Orientation Evening.

Keep an eye on [www.vanguard.school.nz](http://www.vanguard.school.nz) for when enrolments open.

## PHOTOLIFE

PhotoLife Studios visited our school on June 15<sup>th</sup> to take Classroom (Section) photos and Team photos. You are herewith informed that late orders will still be accepted and processed.

You can order photos by calling PhotoLife at the office and speaking to reception. Orders can be made over the phone using a credit or debit card.

Phone number 0800 50 10 40

or (09) 262 1040.

## CHANGES TO TRAVEL FUNDING

Please be aware that from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 Auckland Transport will be making changes to their AT HOP monthly passes.

Due to this change Auckland Transport are offering the discounted rate of \$140 for a monthly pass for the month of July only. To utilise this discount you

must purchase your monthly pass by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016. If not purchased by this date Vanguard will not provide funding for the cost difference.

Please see <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/at-hop-card/at-hop-card-concessions/at-hop-monthly-pass/> for all information.

## INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points	Position
Hinton (Year 11)	448	1
Trigg (Year 11)	390	2
Bassett (Year 12)	361	3
Upham (Year 12)	333	4
Hulme (Year 11)	318	5
Trent (Year 12)	300	6
Apiata (Year 12)	296	7
Ward (Year 11)	283	8
Laurent (Year 13)	238	9
Elliot (Year 12)	192	10
Ngarimu (Year 11)	155	11

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS





## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

Parents/caregivers are strongly reminded to label all items of clothing clearly, so that lost items can be returned to their owners.

Any recruit who has lost any item of his/her school uniform will be required to replace that uniform item within five school days.

Uniform orders and payment can be completed online using the uniform order form.

For any information regarding school uniforms, please contact the office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

8 July	End of Term 2
	Progress Reports
25 July	Term 3 starts

## CONTACT DETAILS

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