



**VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD**

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY

Term 3 has been a very busy one for all concerned at Vanguard Military School, particularly the last few weeks. Besides all the usual academic work, the school has also hosted a number of high profile political guests. It was an honour and privilege to host Member of Parliament David Seymour, now Member of Parliament Erica Stanford and Prime Minister Bill English. As has now become tradition, our recruits and staff performed with excellence, giving the guests on three different occasions, a fabulous welcome and display. I am confident from the responses of the guests that they not only enjoyed the performance, but were also impressed by what they experienced. Well done all. We do however have to thank and acknowledge the pivotal roles Staff Hedley, Staff Harrison and Staff Taikato so professional played. Thank you.

This term has been an amazingly successful one for our recruits academically. To date 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. Our Level's 2 and 3 recruits are mostly all on track to pass or have already passed the year. We wish a number of our recruits who have already exited the school and taken up offers of employment all the best for the

future. Many of this year's Level 3's are highly motivated and totally committed to achieving a university entrance pass. We wish them all the best for this and a reminder that all it takes is hard work and a never give up attitude. I would like to thank all of our recruits, their parents and our hard-working staff for putting in the effort to make this amazing performance to date possible.

Vanguard has had an extremely successful 2018 enrolment. All three Orientation Evenings were full to capacity and even though the school is now full and 2018 enrolments closed, the expressions of interest to enrol continue to flow in. We have to date received sufficient interest to fill the school twice over. We would like to congratulate all the successful new enrollees and express our sympathy with those who were unsuccessful this time or missed the enrolment window. It was extremely pleasing to see enrolments from across the length and breadth of the country and even from as far afield as Australia.

The school was again involved in assisting North Harbour Sport with the annual Mud Run event, with our recruits assisting with the preparation for the event and having the opportunity to complete the course as part of an ISC competition. A big thanks to



Staff Field and his volunteer staff who made this all happen.

This year's Vanguard Challenge Cup event proved to again be a great success. Well done to all the recruits who participated in the challenge and a big thanks to all the staff who made this amazing day possible. Without all the hard work behind the scenes, staging an event at this high level would not be possible. A big thanks to Staff Mueller and his team.

This week the school had an open girls' and open boys' team participate in the North Harbour 7's Tournament. The school again performed very well on and off the field. The numerous positive comments from other schools and the NH Rugby Union made us very proud of our recruits. Thank

you to all the boys and girls who were part of the training squads for most of this term and the staff who were involved. Special thanks to Staff Montgomery and Staff Beasley for all the organisational work and a very big thanks to Staff Hedley for giving

up his non-contact time to bus recruits to not only the 7's training sessions, but to all the extramural activities undertaken by the school this term. It is greatly appreciated by all.

I wish the staff and all our recruits the best for the coming term break, one that is well deserved.

## Noho Marae (Navy Marae Stay)

On 28-30 July, the level two and three Te Reo Māori classes of Vanguard Military School (VMS) stayed at the Te Taua Moana Marae (TTMM) in Devonport.

Throughout the duration our recruits were able to experience aspects such as **Marae Pōwhiri** (formal welcome), **Wānanga** (education forum), **Whānaungatanga** (family connections) and **Iwi Hēramana** (sailor life).

The **Marae Pōwhiri** was the first cultural process, where our school was formally welcomed onto TTMM. Although a first time for all, the recruits were able to see and understand the associated Kawa (protocols) and Tikanga (customs) for this particular place. The Marae staff (Valerie, Ngahiwi and Caleb) showed a great sense of manaakitanga (hospitable nature) towards our school and welcomed us with open arms. This paved way to ensuring a safe and comfortable weekend for all staff and recruits.

The ability to participate in **Wānanga**-based learning provided a realistic environment conducive to cultural learning. The recruits were able to focus on their cultural lessons at hand, whilst surrounded and encouraged by physical and visual art forms of their waka (canoes), tūpuna (ancestors), kōrero (mythology), atua (guardians) and whakapapa (geneology). More specifically, both classes were able to utilize this space to develop and maximise efforts towards their education requirements.

recruits enjoyed developing new friendships, sharing experiences and discovering a stronger sense of belonging.



