



# Vanguard News

March 2017

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



**Welcome to the first edition of the Vanguard Military School newsletter for 2017.**

It is difficult to believe that Vanguard is now in week five of term one and in its fourth year of operation. It seems like just yesterday we were opening up a new school, a partnership school, a school with its own unique educational system, a school with nothing more than a vision and big expectations. The last

three years are now history, and Vanguard Military School and everyone associated with the school from the very beginning, could not be more pleased with the historical facts as they now exist.

Vanguard has grown by 73% over the last three years, and the school is now at full capacity. The increase in roll has in no way detracted from the school's ability to maintain its close relationships with recruits, parents and families. It is only the size of the Vanguard family that has increased. To all our new recruits' families, welcome to Vanguard.

This year's induction programme has been highly successful, with the new recruits picking up our military ways very quickly and efficiently. A big thanks must go to all the staff involved, and special mention to Staff Mueller's recruit leaders, who gave up their holiday time to come in and assist the new recruits with learning what Vanguard is all about. Thank you for your hard work. For

many of our new recruits it could not have been easy coming to terms with our military ethos - the consistent expectation to be at school every day without fail. Learning to cope with the long trips to and from school, the expected high standard of discipline when in school uniform, the concentrated focus on academic work, the regular physical training and the overall high standard required, must have taken supreme effort, particularly those who have not experienced this type of expected commitment before. Well done to all of you. We are very proud of you and your achievements so far.

Vanguard hosted its first group of VIP's on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> March. We were as usual slightly anxious as to how our new recruits were going to perform on the day. However, as is now tradition at Vanguard, the recruits produced an immaculate performance that absolutely blew the visitors away. One hundred and

eighty recruits performing at once was truly impressive, and without a single noticeable fault. Well done to the staff and all the recruits; special mention must go to Staff Hedley and Staff Taikato who prepared the recruits for the Drill and Haka performances.

A big thank you to all parents and caregivers. Your effort and support for your children is much appreciated by the staff and the school. This consistent and high level of involvement and commitment by parents and caregivers is not very common in today's secondary schools.

See you all in Browns Bay on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> April for the ANZAC Day celebrations.



# NCEA SUCCESS 2016

NICK HYDE – CEO

2017 has the feeling of a really positive year. It was a pleasure to witness our new recruits learning the ropes during induction week. They have brought with them a drive and a passion to succeed and there is

certainly a lot of positive energy around Vanguard. Add to that the returning recruits who have been welcoming and are determined to keep our high standards and we have the makings of a wonderful school. Now that our whole family is together we are expecting great things.

We were extremely proud of our 2016 official NCEA results which we have tabled below. As you can clearly see Vanguard is making its mark in the education system and achieving results above all expectations. We will once again be striving for excellence in 2017.



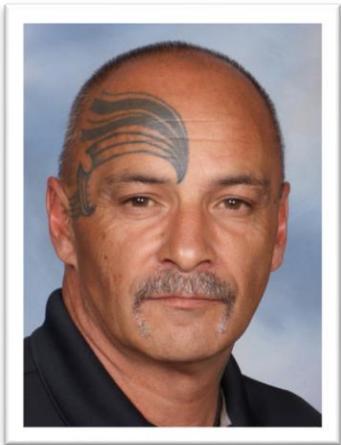
Running a school like ours takes a certain attitude and attention to detail and the staff we have here are exceptional. We have been joined this year by the following new staff. Staff McLean teaching English and History, Staff Taikato teaching Te Reo Maori, RDC and PT, Staff Harrison teaching Defence Force Studies, RDC and PT and Staff Beasley teaching PE, RDC and PT.



Libby McLean



Andre Taikato



Shane Harrison



Jack Beasley

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following people, families and businesses for their continued support of our school through financial contributions or products:

*Westpac Bank*

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*The Auckland RSA*

*Vanguard Charitable Trust*

*The Kesby Family*

*The Voudouris Family*

*The Cooper Family*

*The Wilson Family*

*The Groom Family*

*The Frost Family*

*The McClure Family*

*The Bradley Family*

As you should now be aware we have set up an Alumni Association for our graduates. Here's are small snapshot on what a few of them are doing.

On the study front we have **Shanaya Corin** studying Criminology at University, both **Madison Brown-Aldridge** and **Catherine Wilson** are studying to become nurses, **Liam Wood** is currently undertaking basic training in Waiouru with the Army, **Kaylin Robson** and **Sam Brannigan** are doing building apprenticeships, **Coley Lyndon-Tonga** is doing his bricklaying apprenticeship and for those of you who are keen on fishing **Paige Smith** is working at the Hunting and Fishing store in Albany and I'm sure she will help out any Vanguard families.

