

Vanguard News

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EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



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

Term 3 and the 2016 academic year is fast coming to a close. This term has been an amazingly successful one for our recruits academically. 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. For any recruit that is not quite on track, remember the Vanguard way, "we never give up"; now is the time to focus and get the job done. Our Level 2 recruits are all on track, with many already having passed the year and are either working hard to achieve the Level 3 entrance requirements or have already exited the school and taken up offers of employment. For those Level 2's that have moved on, I hope you are enjoying being in the adult world and are making everyone proud of what you have and are achieving this year.

Level 3 recruits are working hard and are on track to achieve the required credits, and we are looking forward to a number of you achieving a university entrance grade. To those that have already passed and have moved on to employment, I would like to wish you all the best; continue to make us proud and don't miss graduation.

Vanguard has, as a result of extreme interest, already opened enrolments for 2017. The flood of applicants that have attended the first two orientation evenings so far, has been amazing, and we are already close to filling our quota of new recruits. It was again very pleasing to see the enthusiasm and positivity of these prospective new recruits and their parents/caregivers wanting to join the Vanguard family; a great testimony to everyone that has helped make our school what it is.

It must be remembered that due to our performance conditions, Vanguard is forced to use an intake system with regard to enrolments and once we reach our maximum role, no further orientation evenings will be organised.

Vanguard was honoured and privileged to host Willie Apiata in week two of this term. The recruits again did us proud by putting on one of the best welcoming displays to date and they also enjoyed the great

man joining into the Laurent section and participating in the intersection competition. I have no doubt that every recruit will have this memory stored for life; it is not every day that one gets to meet and socialise with New Zealand's only living Victoria Cross recipient.

Thank you to all the recruits, the parents/caregivers and our hard working staff for putting in the effort to make this amazing performance to date possible. The focus for our recruits for the rest of this term is to work hard to achieve their goals and to prepare for their external exams, and then to enjoy the third term break before returning to finish off the year.



Willie was a fantastic guest and role model and made a point of greeting every one of our recruits at the photo session. He then conducted a short seminar for a handful of our lucky recruits where he outlined some key stories that will hopefully go on to inspire them.

In the afternoon he joined in with the Vanguard Olympics having been asked by several of the recruits in Laurent. He

dressed in orange which is Laurent's colours and got stuck in. Incidentally Laurent went on to win the competition! When it came time to leave the recruits at Vanguard put on an emotional farewell showing true respect for a great man. It was an absolute pleasure to meet a man of Willie's mana and the visit will stay with us for a very long time.

WILLIE APIATA VISITS VANGUARD

Nick Hyde - CEO

On Friday the Friday the 5th of August, Vanguard Military School was honoured to host Victoria Cross winner Willie Apiata. Vanguard is very lucky to have a close association with Westpac Bank, for whom Willie is an ambassador and it was through this link a visit was able to be organised.

Upon arrival the school performed its drill, pledge and haka as a welcome before holding a special assembly followed by each Section having a photo taken with him.

THE APIATA EFFECT

Victory Tupou - Bassett

The one thing that really stuck out for me about meeting Willie Apiata was that he never once made us feel like we were talking or interacting with someone who was a hero of our very own nation. He was just a regular man, who did what he believed was the right thing to do.

Apiata wanted to know more about us, not the other way around, and that was greatly noticed.

He is definitely, in more ways than one, an inspirational and humble man. He is an ideal role model, not only to the New Zealand Community, but to young adults who need someone to look up too.

Personally, meeting Willie Apiata made an impact on my life, because of the values and morals that he upholds for himself. Values and morals like humility, empathy, being wise and optimism; I try my best to uphold this very attitude within my own personal life.



He is a huge influence in my life and looking up to him inspires me to be the best version of myself that I can be. Sometimes I stumble and fall – usually slammed with disappointment – but hearing the struggles he has been faced with and how he endeavoured to overcome them, continues to motivate me to keep on trying, keep on going, determined as ever. Willie Apiata has turned my perspective around. If only there were more hero's that were as humble and kind hearted as Willie Apiata.



SPORTS UPDATE

Paul Field – HOD Physical Education

The winter sports season has come to an end and I would like to thank all the recruits and staff involved in playing, coaching and supporting the teams.

I am pleased to announce the following awards for the four Vanguard teams.

Weekly Games:

Netball: Most Valuable Player – Chassis Parima

Rugby League: Most Valuable Player – Coley Lyndon–Tonga

Boys Basketball: Most Valuable Player – Solomon Hauraki–Katene

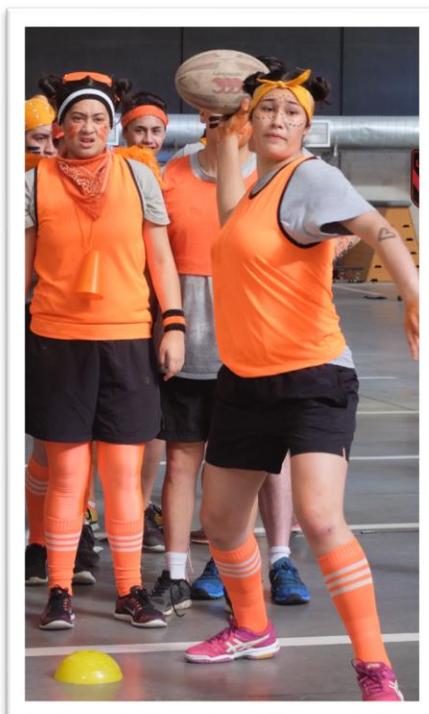
Girls Basketball: Most Valuable Player – Shanaya Corin



encouragement for their fellow team members.