The recruits were able to see and experience what is to be **Iwi Hēramana**, a day in the life of a sailor. Although a learning excursion at TTMM, the recruits had the opportunity to explore several places within the Devonport peninsula. Some of the experiences included historical walks (Mount Vic and North Head) and visits to HMNZS Philomel base, HMNZS Te Mana ship visit and the Naval Museum. More specifically, the recruits really enjoyed the meals at Vince McGlone Galley. One might suggest that this dining experience has left a lasting impression on them.

**Whānaungatanga** was expressed through the ability to promote unity, encourage teamwork and strengthen



The feedback from our recruits has illustrated that this journey was a definite highlight, which has further enabled their learning experience. It was pleasing to see the recruits grow and develop within their Māori subject, but also consider the Royal New Zealand Navy as a realistic future dream and aspiration.

Ngā mihi,  
Staff Andre Taikato

relations between all recruits and staff members. The staff encouraged a work hard/play hard mentality in an informal setting, which enhanced the learning capability and lasting experience for those in attendance. The



# Monthly Positives

If you would like to add someone to the positive section for something they have done please let reception know.



- The Bennett family – Making a name for themselves in the world of pipe bands. The trio from left, Thomas, Anthony and Monica have gone from learning to play with the Warkworth and Wellsford Pipe Band to having ambitions to win the Australian pipe band championships in April next year.



## Upcoming Events

- Term 4 begins 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- Exams start November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation Day 8<sup>th</sup> November

## Farewell

It is with great sadness we farewell Sharon Banks Head of Maths who we were lucky enough to work alongside since day one. Sharon was a great teacher and a great team player.

Those of you who have been lucky enough to have met Sharon will remember her bright and out there style and sense of humour and it will be sorely missed here at Vanguard.

## Welcome

We would like to introduce our new Head of Maths Jo Barch who has hit the ground running. We look forward to getting to know Jo and working alongside her in the future.

## Let's Hear from the Head Girl

James 1:2-3

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

We are coming to a slow end for term 3 and before you know it, we will be walking onto the stage for Graduation with our achievements being proudly announced by our Section Leaders. At this time of the year, recruits find it easy to stray away from their responsibilities as a recruit and forget about all the things they have done in order to get this far. We have just finished an amazing ISC last week with the Mud Rush, letting out our worries and stress about the near ending of our school years - for us level 3s who will be embarking on a new journey in the following year - and having fun and working as a team and as a family - the way our school believes in. This is to help remind you of everything that will add up in the end when you're walking on that graduation stage whether they are good or bad. Have perseverance and keep at it. We have Vanguard Cup Challenge next week and by the time that is over, we will already be more than 3 quarters through the year. Find joy in the little things, cherish the memories you create with your friends and family within these school walls and always remember that through every trial there will be a great triumph moment. Per Angusta Ad

Augusta, through trials to triumph, we will rise above and look back on this year as one of the greatest years of our school lives. Never give up and I will be seeing you on the other side of that graduation stage.

You're Head Girl, Victory.

## From The Admin Desk

### PT Bond

Reminder to parents that PT Bond money is for an emergency, please reiterate to your child/children that they bring their PT gear to school every day to avoid using up their PT bond money.

Please also be aware that many recruits have almost used up their \$20 bond which was paid on enrolment. When the bond is used up recruits will no longer be able to hire gear until it is topped up.

Ensure your child is returning their PT gear after hiring. We have a lot of students who have unreturned PT gear and will be billed for these items if not returned by week 1 of term 4.

### Attendance

Please ensure you are calling in every day your child is away for any reason to avoid accumulating CT's. Every day we do not receive contact your child will be issued with a CT. Also keep in mind 8:30am is the cut off time thereafter they will receive a CT for late contact.

## PARENTAL PERSPECTIVES

We'd love to hear your feedback on what it's like to have your child attend Vanguard.

If you would like to make a contribution to the next edition, please contact us at: [caterina.echave@vanguard.school.nz](mailto:caterina.echave@vanguard.school.nz)

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