## THE VANGUARD ALUMNI AND CHARITABLE TRUST

Thanks to our close association with the Auckland RSA they have produced for us our very own Vanguard Military School challenge coins. Challenge coins are a way of proving to others in the military that you served but in our case we are using them as proof that you have graduated from Vanguard Military School with at least NCEA Level 2 and honoured our code of conduct.

We are now starting to track down all our ex-recruits to inform them of the challenge coins and of the ability to join the Vanguard Alumni. The Vanguard Alumni will be used as a chance to stay in contact with each other and the school, it's a way of supporting each other as you find your way in employment and further education and as a support network for our current recruits.

The Alumni has been started by our 3 Pride of Vanguard recruits, **Mason**



**Peteli** from 2014, **Jerome Puni** from 2015 and **Jamie Coffman** from 2016. They will work closely with the Vanguard Charitable Trust to support ex recruits in their life after school and current recruits to overcome barriers for success.

If you would like more information about the Alumni, Charitable Trust or the Challenge Coins just ring the school.

## MATAKANA X RUN

JEREMY HEDLEY – LEVEL 1 DP



Recently Vanguard Military School was approached to supply some recruits to assist with Marshalling duties for a charity fundraiser for the Puriri Tree Foundation Trust. The event was a cross country race including military style obstacles and lots of mud and water which was held up at Matakana Country Park.

As the event organisers, Action Matakana, wanted the recruits on site by 0800 hrs, the recruits were instructed to meet at Albany Park and Ride by 0645 hrs on a Saturday morning. All 22 out of 22 recruits were either driven by the Vanguard bus or parents or arrived at Matakana on time. They were quickly set to work setting up some of the obstacles and being briefed on their marshalling and safety responsibilities.

As a way of saying thanks, Action Matakana allowed 3 teams of 2 to enter the race for free. Out of these 6 recruits one of them had the

amazing opportunity to fire the starting gun for the 9 km runners. Well done to Phillip Uaine for winning paper, scissors, rock to fire the 105 mm Howitzer! Of course you may be wondering how our recruits fared in their race... two of our teams came first equal and the other team came in third.



Way to represent Vanguard Military School Andrew Scheib, Abby Curran, Ronan Cooper, Dylan McCarty, Don Mokoroa and Philip Uaine. Thank you also to the recruit teams who discussed and agreed with the organisers to forego their prize so that the competitors who paid good money to enter could take home the spoils.

It was a pleasure to witness the support and encouragement our marshalling recruits gave the runners of the 6 km and 9 km run. Our recruits, quite unprompted, also ran the last couple of kilometres with the struggling competitors at the rear of the race, again offering much encouragement. After the event we had many runners approach us to comment on what great students we had! We have to agree and so one last time we pass our gratitude to those 22 recruits who did us proud.

## LEVEL 1 PE ASSESMENT

The recruits are currently working on Achievement Standard AS90968 - Demonstrate and show understanding of responsible behaviour for safety during outdoor activities, worth 3 credits. This unit is made up of three practical sessions (Battle PT, Squad Run and Cross Country Run) and three reflections, of which the recruits NEED to pass two out of the three to gain an achieved.

Unfortunately if a recruit is away for more than one of these they will fail this unit.

Please find below the remaining dates for the practical sessions to be held during our double PT:

- \* Squad Run (14/03/2017)
- \* Cross Country Run (4/04/2017)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	End of Term 1 Progress Reports
25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	ANZAC Day Parade
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Term 2 Commences
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Teacher Interviews 3-6 PM
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Teacher Interviews 5-8 PM

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

### Medication



A reminder to all recruits, if you are required 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.

### Student ID Cards



Please note that all Student ID Cards have been handed out. Every recruit will require their Student ID Card at the end of the year for their external examinations. Please come to Reception if a new Student ID Card is needing to be ordered.

## INTERSECTION COMPETITION

At the beginning of the year each recruit was put into a section. These sections stay together for the remainder of the year and compete against each other to earn points and take out the Section of the Year Trophy at graduation.

Points can be earned through gaining a Merit or Excellence in compulsory subjects, lack of corrective training, good attendance and Intersection Competition which is held every Friday afternoon.

### INTERSECTION COMPETITION HISTORY:

2014 Winners: Elliot section



2015 Winners: Hinton section



2016 Winners: Hinton section



## INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points	Position
Upham (Year 13)	177	1
Apiata (Year 11)	177	2
Laurent (Year 13)	151	3
Ngarimu (Year 13)	143	4
Hinton (Year 11)	127	5
Elliot (Year 13)	110	6
Ward (Year 12)	99	7
Judson (Year 12)	92	8
Bassett (Year 11)	91	9
Hulme (Year 11)	91	10
Trigg (Year 11)	90	11
Trent (Year 12)	69	12

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