The afternoon saw the Sections dropping to the ground, pushing out a set of pushups and racing one after the other in a relay. Perfecting their precision in the “Clay Target Shoot” and utilizing their strength as a united team by flipping tyres – these tyres just so happened to be almost as big as some of our recruits.

All Sections competed with pride and determination but it was Trent who took out Bronze, Hinton claimed Silver and Laurent (with the help of Willie Apiata) struck Gold at our Olympics.



I.S.C. HIGHLIGHTS

Vanguard Olympics

Claudia Tarrant – PA to the CEO

Hosted by New Zealand’s very own Vanguard Military School, The Vanguard Olympics saw 11 Sections competing to be the victors.

On the afternoon of the 5th of August the recruits stood tall, decked out in colourful costumes and faces splashed with paint, soon to be smeared with sweat. Every recruit powered through each challenge while cheering words of

Turbo Touch

Paul Field – HOD Physical Education

On Friday the 19th August the entire school, including a staff team, took part in a Turbo Touch tournament at Rosedale Park. The tournament was organised and run by the Year 13 recruits and they certainly did a great job. The weather could not have been better and it was a fantastic way to end the week.

The top 3 sections were: Laurent in 1st place, Bassett in 2nd place and Trent in 3rd place.

LEVEL 3 PE/PT

Gareth van Stipriaan – HOD Defence Force Studies

Term 3 was something new and exciting for the Level 3 Vanguard recruits. I was asked to prepare a 6 week CrossFit course for their Physical education unit, which entailed three visits to Kia Maia CrossFit in Wairua Valley.



The session started with a pre-test of pull ups, sit ups, squats and a 200 meter run. All of the exercises were done on a 12 minute time frame and the amount of rounds completed was their end score. Over the course of the six week program they had to develop new skills based on the three components of CrossFit, these ranged from gymnastic movements,

Olympic lifting and metabolic conditioning.

All the recruits did fantastic throughout the program, excelled in their post-test and scored some pretty high results. We also tagged on a finished of box jumps, air dyne calcs and hand release burpees and they all came out the other end with a sense of achievement.

I would like to take the time to thank the Level 3's for their hard work and determination and coach Lachlan at Kia Maia for letting us use the facility and his expertise.

MUSEUM HISTORY TRIP

Patrick Gribble – HOD History

The Level 1 history recruits travelled to the Auckland War Memorial Museum on Tuesday the 17th of August.

They were researching for their assessments on the battles of the Mareth Line and Monte Cassino and were accompanied by staffs Gribble, Van Stipriaan, and Rasmussen.

We left at midday and spent the afternoon at the museum. All recruits completed two activities, their research and a quiz activity involving the military exhibits on the top floor.

The recruits were well-behaved, polite and hard-working. They impressed the museum staff who were there, with their keenness and determined approach.

Some of the recruits, who hadn't visited the museum before, were also impressed by the V1 flying bomb hanging from the ceiling, and

the moa skeleton in a case. As ever, it was also a somewhat sobering experience to see the walls of names and the holocaust exhibit.

Overall, the recruits gained some useful research materials for their assessments and a useful trip to see an excellent exhibit showing New Zealand's military history.

THE BENNETT BOYS IN FRANCE

We are very proud of Anthony and Thomas Bennett who have been performing in the City of Auckland Pipe Band. Follow the link below to see their spectacular performance. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juhwkuG5V-8>

FROM THE ADMIN DESK

ENTERING EXTERNAL EXAMS

All students sitting external assessments in November will need to take their exam admission slip and photo ID (such as school ID card or driver's license) to all of their exams. If you have lost your school ID card and need a replacement, please contact the school office.

SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder that come Term 4 recruits are required to wear their summer uniform. Please ensure you have the complete set of summer uniform, this includes the PT cap. Uniform orders and payment can be completed online using the uniform order form.

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

INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points	Position
Hinton (Year 11)	614	1
Bassett (Year 12)	531	2
Trent (Year 12)	509	3
Trigg (Year 11)	497	4
Upham (Year 12)	469	5
Hulme (Year 11)	440	6
Apiata (Year 12)	428	7
Ward (Year 11)	417	8
Laurent (Year 13)	343	9
Elliot (Year 12)	265	10
Ngarimu (Year 11)	249	11

UPCOMING EVENTS

23 Sept	End of Term 3 Progress Reports emailed
10 th Oct	Term 4 starts
24 th Oct	Labour Day
9 th Nov	NCEA External Exam Start
2 nd Dec	NCEA External Exam Ends

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